

Commissioner Pat Kemp

Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners

Patricia “Pat” Kemp was elected to the County Commission in 2016, representing Countywide District 6. Commissioner Kemp has more than three decades of public service in Hillsborough County. She was Chief Aide to Congresswoman Kathy Castor when Castor served on the Hillsborough County Commission. She also served as Aide to State Representative Sara Romeo. An attorney, she worked both in private practice and for Bay Area Legal Services, providing civil legal services for low income clients. As a journalist, she served as news director and a radio talk show host at WUSF and WMNF. Over the years, Commissioner Kemp has volunteered for many community projects and organizations. She co-founded the Seminole Heights Neighborhood Association. She served in leadership roles at the Sierra Club of Tampa Bay and on the Board of Tampa Crossroads, a nonprofit that provides counseling, treatment, housing and other services to veterans, the disabled and others in need of assistance.

Commissioner Kemp has long been an advocate for improving transportation in the county and the region. She worked with other community leaders to support the Cross Bay Ferry Pilot Project. She currently serves on several boards related to transportation including the HART Board, the Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Tampa Bay Regional Transportation Authority.

Commissioner Kemp also serves on the Juvenile Justice Board and the Public Safety Coordinating Council.

A graduate of Boston University and Stetson College of Law, Commissioner Kemp has two adult children, Ella and Alex Wind. Ella is pursuing a PhD at New York University. Alex is an undergraduate student at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon.