

# MACKINNON FOR MAYOR

## **Former Florida Circuit Court Judge Cynthia Mackinnon Announces Her Candidacy For Mayor of Winter Park**

WINTER PARK, Florida— Pledging to build consensus on pressing issues in a city she loves, former Florida Circuit Court judge Cynthia Mackinnon today officially announced her candidacy for Mayor of Winter Park.

“Winter Park is one of the most desirable places to live and visit in the country,” she said. “It possesses an unusual richness of character, an abundance of spectacular assets, and involved residents who come from many walks of life and share a mutual love of our town.”

Mackinnon, a resident of the City for more than four decades, said she has become increasingly concerned about new challenges to Winter Park’s quality of life.

“We need a new type of leader,” Mackinnon said. “In the past, our City has appreciated the need to maintain Winter Park’s character in order to sustain our quality of life, property values and economic vitality. Recently, however, the City has been careening from one crisis of its own creation to another by promoting policies and projects that lack community support.” Mackinnon offers fresh leadership and is committed to engage all Winter Park residents and those who seek to invest in our community.

Mackinnon spent her career as an attorney and judge listening to all sides of an argument and working to build consensus. She said she will encourage policies that are appropriate to the scale and character of the City while actively seeking solutions to ongoing issues that threaten Winter Park’s livability, like traffic congestion.

“Winter Park’s residents asked for a visioning process,” she said, “and I have the skill set to ensure that this process is thorough and inclusive and that it provides a definitive roadmap for our future.”

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**ABOUT:** Before receiving a gubernatorial appointment as a judge in 1994, Mackinnon was a partner in a large law firm, where she gained a thorough understanding of finance and real estate while litigating cases arising out of the federal savings and loan crisis. Mackinnon served as a Florida Circuit Court judge for 16 years until retiring in 2011 and was never opposed in an election. She remains actively involved in the Central Florida community and has a long history of community service, having served on the Community Redevelopment Agency and the board of directors of the Winter Park YMCA, and now as a volunteer in the neonatal intensive care unit of Winnie Palmer Hospital and with the finance committee at her church. Mackinnon received her law degree with honors from the University of Florida, where she was an editor of the Law Review, and her bachelor and master's degrees from Emory University. She and her husband, Alex, a real estate attorney and developer, raised their two sons in Winter Park and have a large extended family living in the city.

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