



**A Message From
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District 5**

There is no better time than the present to get informed about what YOUR Broward County Commission is doing. There are a variety of ways in which you can do so, and I want to take this opportunity to tell you about a few of them.

If you want to observe the County Commission at work, you are always welcome to attend a meeting at the Commission Chamber in the Broward County Governmental Center, located at 115 South Andrews Avenue in Fort Lauderdale. The meetings are regularly held on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in Room 422 (Commission Chamber). You might want to call my office and confirm the meeting date as we do not meet every Tuesday. If you can't make it to a meeting and still want to see your government in action, you have a few options.

First of all, the meetings are broadcast live on Comcast cable. Check the cable listings for the channel. I am also very pleased to let you know that arrangements have been made to rebroadcast County Commission meetings on Sundays at 5 p.m. Check your cable listings to find the channel for your part of the county.

You can also watch a County Commission meeting live on the internet. If you want to watch on the web, point your browser to <http://www.broward.org/countygov.htm> and click on "Commission Meeting On-Line Live". Follow the simple directions to connect.

Speaking of the internet, the Broward County webpage, www.broward.org, is a great place to go for information. This is where you will find out about the many services Broward County has to offer. From low cost animal control options to information on consumer affairs, it can all be found on the Broward County website. There are also links to other County services, such as libraries, parks, and Broward County Transit. In the event of an emergency, information is made available through our web page.

If you don't have access to a computer, there are still a number of ways to stay up-to-date. The first is to make a call to the Broward County Call Center at (954) 831-4000. One of our trained operators will be able to answer virtually any question in almost any language. We also do several mailings each year with up-to-date information. Both the County and my office offer a newsletter to the Homeowner Associations.

You can also call my office directly to discuss what is going on in the district. My office number is (954) 357-7005. If I am not available to personally speak with you my aides will assist you.

As I write this the world is shocked by devastation resulting from Hurricane Katrina. I want to remind all of you that yet again, Broward County has been lucky and we have not been impacted as much as we could have. Now is the time to prepare for the remainder of hurricane season. Please be prepared for the worst and follow the instructions given by local officials. We just want you to remain safe.