

ORGANIZATION OF BROWARD COUNTY GOVERNMENT

The County is governed by the provisions of its Charter (the "Charter") as amended - originally adopted by the electors of the County on November 5, 1974. Under the Charter, the County functions as a home rule government consistent with the provisions of the Florida Constitution and the general laws of the State.

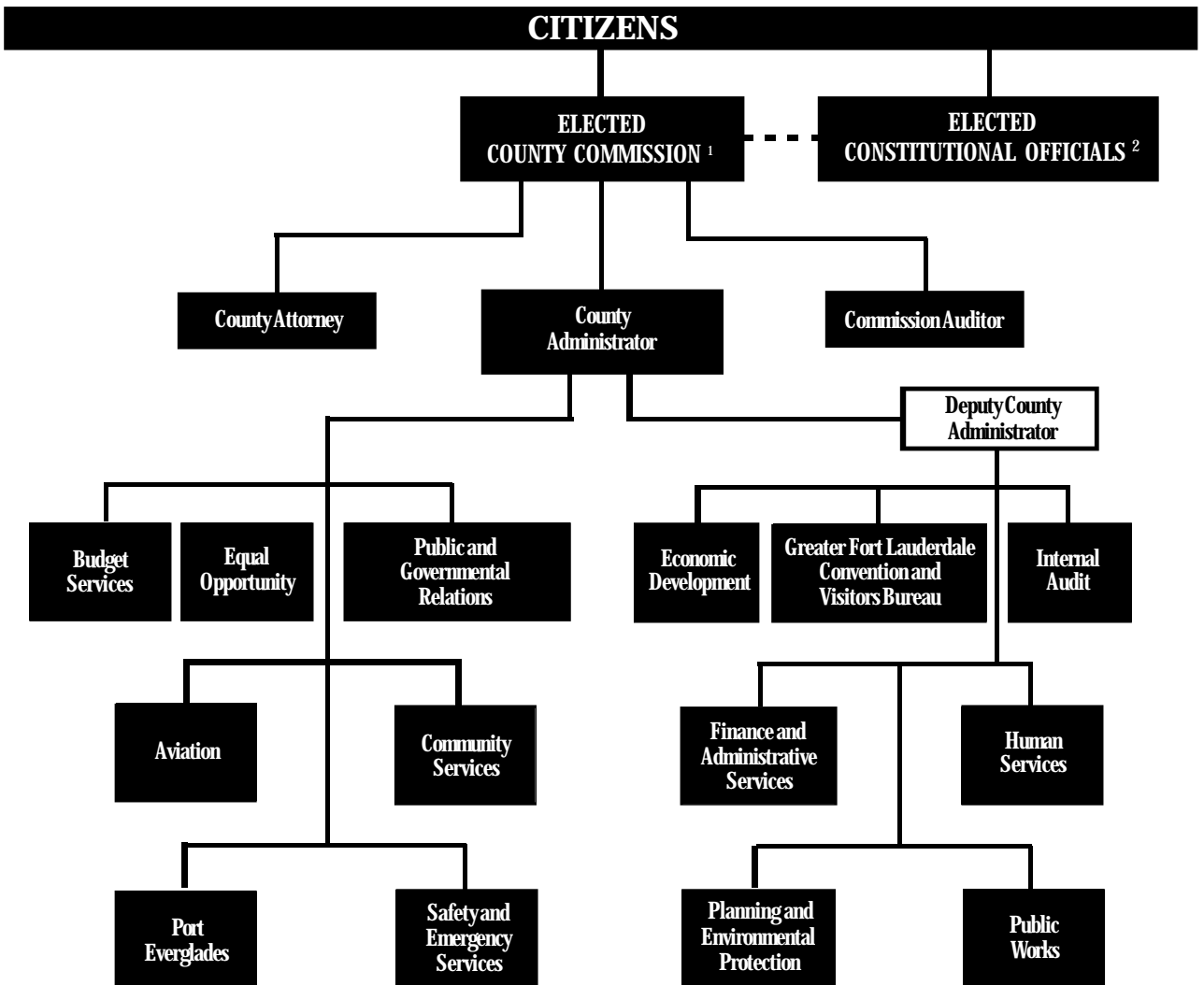
The seven member Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") was the legislative body of the County government during fiscal year 2000. On March 14, 2000 Broward County voters approved a referendum which changed the seven-member County Commission, elected at-large, to a nine-member Commission composed of commissioners elected from specific districts. This change became effective on November 21, 2000.

The Board annually elects a Chair who serves as presiding officer. The Charter provides for one County Commissioner to be elected from each of the Commission districts. Elections are held every two years for staggered four year terms. Each candidate

must be a registered elector and a legal resident of the district to be represented.

The Board appoints the County Administrator to act as the County's chief executive officer. The administrator serves at the pleasure of the Board, implements policies, provides organizational leadership for addressing major issues and directs business and administrative procedures. The Board also appoints the County Attorney, Commission Auditor, advisory board members and authorities to administer certain public services.

In addition to the Board members, County residents elect the forty-five Circuit Court Judges, twenty-four County Court Judges and four constitutional officers: the Clerk of the Circuit and County Courts, the Property Appraiser, the Sheriff and the Supervisor of Elections. Certain costs of the judicial system and the operating costs of the constitutional offices are funded by the Board pursuant to state law.



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