



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

Every six years, a diverse group of Broward County residents are appointed to serve on the Broward County Charter Review Commission. The current Charter Review Commission began its work in July 2006. For two years, this nineteen-member group will meet regularly to conduct a comprehensive study of County government. The Charter Review Commission can put recommended charter changes on the ballot. Changes approved by the electorate become part of the Charter.

Members of the Charter Review Commission are appointed by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners. Each Commissioner nominates two individuals who reside in their district and the County Commission as a whole appoints one individual to serve as an “at large” member. I appointed Cooper City Mayor Debby Eisinger and Hazel “Petey” Kaletta, a community activist who is a past president of the League of Women Voters; the Commission has selected constitutional lawyer and Nova Southeastern Law School professor Bruce Rogow, as its “at large” appointee.

The other members of the current Broward County Charter Review Commission are Mayor Lori Moseley of Miramar, who will chair the group; Commissioner Hazelle Rogers of Lauderdale Lakes, who is serving as vice-chair; Commissioners Hayward Benson Jr., of Lauderdale Lakes and Theodore Mena, of Coral Springs; Dr. Irving Rosenbaum, Nova Southeastern University provost; G. Wil Trower, former Chief Executive Officer of the North Broward Hospital District; gay activist Mark Ketcham; Jodi Jeffreys Tanner, a former county commission aide to Commissioner John Rodstrom; South Broward community activist Patricia Good; lawyers Michael Buckner, Joseph Maus, Robert Penezic, Richard Weiss and Burnadette Norris-Weeks; Dr. Mark Lieberman, a physician; and David Marc Esack, a physical therapist.

The Charter Review Commission shall hold a minimum of two public hearings in order to afford residents an opportunity to become involved in the process. My office will be publicizing the dates and time of these meetings; I encourage you to attend and voice your opinions. Following the public hearings, the entire Charter Review Commission can vote to submit to the County Commission a proposal(s) to amend and/or revise the Charter. A two-thirds majority vote is needed to send a proposal to the County Commission for placement on the ballot. Any proposals placed on the ballot by the Charter Review Commission will come before voters in the November 2008 General Election.

I encourage each of you to follow the work of the Charter Review Commission throughout the next two years so you will be informed when the time comes to vote on its proposals. Should you have any questions or desire more information on the Broward County Charter Review Commission, please contact my office at (954) 357-7005 or email me at lwexler@broward.org.

Regards,

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