

Print**Advisory Board & Committee Interest Form - Submission #26594****Date Submitted: 10/4/2024****Last Name***

Arenson

First Name*

Gary

District # You Live In.*

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Home Address*

Apt 803 Apt 803

City*

Hollywood

State*

FL

Zip Code*

33019

Home Phone

9546125684

Cell Phone

9546125684

Email Address*

gary@ascpafirm.com

Owner or Renter *

Owner

Number of years as city resident*

6

Are you registered to vote in Broward County?*
Yes**Education (highest degree / level)**

Graduate Degree in Accounting

Occupation*

C P A

Work Phone

954-752-8701

Business Name*

Arenson & Sandhouse, PA

Business Address

809A Coral Ridge Drive

City

Coral Springs

State

FL

Zip Code

33071

Identify the board / committee(s) to which you request appointment (Please rank in order of preference)**Selection (1)***

Employees' Retirement Plan

**Selection (2)***

Police Officers' Pension Board

**Selection (3)***

Firefighters' Pension Board

**Selection (4)***

None



Affordable Housing Advisory Committee - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. In your opinion what is the greatest challenge to keeping housing affordable in Hollywood? 2. Which of the following disciplines are you most skilled? • Home Purchase Education, • Housing Market Employment, • Housing Market Stability, • Affordable Housing Construction, • Affordable Housing Activism. 3. Which of the following disciplines are you most passionate? • Ownership Housing Affordability, • Rental Housing Affordability, • Housing Market Stability, • New Housing Construction, • Fair Housing. 4. What (if any) life experience motivated you toward volunteerism? 5. What role does housing diversity play in Hollywood's economic health?

African American Advisory Council - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What is the greatest challenge facing the African American Community in Hollywood? 2. How many hours per month can you dedicate to AAAC initiatives? 3. Which of the following disciplines are you most skilled? * Education, * Employment, * Economics, * Cultural Awareness, * Housing. 4. Which of the following disciplines are you most passionate? * Education, * Employment, * Economics, * Cultural Awareness, * Housing. 5. What (if any) life experience motivated you toward volunteerism?

Artwork Selection Committee - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What are your primary interest in City Government and City Services? 2. Why do you want to join the Artwork Selection Committee? 3. What other relevant organizations, clubs, or associations were you previously, and/or currently are involved in? 4. Are you available to attend regular committee board meetings scheduled for the Second Monday each month at 5:30pm? 5. What is your one area of highest interest related to the Arts within the City of Hollywood?

Civil Service Board - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. Describe your involvement with establishing, reviewing and interpreting policies and procedures? 2. Describe your involvement in employment practices including interviewing, testing, hiring, selection and promotion, demotions, transfers, etc. 3. Describe your knowledge of Civil Service and its purpose. 4. Why do you want to serve on this Civil Service Board? 5. Are you a continuous resident of and continuous registered elector in the City of Hollywood?

Community Development Advisory Board - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. Do you reside in a low and moderate income (LMI) neighborhood in Hollywood per the most recent US Census data? A Hollywood LMI Map is located at www.hollywoodfl.org on the Community and Economic Development webpage. 2. What Community Development issues do you believe are the most important to Hollywood? 3. What is your definition of a healthy neighborhood? 4. What do you believe is the vision and primary work of the Community Development Advisory Board? 5. What do you believe uniquely qualifies you to serve on the Community Development Advisory Board?

Education Advisory Committee - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What are the current challenges facing education? 2. What is your vision for education in Hollywood? 3. What do you see as the primary work of the Education Advisory Committee? 4. With only one meeting a month, the Committee is limited in what it can do. How does/should the Committee decide what's most important? 5. How can the Committee know if its mission and goals are being accomplished?

Employees' Retirement Plan - Questions*

1. Yes
2. Yes
3. I have served for 38 years as a Trustee of the Pembroke Pines Police and Fire Pension Board. Also as a practicing CPA, I have the financial background that I can assist the Plan in achieving its goals.
4. The Trustee's responsibilities are to guide the Plan to achieve the details outlined with the City's ordinance and State Law.
5. Yes. Serving on the Pembroke Pines Board, I am totally familiar with defined benefit pension plans.

Please answer these five questions above. 1. Are you familiar with the State's Sunshine Laws (Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes)? 2. Are you available to attend in person regular monthly Board meeting (typically held the 4th Tuesday of each month)? 3. What knowledge, skills and/or abilities will you bring to the Employees' Retirement Plan? 4. What do you believe are the responsibilities of a trustee on a municipal retirement plan board? 5. Are you familiar with municipal defined benefit retirement plans and/or have previous experience serving on a municipal retirement plan board?

Firefighters' Pension Board - Questions*

1. Being an active member for 38 years of the Police and Fire Pension Plan and a practicing CPA, I have the financial experience and am totally familiar with the intricacies of municipal pension plan.
2. As stated, I was an active member of the Pembroke Pines Police and Fire Pension Plan.
3. I'm an active CPA since 1976
4. I moved to the Hollywood area in 1961. I attended Hollywood Central, McNicol Junior High and South Broward High School. I purchased a home in Hollywood 6 years ago.
5. I am very familiar with local retirement systems. Being a local Trustee has given me that familiarity.

