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for Mayor of Miami Beach

**She will do more for Miami Beach!**  
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**Performance.**  
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**Promises.**  
*That's what we need in*  
*our next Mayor!*

# Meet Elaine Bloom.

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*“As Mayor, I will lead the way to ensure a better quality of life for all residents of Miami Beach by developing common sense solutions to reduce crime, keep our neighborhoods safe and maintain our vibrant economy.*

*“As your Representative in the Florida House, I’m proud of the results I produced for the Beach. You can expect me to continue to achieve results that work for you. Together, we can make Miami Beach one of the best cities to live, work and play! I will listen and I won’t be afraid to shake things up if that’s what it takes to improve our community.”*

As a neighbor, wife, mother, grandmother, dedicated community leader and accomplished businesswoman, Elaine has devoted her life to making a difference for Miami Beach families. She’s tackled tough problems and produced real achievements. Her thousands of votes on bills and amendments are proof positive of her outstanding record.

This partial list shows what Elaine stands for – and what she’s done about it year after year. *Performance, results and vision for the future.* Imagine how much more Elaine Bloom will do for Miami Beach.



# Some of the ways Elaine Bloom gets things done for Miami Beach

## CRIME

- ★ Authored law toughening Florida's concealed weapons law to prohibit guns in places like airports and to allow cities to set a 3-day waiting period for sales.
- ★ Authored Juveniles & Firearms law providing for secure detention for juveniles with guns at schools, etc.
- ★ Supported constitutional revisions to establish criminal history background checks for firearm sales implementing a 3-day waiting period statewide.
- ★ Prime sponsor of guidelines for alternatives to incarceration including electronic monitoring.
- ★ Authored Law Enforcement Protection Act increasing penalties for crimes against law enforcement officers— named Scott Rakow Act in memory of a young Miami Beach police officer.
- ★ Provided improved security for firefighters and strengthened standards for fire safety.
- ★ Supported safe neighborhoods legislation enabling neighborhoods to organize to fight crime.
- ★ Wrote law defending rights of police and firefighters to their benefits.
- ★ Authored law to protect health care benefits for families of injured fire and police officers – the Alu and O'hara Act.
- ★ Co-authored Hate Crimes Act protecting citizens and neighborhoods from violent discriminatory actions.
- ★ Enhanced retirement benefits for certain law enforcement officers and recouped their lost funds.

## ENVIRONMENT

- ★ Obtained millions of dollars for Miami Beach beach renourishment projects and dune systems.
- ★ Protected South Florida's water resources while keeping user fees reasonable.
- ★ Wrote legislation creating the Environmental Regulation Commission.
- ★ Sponsored the Biscayne Bay Aquatic Preserve Act and funding for Biscayne Bay clean-up.
- ★ Wrote the Emergency Management Act creating state wide coordination of services before and after hurricanes, floods, and wildfires.
- ★ Designated funds from state documentary stamp revenue as major funding source for preservation and repair of beaches.
- ★ Led battle for Dade County air quality improvement through auto emission controls.
- ★ Sponsored Boating Safety Act affecting our waterways.
- ★ Led effort to protect and secure millions in state funds for North Shore Park.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- ★ Leader in local government comprehensive planning process to guide future development and promote livable communities.
- ★ Wrote law to enable Miami Beach to create special assessment districts to rejuvenate business on Lincoln Road and South Beach with security, marketing and promotion.
- ★ Author of Tourism Promotion Act allowing private sector to maximize use of state funding resources to promote Florida and increase tourism.
- ★ Author of Florida's International Banking Act employing thousands and creating \$3 billion in annual economic activity for South Florida.

- ★ Co-sponsored the Tax Increment Financing Program that has enabled Miami Beach to retain millions of dollars to improve portions of our City.
- ★ Secured state funding for the economic and cultural rejuvenation of South Beach and Lincoln Road.
- ★ Aided the ongoing redevelopment efforts of North Beach and protected its parks and beaches.
- ★ Amended law on local government redevelopment plans to enable convention center hotels.
- ★ Wrote stronger food safety standards for restaurant worker training.

## TRANSPORTATION

- ★ Authored the Public Transit Act and secured funding for South Florida public transit projects.
- ★ Secured millions in funding for expanding I-195 (Julia Tuttle), rebuilding I-395 (MacArthur Causeway), the 71st street and 47th street bridges and the Venetian Causeway.
- ★ Wrote the Seaports Development and Permitting Act and secured funding to provide for bonding infrastructure projects at the Port of Miami.
- ★ Secured funding for Intermodal Transportation Facilities at Miami International Airport.

## THE ARTS

- ★ Authored legislation to designate direct annual support to major cultural institutions.
- ★ Authored bill establishing funds for children's and science museums in Florida.
- ★ Secured major funding for the Bass Museum, the Jewish Museum, the New World Symphony, the Miami City Ballet, the South Florida Art Center, the Colony Theater and other South Florida cultural institutions.
- ★ Authored the Challenge Grant Program to encourage private donations for the arts.
- ★ Created cultural arts endowment fund to support cultural institutions.

