

A Message From the Chair

On November 7 we will be heading to the polls to vote on national, state and local races. You've heard the saying "All politics are local." This brings me straight to the point.

I am pleased to announce that Deborah Cope, immediate past Chair of the Tampa Bay Sierra Club, is running for the Florida House of Representatives in District 57. Deborah has a proven environmental record and her candidacy has received the endorsement of the Florida Chapter of the Sierra Club. While some may sit on the sidelines and complain, Deborah is a doer. She is running for state representative (Democrat) because, as she tells it, she doesn't like what is happening to our quality of life in Florida and wants to do something about it.

Deborah has 20 years of business and consulting experience, much of it spent in the public sector, working with state and local governments and is committed to using that experience to represent the citizens of Florida on the issues that are important to us. She understands that our state is suffering from out of control development, loss of our natural environment, increasing traffic congestion, lack of affordable health and homeowner's insurance, and a poorly ranked public

Deborah Cope



education system.

Deborah Cope has been a leading voice in our community on issues ranging from community planning to growth management, transportation and the environment. She has been active in the Tampa Bay Sierra Club for the past seven years, serving as group, political and legislative chair. As co-chair of the Building Environmental Communities (BEC) campaign in Tampa, she helped develop a course and worked with local officials, organizations and businesses

to implement a vision of energy conservation and smart growth for a healthy future.

Deb is a founding member and sits on the board of directors for Coalition 4 Responsible Growth and she serves on the Citizen's Environmental Advisory Committee to the Hillsborough County Environmental Protection Commission and the Mayor's Environmental Roundtable. She and her husband Scott have lived in Hillsborough County for 17 years.

I urge you to support Deborah Cope by making a contribution to her campaign. Your contribution of \$50, \$100 or even \$500 will help ensure that there is someone in Tallahassee who you can trust to fight for the issues you care about. Even a \$10 contribution is helpful! You may contribute online at www.votecope.com or send a check to Deborah Cope Campaign, P.O. Box 22124, Tampa, 33622-2124. To volunteer to canvass and help with fundraising, call 813-814-1771 or email debcope@votecope.com

Let's face it, we spend so much energy and time fighting bad legislation. Having someone in state government who shares our values would be priceless.

Beverly Griffiths, Tampa Bay Chair