



COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

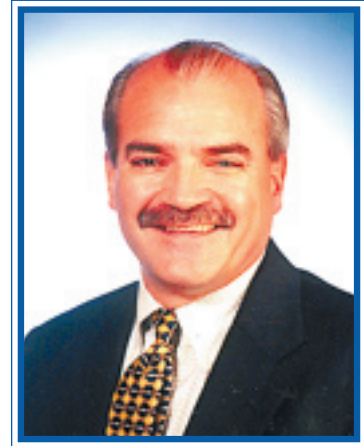
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To the Mayor and Members of the Board of County Commissioners,
and Citizens of Broward County, Florida

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am pleased to forward to you the Broward County Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2004. These financial statements have been audited by independent Certified Public Accountants. You can be sure that the financial position of Broward County remains sound and strong.



During the year, substantial progress was made in support of the Board's Challenge Goals, and the accomplishments included:

- Successfully negotiating annexation agreements with cities for 30% of the unincorporated area;
- Substantially increasing internet payment activity for taxes, licenses, and auto tag renewals;
- Initiating the Governmental Center Downtown Campus Study project;
- Creating the Redevelopment Capital Program to support local redevelopment efforts and serve as an alternative funding source to tax increment financing;
- Continuing efforts to increase public transportation utilization, and realizing a 6.6% increase in bus ridership and a 10.9% increase in paratransit riders;
- Realizing substantial increases in both domestic and international traffic at the Airport and substantial growth in cruise and containerized cargo volume at Port Everglades.

The Board's policy direction and conservative management approach resulted in a seventh consecutive year without an increase in the property tax millage rate for Fiscal Year 2005. The County was successful in receiving substantial state and federal grants during the year, and refunded four bond issues during the year generating substantial savings to the County. Broward County's strong financial position supports the delivery of vital services to our citizens.

County agencies have been innovative and creative in improving both their service effectiveness and efficiencies during the past year, and were recognized with 11 National Association of Counties Achievement Awards. These innovations included expanding the outreach of the Call Center, completing a 10 Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan to meet future water needs, and implementing the SunSational Service Level II employee training initiative. County staff also met the challenges of the multiple hurricane events experienced during the year, and provided information and support to residents without power or otherwise impacted by the storms.

We appreciate the direction, support and leadership of the Board of County Commissioners to all of our efforts, which is integral to the success of this organization.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R. Desjarlais".

Roger J. Desjarlais
County Administrator

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