

CRC RESOLUTION NO. 2008-005

A RESOLUTION OF THE BROWARD COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION ADOPTING A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XI OF THE CHARTER OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, ENTITLED “GENERAL PROVISIONS”; SPECIFICALLY CREATING SECTION 11.07, TO BE ENTITLED “BROWARD COUNTY HOUSING COUNCIL”; PROVIDING FOR MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA; PROVIDING FOR TERMS; PROVIDING FOR VACANCIES; PROVIDING FOR BI-MONTHLY MEETINGS; PROVIDING FOR PRESENTATION TO THE ELECTORATE BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION AT A SPECIAL REFERENDUM ELECTION TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NOVEMBER 2008 GENERAL ELECTION PROVIDING THE BALLOT TITLE AND SUMMARY OF THE CHIEF PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING FOR THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO RENUMBER AND RELETTER ARTICLES AND SECTIONS IN ORDER TO CONFORM THE AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, after two (2) public hearings and by an affirmative vote of at least thirteen (13) of the nineteen (19) members, the Broward County Charter Review Commission may submit a proposal to the Board of County Commissioners to amend or revise the Broward County Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Charter of Broward County, Florida mandates that all Charter amendments and revisions proposed by the Charter Review Commission must be submitted to the County Commission no later than the first Tuesday in June of the year in which the term of the Charter Review Commission shall expire; and

WHEREAS, the Charter of Broward County, Florida provides that all amendments and revisions proposed by the Charter Review Commission must be presented by the County Commission to the electorate at the next general election; and

WHEREAS, a Housing Council is needed to better coordinate and address housing issues which include: escalating home prices; a growing disparity between household incomes and home prices; an increasing homeless population in Broward County; and the “labor crunch”, preventing local businesses from retaining current workers; and

WHEREAS, The Charter Review Commission, through its committee structure, has heard testimony from experts in the housing field who have testified that one of the most critical issues relating to housing is the lack of coordination among county government, municipalities, non-for-profits, realtors, and developers; and

WHEREAS, the Broward County Charter Review Commission deems it to be in the best interests of the citizens and residents to establish a Broward County Housing Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BROWARD COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION:

SECTION 1: That pursuant to Section 6.02 of the Charter of Broward County, Florida, the County Commission is hereby directed to place on the ballot for presentation to the electorate, at a special referendum election to be held in conjunction with the November 2008 General Election, a special referendum issue, the subject of which is proposed to create Section 11.07 of the Charter of Broward County, Florida, the full text of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein as **Exhibit "A."**

SECTION 2: That the ballot title and summary for the proposed amendments/revisions as referred to above shall appear as follows:

THE CREATION OF A BROWARD COUNTY HOUSING COUNCIL

In order to serve the public interest, the County Charter provides for the creation of certain councils. Shall the Charter be amended to provide for a Broward

County Housing Council to serve in a non-taxing advisory capacity to facilitate coordination between the County, municipalities, businesses and not-for-profit groups to address such issues as affordable and workforce housing and homelessness, and to make annual recommendations regarding streamlining governmental regulations and enhancing housing stability?

YES FOR APPROVAL _____

NO FOR REJECTION _____

SECTION 3: That should a majority of electors voting on the above-referenced referendum election vote "YES," thereby approving the above ballot issue, attached Exhibit "A" shall become a part of the Charter of Broward County, Florida.

SECTION 4: That the County Attorney is hereby directed to insure that the appropriate numbers and/or letters are affixed to the Articles and Sections of the Charter in order to conform the Charter to the amendments if approved.

SECTION 5: That if any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this resolution.

SECTION 6: That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.
Adopted this 9th day of April, 2008.

Lori C. Moseley, Chairperson

**RECORD OF VOTE
(CRC 2008-005)**

BENSON	<u>AYE</u>	MENA	<u>AYE</u>
BUCKNER	<u>AYE</u>	MOSELEY	<u>AYE</u>
EISINGER	<u>AYE</u>	NORRIS-WEEKS	<u>AYE</u>
ESACK	<u>AYE</u>	DAVIDSON	<u>AYE</u>
GOOD	<u>AYE</u>	ROGERS	<u>AYE</u>
JEFFREYS-TANNER	<u>AYE</u>	ROGOW	<u>AYE</u>
KALETTA	<u>AYE</u>	ROSENBAUM	<u>AYE</u>
KETCHAM	<u>NAY</u>	TROWER	<u>AYE</u>
LIEBERMAN	<u>AYE</u>	WEISS	<u>NAY</u>
MAUS	<u>AYE</u>		

Resolution **CRC 2008-005** passed 17-2 on April 9, 2008.

