



PACA Media Release

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State Rep. Weatherford to discuss state budget, homeowner issues with public, members at PACA's May 14 meeting in Land O' Lakes

LAND O' LAKES – State Representative Will W. Weatherford of Wesley Chapel, in line to become House Speaker in 2012-14, will discuss the state's budget plans and other issues at the May 14 meeting of the Pasco Alliance of Community Associations (PACA).

The meeting, open to the public as well as to PACA members, begins at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 14, at the Land O' Lakes Community Center. It is located at 5401 Land O' Lakes Blvd. (US 41) in Land O' Lakes.

Rep. Weatherford will address issues from the 2009 legislative session that pertain to community development districts, plus homeowner and condominium associations. Those will include homeowners' insurance, housing foreclosures and community association fees and non-payment of them. Rep. Weatherford will detail proposed and pending legislation that may affect the financial management of community associations. He'll also outline the possibility of any "stimulus monies" for communities within his legislative district. Following his presentation, Rep. Weatherford will take questions from the audience.

Mr. Weatherford was first elected in 2006 to the 61st House District seat representing most of Pasco and part of Hillsborough counties. He chairs the State & Community Colleges & Workforce Appropriations Committee. He also serves on the Full Appropriations Council on Education & Economic Development, the Joint Legislative Budget Commission, and the Select Committee on Seminole Indian Compact Review.

If Republicans retain the House majority in 2012, the Clerk of the House office says that Rep. Weatherford could become the only Speaker from Pasco County besides John B. Johnson, elected to the post in 1893. The Speaker leads the House and shapes its agenda for a two-year term, directs its operations and presides over its sessions. The Speaker also appoints all House committees and selects their chairpersons.

PACA President Bill Parsons said, "When PACA was created in April 2007, it made a conscious decision to invite as guest speakers during 2007 and 2008 the five elected commissioners of Pasco County as well as key county staff, including the property appraiser, supervisor of elections, sheriff, county administrator, county attorney and tax collector. By having these speakers, PACA established an excellent working relationship with the county. For 2009, PACA plans to do the same on the state and federal level, to assist PACA members with issues on those levels. Rep. Weatherford is our first state-level guest speaker. PACA is looking forward to his presentation, because the state routinely considers matters that directly impact our members."

PACA is a not-for-profit organization whose members include representatives from 76 of Pasco County's homeowner associations, community development districts and condominium associations. PACA assists members by educating them on common issues and finding solutions to shared problems. It also represents the interests of members before all levels of government.

For more information on PACA, contact either Membership Director David Quinones at (813) 991-1505 or President Parsons at (813) 991-6003, or visit the PACA website at www.MyPACA.org.

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