## SENIORS

- ★ Authored Florida's Community Care for the Elderly Act – enabling frail elderly to be in their own homes with periodic assistance.
- ★ Wrote Respite Care Act to assist caregivers for seniors.
- ★ Created Florida's Adult Foster Care Program.
- ★ Helped establish alternatives to nursing homes— such as Adult Congregate Living Facilities – and regulated them.
- ★ Secured funding for home health care for the elderly.
- ★ Authored Health Care Surrogacy Act and Advanced Health Directives Act enabling seniors to determine who will make important health care decisions for them in case of incapacity.
- ★ Wrote legislation to protect elderly from abuse.
- ★ Fought for funds for special transportation services for the elderly and disabled.
- ★ Fought for grandparents' visitation rights.
- ★ Sponsored creation of Department of Elder Affairs.
- ★ Wrote "aging-in-place" legislation to help seniors receive more services wherever they are.
- ★ Led the battle attempting to provide prescription drug assistance to cover seniors up to 250% of poverty level.

## CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

- ★ Created the Marriage and Family Task Force to study how to assist Florida's families with common sense solutions.
- ★ Wrote Parental Responsibility Act.
- ★ Authored bill which set standards for day care licensing.
- ★ Led battle to preserve access to private placement adoptions and limit adoption costs.
- ★ Co-sponsored legislation requiring child restraint devices for children in autos.
- ★ Assured insurance coverage for adopted children from the moment of placement.
- ★ Led the battle for the Child Care Partnership Act.
- ★ Wrote the Foster Care Facility Liability Insurance Act to enable more foster care providers to accept children.
- ★ Prime sponsor of the Child Care Services Act.
- ★ Wrote Motor Vehicle Insurance Reform Act to protect Floridians from uninsured motorists.
- ★ Wrote legislation assuring that food donations to the poor and homeless from supermarkets, restaurants, caterers, and institutions are immune from liability.
- ★ Sponsored homeless assistance funding source for Dade County.
- ★ Authored Economic Opportunity Act as first welfare reform act to move able-bodied welfare recipients into training programs and real jobs.
- ★ Wrote Marriage Preparation and Preservation Act to encourage couples to be more prepared for the challenges of marriage and more attentive to children's needs if divorce occurs.
- ★ Secured federal funding (Part H) for early detection of developmental disabilities in infants and toddlers.
- ★ Wrote Family Support Policies Act to create family-friendly work sites.

## EDUCATION

- ★ Authored Teacher Competency Act to raise standards for re-certifying teachers.
- ★ Sponsored program giving incentives to teachers to improve their professional skills through National Board certification and for automatic raises to teachers who get certified.
- ★ Sponsored Florida Maximum Class Size Study Act requiring school districts to reduce class size to ratio of one teacher to 20 children and establishing goals for all schools.
- ★ Secured funds to divide some existing classrooms and hire additional teachers for the smaller classes.
- ★ Sponsored the Quick Response Training Program designed to meet work force skill needs.
- ★ Authored bill providing incentives for donations of art to educational institutions.
- ★ Sponsored Florida's pre-paid tuition program to enable more people to plan for college.
- ★ Sponsored law penalizing trespassing on public school grounds.
- ★ Prime sponsor of law adding Holocaust Education to curriculum in all high schools.
- ★ Secured funds to develop and open Biscayne Campus of Florida International University.
- ★ Protected and funded the New World School of the Arts.

## HEALTH CARE

- ★ Authored the Florida Health Care Reform Act which led to community-based alliances for purchasing low-cost health care coverage.
- ★ Ensured that health insurance is portable from job to job despite pre-existing conditions.
- ★ Prime sponsor of Healthy Start Act and other laws expanding coverage for pregnant women, children under the age of 5 and the disabled.
- ★ Created smoke-free areas in airports, arenas, hospitals, schools, dormitories and parts of restaurants.
- ★ Wrote laws creating the Cancer Control Advisory Council and Breast Cancer Task Force.
- ★ Authored Ambulatory Surgical Center Act to regulate cost-saving facilities.
- ★ Sponsored bill allowing patients to buy lower cost generic drugs unless physician specifies that a name brand is medically necessary.
- ★ Prime sponsor of Florida Healthy Kids program for low-cost, school-based, private market insurance to provide coverage for uninsured children through their schools.
- ★ Sponsored Florida Kidcare Program to cover uninsured children up to 200% of poverty level.

## WOMEN'S ISSUES

- ★ Wrote legislation requiring health insurance policies to cover routine screening and direct access to mammograms.
- ★ Authored law requiring insurance policies to continue coverage for women upon divorce if dependent on ex-husbands' jobs.
- ★ Wrote law requiring courts to consider contributions of full or part-time homemakers in determining support funds.
- ★ Provided for warrantless arrests in domestic abuse cases.

## GOVERNMENT REFORM

- ★ Wrote Government Performance and Accountability Act to cut waste and inefficiency and require performance-based budgets.
- ★ Co-sponsored legislation requiring lobbyists to register and identify expenditures.
- ★ Wrote law to enable speedier municipal code enforcement.
- ★ Passed Prompt Payment Act to protect vendors working with state agencies.
- ★ Participated in writing numerous state budgets and was appointed to Legislative Budget Conference Committees for 16 years.

*\* And this is just a sample of how Elaine Bloom gets things done!*

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Here's how Elaine Bloom gets things done for us (open)