BROWARD COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

Attest: _____
Executive Director

Exhibit "A"

ARTICLE XI

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 11.07. BROWARD COUNTY HOUSING COUNCIL

- A. There shall be a Broward County Housing Council that shall serve in an advisory capacity to the County Commission and facilitate coordination between the County, municipalities, the business community and not-for-profit groups to address housing issues including, but not limited to, affordable housing, workforce housing and homelessness.
- B. Membership. The Broward County Housing Council shall be comprised of at least seventeen (17) members. Sixteen (16) members shall be voting members. The members of the Broward County Housing Council shall be appointed as follows:
- (1) One (1) member shall be the owner of a business that employs at least fifty (50) employees. This member shall be appointed by the Broward County Commission;
 - (2) One (1) member shall be the owner of a business that employs fewer than fifty (50) employees. This member shall be appointed by the Broward County Commission;
 - (3) One (1) member shall be a recipient of Section 8 housing assistance or another housing assistance program. This member shall be appointed by the Broward County Commission;
 - (4) One (1) Broward County Commissioner. This member shall be appointed by the Broward County Commission.
 - (5) One (1) member shall be the Chief Executive of a recognized, not-for-profit homeless organization. This member shall be appointed by the Broward County Commission;
 - (6) One (1) member shall be the Chief Executive of a not-for-profit housing organization. This member shall be appointed by the Broward County Commission;
 - (7) One (1) member shall be a licensed real estate professional appointed by the Florida Association of Realtors;
 - (8) One (1) member shall be a banker appointed by the Broward County Commission;

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- (9) One (1) member shall be appointed from the Broward County League of Cities, which member shall be an officer of the organization;
- (10) One (1) member shall be the City Manager of a city in Broward County with more than 50,000 residents. This member shall be appointed by the Broward County League of Cities;
- (11) One (1) member shall be the City Manager of a city in Broward County with less than 50,000 residents. This member shall be appointed by the Broward County League of Cities;
- (12) One (1) member shall be appointed by the Builders Association of South Florida;
- (13) One (1) member shall be the Director or designee from the Florida Atlantic University Center for Urban Redevelopment and Education;
- (14) One (1) member shall be a member of the Broward County School Board chosen by a majority vote of the School Board;
- (15) One (1) member shall be appointed by the Broward County Housing Authority;
- (16) One (1) member shall be a mortgage broker appointed by the Florida Association of Mortgage Brokers;
- (17) The County Administrator, or his or her designee, shall serve as a permanent, non-voting member of the Council.

C. The Broward County Commission, at its discretion, may appoint additional members to the Broward County Housing Council, provided that the Council shall be comprised of no more than nineteen (19) members with an odd number of voting members.

D. The duties and responsibilities of the Broward County Housing Council shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- (1) Explore housing models elsewhere in the country;
- (2) Educate and advise about alternative housing programs;
- (3) Share and explore funding strategies;
- (4) Coordinate and collaborate with housing agencies to maximize countywide funding opportunities;
- (5) Prevent and minimize a duplication of services; and
- (6) Educate the public and engage interested parties to ensure the maximum countywide involvement of all stakeholders.

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- E. Quorum. A quorum, necessary to conduct Broward County Housing Council business, shall consist of a majority of the Broward County Housing Council members.
- F. Term. The term for each member shall be two (2) years from the date of appointment.
- G. Meetings. The Broward County Housing Council shall hold its first meeting as soon as practicable after the appointment of its inaugural Board but no later than March 1, 2009. The Council shall hold no less than six (6) meetings per year.
- H. Chair and Vice-Chair. At the first meeting of the Broward County Housing Council, and at each March or April meeting thereafter, the members shall appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair. The Chair and Vice-Chair shall serve for a one-year term.
- I. Vacancies. If a member of the Broward County Housing Council is an elected official and ceases to be an elected official, the individual's membership on the Council shall terminate, and the position shall be declared vacant. Members of the Council who no longer satisfy the residency or employment/membership requirements of their position shall cease to be members of the Council, and their positions shall be declared vacant. Other circumstances creating a vacancy may be defined by ordinance, and those vacancies shall be filed pursuant to Subsection (B) of this Section.
- J. Recommendations. The Broward County Housing Council shall make regular recommendations to the County Commission and all organizations represented by the Council on issues including streamlining housing-related governmental regulations and enhancing housing stability. The Council shall submit an annual report to the County Commission and other organizations represented by the Council.

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