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## **REPRESENTATIVE JENNIFER WEBB AND FORMER SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER LINDA LERNER ENDORSE FLOWERS**

**ST.PETERSBURG, FL:** December 18, 2019– Flowers has pulled off additional endorsements demonstrating her wealth of knowledge, respect, and trust that current and former elected officials have in her ability to serve as the next county commissioner.

Representative Jennifer Webb, newcomer to Tallahassee, has made her mark locally and state wide. ***“As I look at the growth and development of my district, specifically in Pinellas County as a whole, it is increasingly clear that we need someone who is well versed on the issues we currently face. Rene has been instrumental in providing the background on a number of issues regarding education, fiscal implications via legislation directed towards affordable/ workforce housing, an increase in the minimum wage, and the importance of the passage of Amendment 4 as intended!. It is my honor and pleasure to endorse Rene Flowers as the next Pinellas County Commissioner for District 7”.***

Former School Board Member Linda Lerner served with Flowers from 2012-2018 on the Pinellas County School Board. ***“I have known Rene prior to her service as a school board member. Rene works well with her colleagues- providing thoughtful and insightful solutions to some of our most challenging problems”.*** While serving together, the district made phenomenal gains in graduation rates, addressing teacher evaluations, teacher pay and. ***“Rene’s service as chairman of the school board, Advocacy Chairman with the Florida School Board Association, chairman of St. Petersburg City Council and former President of the Florida League of Cities clearly demonstrates her ability to work with others of varying points of view and to get the job done”.***

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.