

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 nine member Board of County Commissioners (the “Board”) is the legislative body of the County government. The Board annually elects a Mayor who serves as presiding officer. In November 2002, the voters approved the title of Mayor to replace Chair. 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, advisory board members and authorities to administer certain public services. Prior to January 1, 2003, the Board also appointed the Commission Auditor. However, in November 2002, the voters approved a change to the title and the appointment process for the position of Commission Auditor. The Commission Auditor is now known as the County Auditor and is nominated by an independent board and is subject to ratification by a majority of the County Commission.

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.

