

Time To Limit Frankel's Career of Reckless Spending

By George Blumel

Frankel was in the Florida House of Representatives for fourteen years (1986–1992 and 1994–2002) when the legislative term limits amendment—which she opposed—took effect and she could not run again. She was Mayor of W. Palm Beach (2003–2011), leaving office due to term limits but not without a fight. She tried to upend the voter-approved 8-year term limit. First, she called for a charter review commission stacked with political cronies. Everyone, including the *Palm Beach Post*, saw through this, and due to public outcry she pulled the plug on her charter, but followed with other failed attempts to avoid the term limit law.

Then she was elected to Congress in 2012. We're working on term limits there but she opposes the effort and has not cosponsored the term limits amendment bill introduced by Rep. Francis Rooney (R-FL). So near term we'll take the direct approach by challenging her reelection with a serious candidate in 2020.

If you're familiar with my blog, [Poster Children for Term Limits](#), you know where this is going. For over 40 years my family has been actively supporting term limits efforts on all levels of elected office. My son Philip and I and many volunteers gathered the 60,000+ petitions to put the initiative to limit the terms of our County Commission on the ballot; it passed by 70%. Fellow REC member Bill Gorman was our champion petitioner with over 1,000 signatures. Phil is currently president of [U.S. Term Limits](#).

Frankel's opposition to term limits is of a piece with her general aggrandizement of government at the expense of the citizenry.

In January 2013, Lois Frankel was listed as a new member of the openly socialistic [Congressional Progressive Caucus](#) founded in 1991 by Bernie Sanders. In 2018 she was joined by a batch of freshmen as the Democrat Party lurched further to the left, including Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Rashida Tlaib, Ilhan Omar and a couple dozen others. It currently lists 98 members.

I like to paraphrase St. Matthew by saying that it is "by their votes ye shall know them." So, let's look at Rep. Frankel's record as scored by indicative groups (click on the name for voting details):



Professional politician Rep. Lois Frankel (D-FL 21) is a big government progressive with a long, tangled history with term limits laws in Florida.

- [Americans for Democratic Action \(ADA\)](#) gives her 87% as a measure of political liberalism for 2014–2017 most recent years published.

- [National Taxpayers Union \(NTU\)](#) scores her at 8% with an "F" grade as a "Big Spender."

- [Citizens Against Government Waste](#) awards her the lowest score of **zero** as "Hostile to Taxpayers." Only Frankel and Wasserman-Schultz scored so low! That's how we get to a national debt of \$22 trillion.

- [The Club for Growth](#) rates on votes that affect economic growth such as lower taxes, balanced budgets, free trade, term limits, school choice and other factors affecting freedom and prosperity. The Club gives Frankel a lifetime 7 of a 100.

- [Heritage Action](#) is the policy advocacy affiliate of the conservative Heritage Foundation, the opposite of socialism. As expected, Frankel scores 4% of 100%. Only Rep. Charlie Crist is lower at 2% and even Wasserman-Schultz is at 6%.

Bottom line: Lois Frankel is a far-left careerist in opposition to President Trump's tax and regulation reform that has energized our economy, reduced unemployment and increased incomes on all levels, especially lower incomes that had stagnated for many years.

A recent initiative on her part was to sponsor a petition drive to "TELL THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION TO NOT RIG THE CENSUS."

Her group explained it this way: "Donald Trump and Republicans want to rig and politicize the census. By failing to recognize LGBTQ Americans and families, and by insisting upon a citizenship question to target undocumented residents, they want to skew the numbers and paint an inaccurate picture of America's population."

Translation: The Democratic Party needs all the votes they can get and by dividing residents into protected groups like the LGBTQs they hope to claim those votes. But mainly they want to count illegal aliens in the census. In California alone the numbers of illegals, if counted, add additional congressional seats even though illegals are not eligible to vote. Of course, they do. Why else would California sue to block the move, arguing that it would discourage (illegal) immigrants from participating (read: voting).

Some other political positions: Against the Second Amendment and for gun control; Against repeal of Obamacare; For Medicare for All; For federal regulation of greenhouse gas emissions; Pro-abortion—just filed a bill against state abortion bans. She follows the party line faithfully.

Between now and the primary elections we look forward to reviewing the candidates challenging this hardcore tax-and-spend Democrat.



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