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What knowledge, skills and abilities would you bring to the meetings? 2. What experience do you have with firefighter pensions? 3. What is your financial background? 4. How many years have you lived in Hollywood? 5. How familiar are you with local retirement systems?

General Obligation Bond Oversight Advisory Committee - Questions*

Please answer these four questions above. Why do you want to join the GO Bond Oversight Advisory Committee? 2. Explain how your personal and/or professional experiences will contribute to the meeting the goal(s) of the Board or City. 3. Which Bond interests you the most? Public Safety? Parks/Golf/Open Space or Neighborhoods & Resiliency? 4. What is your perspective on city quality of life, healthy neighborhoods, economic development & a strong tax base?

Historic Preservation Board - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. How have you prepared yourself to serve on the Historic Preservation Board? 2. Explain how your personal and/or professional experiences will contribute to the meeting the goal(s) of the Board or City. * Personal experiences, * Professional experiences. 3. What is your perspective on balancing growth of the City's tax base, within the Historic Districts, while maintaining neighborhood stabilization? 4. How would you balance historic architecture with modern architectural styles? 5. What do you like about the City's different Historic Districts?

Hollywood Centennial Celebration Committee*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What is your primary interest in serving on the Committee? 2. What is your financial/accounting background? 3. What knowledge, skills and abilities would you bring to the meetings? 4. What other organizations and/or associations were you previously, and/or currently involved with? 5. Are you available to attend regular committee meetings? (dates to be determined by all members)

Hollywood Housing Authority - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. In your opinion what is the greatest challenge to keeping housing affordable in Hollywood? 2. Which of the following disciplines are you most skilled? * Property Management, * Affordable Housing Administration, * Housing Market Stability, * Affordable Housing Construction, * Affordable Housing Activism. 3. Which of the following disciplines are you most passionate? * Property Management, * Rental Housing Affordability, * Housing Market Stability, * New Housing Construction, * Fair Housing. 4. What (if any) life experience motivated you toward volunteerism? 5. What role does housing diversity play in Hollywood's economic health?

Marine Advisory Board - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What is your involvement with the City of Hollywood's Waterways? 2. What will guide your decisions on this board? 3. Are you able to dedicate 2-3 hours a month to attend the meetings? Attendance is paramount to this Board being able to get things done. 4. Are you currently or have you been a boater, marine industry professional or involved in any other marine related industry? 5. What is your vision for the city of Hollywood's Waterway system?

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Advisory Board - Questions*

Please answer these six questions above. 1. How many events have you attended in the past year at any of the parks and athletics facilities in the City? 2. How many City-sponsored special events have you attended for the past year? 3. Are you available to attend regular Board meetings? Regular meetings are on the 1st Thursday of the month for 8 months per calendar year. 4. What is your one area of highest interest related to the parks, recreation and cultural arts for the City? 5. What other relevant organizations, clubs, or associations were you previously, and/or currently are involved in? 6. How does parks, recreation and cultural arts contribute to quality of life?

Planning & Development Board - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. How have you prepared yourself to serve on the Planning and Development Board? 2. Explain how your personal and/or professional experiences will contribute to the meeting the goal(s) of the Board or City. * Personal experiences, * Professional experiences. 3. What is your perspective on balancing growth of the City's tax base while maintaining neighborhood stabilization? 4. What recent developments within the City are most proud of? 5. What is a Comprehensive Plan?

Police Officer's Pension Board - Questions*

1. A fiduciary is someone who has the responsibility to manage the assets for the person or entity who has requested their service. As a Fiduciary, my responsibility is to protect the assets of the plan and to guide the plan to achieve benefits described in the Ordinance.
2. The Florida Sunshine Law describes the process to ensure that the public has access to government proceedings and records.
3. In order to preserve and protect the investments of the Plan, it is prudent to spread out your risk amount different assets classes. And, because different asset classes are "in or out of favor", it gives better opportunity to have a higher return on your investments. The allocation are the parameters that are set up as percentages or dollar amounts that you wish to put within different categories of investments.
4. Florida Chapter 99-1 and Chapter 185 sets the minimum standards for municipal police retirement funds. Also, Chapter 185 describes how the funds collected by the State are to be used for increased benefit to it's participants.
5. The role of the Actuary is to take the provisions of the Plan, evaluate and suggest assumptions to be used in calculating the funds needed by the Plan to be actuarially sound and to be able to pay the benefit described. The Auditor independently verifies the the Financial Statements presented are fairly presented.

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What is a fiduciary? And what is your responsibility to the police pension plan as a fiduciary? 2. What is the Sunshine Law? 3. What is Asset Allocation & Diversification? 4. Explain the history of Chapter 99-1 and Chapter 185? 5. Define the role of the Actuary and the Auditor?

