

## Press Release

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### Seminole Mayor Leslie Waters – Home Rule Hero 2021

The Florida League of Cities has presented Seminole Mayor Leslie Waters with the 2021 HOME RULE HERO AWARD for her outstanding legislative advocacy, and for consistently reaching out to state legislators to help provide a local perspective to issues being addressed in Tallahassee.

“Mayor Leslie Waters has received the Home Rule Hero distinction 8 times over the past 9 years,” reflected Scott Dudley, Florida League of Cities Director of Legislative Affairs. “We are fortunate that she brings a knowledge, commitment and personal energy to the legislative and governing process.”

“I am pleased to receive this Home Rule Hero recognition once again,” said Mayor Waters.” “Local self-government in conjunction with working with the State Legislature is one of the keystones of American democracy.”

Mayor Waters goes on to say that many city officials across the State were disappointed in the legislation that passed dealing with home-based businesses (HB 403). However, the City of Seminole has requested Governor DeSantis to veto the homebased-business legislation, in an effort to protect the sanctity of neighborhood zoning,” continued Mayor Waters.

Mayor Waters, a former state legislator, appreciates the fact that legislators have scores of important issues to deal with each Legislative Session. “However, my responsibility as Mayor is to support legislation directly impacting the citizens and businesses of Seminole, and attempt to educate lawmakers on issues that would negatively impact Seminole,” explains Mayor Waters.

Mayor Leslie Waters continues to serve on the Florida League of Cities Land and Economic Development Committee, as well as on the Florida League of Mayors

Board of Directors, Mayors Council of Pinellas County and the Suncoast League of  
Cities.

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