



## CITY OF TEMPLE TERRACE NEWS RELEASE

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### ***U.S. REP. KATHY CASTOR TO TOUR REDEVELOPMENT AREA***

**TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – (1/27/11)** – U.S. Rep. Kathy Castor will visit Temple Terrace on Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2011 to get a first-hand look at the City’s burgeoning downtown redevelopment area.

Temple Terrace Mayor Joe Affronti will accompany Rep. Castor and show her around the 29-acre redevelopment site, beginning about 1 p.m. City Manager Kim Leinbach and Michael Vlass of Vlass Temple Terrace, LLC, the City’s master developer, also will be on hand to answer questions about the project.

The Temple Terrace City Council broke ground on the redevelopment project on July 2, 2010. It is the biggest municipal-improvement project in Temple Terrace history.

Phase I of the \$160-million project now is under way on the southeast corner of Bullard Parkway and 56<sup>th</sup> Street. A Sweetbay Supermarket has been renovated, a new U.S. Post Office is under construction, and work has begun on a new “Main Street” through the site.

Over time, the developer will construct a New Urbanism-style development incorporating retail, residential, office, restaurant and civic/cultural components, including a modern *Center for the Arts*.

56<sup>th</sup> Street also is undergoing extensive modifications from the Hillsborough River to 98<sup>th</sup> Avenue, with new medians, lighting, landscaping, crosswalks, decorative pavers, underground utilities and other improvements. The \$4-million roadwork project was funded by federal, state and local grants. The road project should be completed by April.

“Kathy Castor is a great friend of Temple Terrace. She knows this City,” said Mayor Affronti. “She has shown a lot of interest in our redevelopment project, and we’re thrilled she’s coming.”

Rep. Castor represents Florida’s 11<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, which includes portions of Temple Terrace, Tampa, St. Petersburg and other areas of Hillsborough, Pinellas and Manatee counties.

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