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"Our Shared Vision for Broward County, Part 2",
by Broward County Commissioner Ken Keechl

When you elected me to the Broward County Commission in November 2006, you, the residents of District 4, sent a powerful message to the Broward County Commission. You supported a new vision for Broward County.

Your votes signaled a desire for lower property taxes. You wanted less politics and more leadership by the County Commission. You demanded fiscal accountability and the elimination of wasteful spending. You were not opposed to additional development, but you wanted "smart growth" focused on protecting surrounding neighborhoods and preserving Broward's dwindling green and open spaces.

Quite simply, you wanted an environmentally sensitive, business-friendly Broward County Commissioner representing you and your families. I am pleased to report that in the last year and a half, our shared vision is now becoming a reality. In furtherance of our shared vision,

*I voted with the majority to lower property taxes two years in a row while simultaneously protecting the social safety net for our less fortunate residents;

*I successfully co-sponsored a historic amendment to Broward County's Comprehensive Land Use Plan to "strongly discourage" the conversion of Broward County's remaining golf courses to residential developments;

*I voted with the majority to expand the southern runway at Ft. Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport before daily airport gridlock became the rule rather than the exception;

*I spearheaded the effort to authorize the expansion of Port Everglades while successfully opposing the unnecessary destruction of its precious mangroves in the process;

*I demanded an outside investigation of Broward County's Animal Control and Regulation Division when I learned of animal abuse by Broward County employees and

*I voted to authorize the construction of a long overdue convention center hotel. Without this hotel, Broward was in jeopardy of losing our competitive edge over other popular convention destinations.

During the remaining 2 ½ years of my term, I will continue to advocate for our shared vision. You, your families, and all of Broward County deserve nothing less. Together, we can make a difference.