



**A Message From
Vice-Mayor Lois Wexler
Broward County Commissioner
District 5**

Happy New Year! My colleagues on the Broward County Board of County Commissioners and I look forward to working hard over the next year in order to keep Broward County a great place to live, work, visit and do business. This year the composition of the County Commission has changed a bit as we welcomed two new commissioners to our ranks. In addition, Josephus Eggelletion, Jr. was selected by the Commission to serve as Mayor, and I was honored to have been chosen to serve as Vice Mayor.

There is a very important event coming up at the end of this month that you may want to attend. On Wednesday, January 31 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. a 2007 Elder Services Summit will be held at Signature Grand in Davie. This summit is a very important event for elderly residents, caregivers, elder care providers, governmental agencies and municipalities, businesses, condominium associations and members of the media.

There are approximately 340,000 elderly residents in Broward County. That's 19% of the County's population. Nearly 10% of Broward County's elderly live below the poverty line, 16% are disabled and 20% suffer from behavioral health problems. Broward County is a caring community that values its elderly residents and is dedicated to providing them with services to better their quality of life. By participating in this summit, your voice can be heard as we examine these needs and determine how to meet them.

Summit attendees will be able to participate in themed, facilitated sessions on elder issues including provision of basic needs, housing and emergency preparedness. These sessions aim to share elder care community resources, promote a community consensus on elder issues and solutions, and contribute to

the development of a Broward County Elder Care business plan. In addition, the Florida International University Center on Aging will present the findings of their 2006 Broward Elder Analysis. Participants will be provided with a continental breakfast and lunch; there will be a nominal charge to attend.

The summit is sponsored by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners, Broward County Elderly and Veteran's Services Division, Florida International University and community partners.

I strongly encourage you to attend this event. If you would like more information, please contact Margaret Wolter at (954) 357-7005 or send an e-mail to mwolter@broward.org to request a conference schedule and registration form.

Regards,

Lois Wexler
Vice Mayor
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