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## **MARTHA LENDERMAN—MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCATE BACKS FLOWERS**

**ST.PETERSBURG, FL:** June 9, 2020– While the Coronavirus has placed limitations on the candidates ability to meet voters in person, it has not stopped Rene Flowers from garnering support across the county.

***“For a number of years, Ms. Flowers served on the Social Action Funding Committee as a St. Petersburg City Council member and on the CDBG Committee once term limited. Her advocacy did not stop once she was no longer an elected official. Her priorities remained to ensure funding for health, mental health, substance abuse treatment and housing for persons with mental illnesses” stated Martha Lenderman.***

Martha Lenderman, MSW retired after 30 years of service to the State of Florida and served at one time as the state’s Baker Act Director. She has also served as a member of the Florida Supreme Court Commission on Fairness, addressing the Baker Act. Martha now does consulting, primarily related to the Baker Act and Marchman Act. She works with courts, hospitals, law enforcement agencies and professional associations throughout the state on the appropriate use of the Baker Act.

***“I am supporting and endorsing Rene Flowers because I have no doubt that Ms. Flowers will continue to focus on these issues and assure that adequate funding is provided”.***

“The race for the Pinellas County Commission District 7 seat ,currently held by Commissioner Ken Welch, is an open seat due to Commissioner Welch’s decision not to run for re-election. The date of the Primary Election is August 18, 2020.

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