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STATE REPRESENTATIVE JULIO ROBAINA LAUNCHES "SELECT COMMITTEE ON CONDOMINIUM & HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION GOVERNANCE"

January 14, 2008 TALLAHASSEE – State Representative Julio Robaina has been appointed by Speaker Marco Rubio as Chair of the Select Committee on Condominium & Homeowners Association Governance to gather information and to prepare a report for the upcoming legislative session.

The purview of the select committee shall be limited to the governance of condominiums, cooperatives, and homeowners associations, to include accounting, budgeting, audits, theft by officers and directors, elections, and access to records, the state regulation of condominiums and cooperatives by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. The select committee shall be limited to meetings in Miami, Sunrise, Orlando and Tampa, with a final meeting on March 3, 2008 in Tallahassee. If deemed necessary, other meetings will be held in different cities and the date will be extended.

Representative Julio Robaina, also chaired the 2003 Select Committee on Condominium Association Governance. Robaina stated that some of the broad-based goals will encompass the following:

- Take testimony from owners and listen to individual needs that must be addressed.
- Listen to ideas for future legislation that would help solve problems of association living.
- Listen to the needs of owners, board members, CAMs, and attorneys in regard to legislation.

Select Committee members will try to solve as many cases as possible and report the results. Subpoena power has been granted to the committee members to enable them to collect as much information as possible.

Special attention will be given to owners with unresolved complaints. Testimony from board members, CAMs and DBPR employees may shed light on why record requests are still pending and why cases are still unresolved.

Appointed to serve on the Select Committee are the following members:

Representative Julio Robaina, Chair

Representative Juan Zapata

Representative Rich Glorioso

Representative Jimmy Patronis, Jr.

Representative Joseph Gibbons

Representative Franklin Sands

Representative Luis Garcia, Jr.

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