



VILLAGE OF PINECREST

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*Mayor Cindy Lerner awarded National Association of Social Workers
2015 Elected Official of the Year*

Pinecrest, Fla. – Mayor Cindy Lerner was awarded the National Association of Social Workers 2015 Elected Official of the Year for her dedication in reaching out and helping those who need an effective spokesperson and leader.

"The abused and neglected children involved in juvenile court were from very dysfunctional families who needed services, treatment and skills, but I soon recognized that the very governmental systems that were supposed to be helping children and their families were as dysfunctional as the families themselves," said Lerner.

In 2000, Lerner was elected to serve as a Florida State Representative for District 119, which included all of Pinecrest and Homestead. In her years as a legislator, Lerner earned a reputation as an assertive and effective leader. She served as Vice Chair for the Child and Family Security Committee, where she often lead the fight for comprehensive changes that would positively impact children and families. She also served on the Education and Innovation Committee, the Council for Healthy Communities, Agriculture Committee and Criminal Justice Appropriations Committee.

She returned to her community work in Pinecrest and was elected mayor in 2008 and is currently serving in her second term.

She has won numerous awards and accolades, including the Florida Chapter Sierra Club Legislator of the Year Award, the Human Services Coalition Outstanding New Legislator Award, In the Company of Women Pioneer Award and the National Council of Jewish Women Woman of Valor Award. To read more about Mayor Lerner's community work, please go to <http://democracy.com/Cindy-Lerner/bio.aspx>.

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