



**A Message from
Lois Wexler
Broward County Commissioner
District 5**

There is currently a comprehensive study underway that will have an impact on how Broward County government operates in the future and it's one that I'd like you to participate in. The Management and Efficiency Study Committee (MESC), a 17-member group, is currently studying the most effective and cost-efficient means to provide services to Broward County residents. The committee is mandated by the Charter that governs our County. The MESC is created every four years to review government processes. Here's what the Charter says:

“The Management & Efficiency Study Committee (MESC) shall conduct a comprehensive study of County Government including, but not limited to, its organization, structure and the efficiency of any County Board, Committee, Authority, Agency, Division, Office, Department or other unit of County government that provides administrative staff services to and/or has its budget approved by the County Commission.”

The current Management and Efficiency Study Committee began work in June of 2004. The MESC will review County government operations and processes for two years and then submit recommendations to the Broward County Board of County Commissioners. The Management and Efficiency Study Committee includes representatives from all sectors of our community.

This year the group identified subcommittees to address issues deemed most important for Broward County. The subcommittees that were chosen after careful deliberation include: affordable housing, governance, growth management, service delivery and transportation. Here's a synopsis of what each subcommittee is focusing on.

- The MESC formed the Affordable Housing Subcommittee to address what is perceived as a crisis regarding the availability of affordable housing in Broward County.
- The Governance Subcommittee plans to focus on reform. The reform will focus on the County/Municipal Services Business.
- Growth Management, like Affordable Housing, has become problematic in Broward County. To lessen the impact of the pervasive and unpredictable population growth, the Growth Management Subcommittee is identifying and

analyzing entities and processes that would affect or significantly contribute to successful growth in Broward County.

- The Service Delivery Subcommittee will review standards of management across the 80-plus agencies that comprise Broward County government.
- In an environment where population growth places enormous pressure on the transportation system to satisfy the travel needs of its residents, the Transportation Subcommittee is conducting a comprehensive study to determine the most efficient and cost-effective proposals that will resolve the deteriorating condition of transit in Broward County.

The Management and Efficiency Study Committee has already submitted their interim report to the Broward County Board of County Commissioners, and the final report is scheduled for presentation on June 1, 2006.

However, before the Committee reaches that stage, it must, as mandated by the Charter, hold public hearings with members of the community to get their input as to how Broward County can better serve them. This is where you can help.

Here is a list of the public hearings that will be occurring throughout the year. I encourage you to attend one of these to make your opinions, ideas, and suggestions known.

Management and Efficiency Study Committee Public Hearings 2005

**September 14, 2005
Lauderhill City Hall
2000 City Hall Drive
Lauderhill, Fl.
Public Hearing 5-7 pm**

**September 28, 2005
Fort Lauderdale City Hall
100 North Andrews Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, Fl.
Public Hearing 5-7 pm**

**October 26, 2005
City of Pompano Beach
Herb Skolnick Community Center**

**800 S W 36th Avenue
Pompano Beach, Fl.
Public Hearing 5-7 pm**

**November 9, 2005
Hollywood City Hall
2600 Hollywood Blvd.
Hollywood, Fl
Public Hearing 5-7 pm**

**December 14, 2005
Pembroke Pines City Hall
10100 Pines Blvd.
Pembroke Pines, Fl.
Public Hearing 5-7 pm**

I encourage all of you to come out and let your voice be heard.

If you would like more information on the Management and Efficiency Study Committee, please call MESC Executive Director Pat West at (954) 357-8890 or visit the MESC web site at www.broward.org/efficiency. Of course you can always reach my office at (954) 357-7005.

Sincerely,

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