



# Florida House of Representatives

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**Governor DeSantis Appoints FL State Representative Mike Caruso as Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller for Palm Beach County**

**Seven-Year Florida Legislator Brings Record of Reform, Accountability, and Leadership to County Role**

Palm Beach County, FL — After seven years of distinguished service in the Florida Legislature, representing Districts 89 and 87, Mike Caruso announced today his resignation from the Florida House of Representatives to accept Governor Ron DeSantis' appointment as Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller for Palm Beach County. During his tenure in the legislature, Caruso earned a reputation as a principled and results-driven lawmaker, leading significant reforms that improved lives across Florida. His notable legislative accomplishments include:

- Cleaning up the Sober Home industry, protecting vulnerable individuals, and restoring integrity to recovery services.
- Fighting anti-Semitism across Florida through meaningful, enforceable legislation.
- Advancing tort reform to stabilize and restore Florida's insurance industry.
- Eliminating the commercial lease tax, relieving a long-standing burden on the business community.
- Championing reforms to the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) profession to improve transparency and public trust.

"It has been the honor of my life to serve the people of Florida," said Caruso. "I am deeply thankful to my constituents for their trust, my colleagues for their partnership, and most especially Governor DeSantis for the opportunity to continue serving the citizens of Palm Beach County in this important capacity."

As Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Caruso will oversee safeguarding public records, managing court documents, and stewardship of county finances. He outlined five key priorities for his administration:

1. Modernizing vendor payment systems by replacing outdated paper processes with a streamlined, fully digital approval workflow in collaboration with County Administrator Joe Abruzzo.
2. Protecting citizens from guardianship and real property fraud, safeguarding vulnerable individuals, and protecting residents' property rights.
3. Maintaining conservative and sound investment strategies for the County's reserves.
4. Advocating for a unified searchable database among all 20 judicial circuits and 67 counties to allow streamlined access to the public across the state.
5. Ensuring full compliance with audits, working closely with Florida CFO Blaise Ingoglia to uphold the highest oversight and accountability standards.

"I look forward to bringing the same dedication, integrity, and results-driven approach I've shown in the legislature to the Clerk's Office," Caruso added. "Palm Beach County deserves the most transparent, efficient, and fraud-free system of public service."

"The Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller is crucial, serving as the county's official record keeper, financial guardian, and court document custodian — ensuring accountability in the judicial system and county government operations."

"I am honored to have earned Governor DeSantis' trust to serve Palm Beach County and help keep Florida at the forefront for our residents and the nation."

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