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### ***YATES ANNOUNCES CAMPAIGN MILESTONE AND KICK-OFF EVENT***

Linda Yates, Republican and twelve year resident of North Port, announced today that her campaign for State House district 74 has turned in 1/3 of the signatures required to get her name on the 2018 primary ballot in lieu of paying approximately \$1800 to do so. "I am very gratified by the outpouring of community support I have received, even in areas of the district where I am less well-known," said Yates. "I appreciate each person who has signed my petition, and I look forward to earning their votes," she continued. Yates has until mid-May to collect the required number of signatures, or pay the fee.

Yates will hold her official Campaign Kick-Off event on **Monday April 30, 2018** from **5:30-7:30 p.m.** at the **Historic Venice Train Depot** in Venice. Voters in District 74 are encouraged to come and meet Linda in person, sign her petition, and enjoy music and light refreshments at the kick-off event. To RSVP for the event please call (941) 888-4088. "It's the perfect place for district area residents to join together in kicking off our **"Yates for State"** campaign. The Historic Train Depot is especially significant because it is currently the most southern trailhead of the Legacy Trail and there are plans for further expansion to complete the trail to provide connectivity for all communities from North Port through to Sarasota," explained Yates.

Linda Yates, 54, is a fiscal conservative currently serving as Vice Mayor for the City of North Port and is termed out in November 2018. She has served as Mayor twice since she was first elected in 2010 and re-elected in 2014. She is a City representative on the Sarasota Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization, and on the Manasota League of Cities which advocates on issues for the cities/towns within Sarasota and Manatee Counties. Yates has received an award three times from the Florida League of Cities as a "Home Rule Hero" for her advocacy efforts at the state level during legislative sessions. State District 74 includes North Port, Venice, Nokomis, Casey Key, and the Sarasota County portion of Englewood. Inquiries can be directed to [linda@YatesforState.com](mailto:linda@YatesforState.com).