Sister Cities Advisory Committee - Questions*

1. Do you speak more than one language? If so, what languages do you speak? 2. Do you have experience in travel, cultural exchange, and/or fund-raising? Please describe. 3. Which Sister City focus areas are you most passionate about: a. Art and Culture; b. Business and Trade; c. Community Development; d. Youth and Education. 4. What (if any) life experience motivated you toward volunteerism? 5. Please describe why you are interested in serving on the Sister Cities Advisory Committee.

Sustainability Advisory Committee - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. Why do you want to join the committee? 2. Have you attended any committee meetings? If so, how many? 3. What knowledge, skills, and abilities would you bring to the committee if appointed? 4. What other organizations, clubs, or associations are you involved in? 5. Are you available to attend regular committee and subcommittee meetings? Regular meetings are held monthly with subcommittee meetings held as needed. 6. What types of projects would you like to see the committee work on?

Young Circle ArtsPark Advisory Board - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What are your primary interest in City Government and City Services? 2. How many ArtsPark events have you attended within the past year? 3. What other relevant organizations, clubs, or associations were you previously, and/or currently are involved in? 4. Are you available to attend regular committee board meetings scheduled for the Second Tuesday each month at 5:30 pm? 5. What is your one area of highest interest related to the ArtsPark at Young Circle?

Are you interested in serving on more than one board/committee?*

No

If so, how many?*

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Applicant must attend at least one board/committee meeting prior to consideration of application for every board applied. Please list board/committee meetings you attended in the last year?*

none

Are you currently on a County or City Board?*

No

If yes, please describe

If you are applying for a board / committee, which has specific requirements / categories, please detail how your background and/or experience meets the required criteria.*

N/A

Please describe your professional and/or volunteer experience or background, which best qualifies you for selection to the board / committee.*

As listed in my resume, I have been very active with my Community and State. I have served as President of the Miramar Pembroke Chamber Of Commerce, Chair of Career Source Broward and served 38 years as a Trustee of the Pembroke Pines Police and Fire Plan

**Are you presently employed by the
City of Hollywood?***

No



If so, in what capacity?*

n/a

Attach Resume (only .doc and .pdf files)*

RESUME.GLA.doc.rtf

Vita of Gary L. Arenson

PERSONAL DATA

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Home Telephone: (954) 612-5684

Business Address: Arenson & Sandhouse, CPA's
809A Coral Ridge Drive
Coral Springs, Florida 33071

Business Telephone: (954) 752-8701

Place of Birth: Charlotte, NC

Moved to South Florida in 1958

EDUCATION

South Broward High School
Hollywood, Florida

University of Tel Aviv
Tel Aviv, Israel

University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida
Bachelor of Advanced Accountancy

PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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| 1973 to 1976 | Seidman & Seidman, CPA'S Miami, Florida Staff accountant |
| 1976 | Established the firm of Gary L. Arenson, CPA |
| 1988 to Present | Created the firm of Arenson & Sandhouse, CPA's Specializing in the following: Corporate and Personal Tax Planning Preparation of Personal & Corporate Tax Returns Preparation of Individual & Corporate Financial Statements Personal Financial Planning |

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants
1976 to Present Member

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
1976 to Present Member

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Career Source Broward

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| 1989 to 2021 | Board Member |
| 1995 to 1997 | Chairman of Development Committee |
| 1996 to 1998 | Vice Chairman |
| 1999 to 2001 | Chairman |
| 2001 to 2003 | Immediate Past Chair |
| 2003 to 2008 | Chairman of Employer Services Committee |
| 2009 to 2010 | Vice Chairman |
| 2010 to 2012 | Chairman |
| 2013 to 2016 | Co-Chair of Finance and Audit Committee |
| 2017 to Present | Chairman of One Stop Committee |

City of Pembroke Pines Police and Fireman's Pension Fund

| | |
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| 1985 to 2024 | Board Member |
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Achievement & Rehabilitation Centers, Inc. (ARC Broward)

| | |
|--------------|--------------|
| 2007 to 2016 | Board Member |
| 2008 to 2012 | Treasurer |
| 2012 to 2014 | Chairman |
| 2014 to 2016 | Treasurer |

Minority Development & Empowerment, Inc.

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| 2006 to 2008 | Board Member |
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J.M. Family Enterprise's Youth Automotive Training Center

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| 1998 to 2005 | Board of Advisors |
| 1998 to 2001 | Treasurer |

City of Pembroke Pines Police Athletic League

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| 1997 to 2003 | Board Member |
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Broward County Crimestoppers

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| 1990 to 2000 | Board Member |
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Center For Florida's Children

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| 1998 to 2004 | Board Member |
| 1998 to 2004 | Treasurer |

17th Circuit Judicial Nominating Committee

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| 1998 to 2001 | Member |
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State Of Florida WAGES Board

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| 1999 to 2000 | Board Member |
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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (Continued)

Broward Economic Development Council

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| 1991 to 1995 | Member |
| 1991 to 1992 | Board Member |
| 1991 to 1992 | Vice Chairman of the International Outreach Committee |

Broward Economic Development Board

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| 1984 to 1991 | Board Member |
| 1985 to 1988 | Chairman of the Industrial Revenue Bond Committee |
| 1985 to 1988 | Vice Chairman |
| 1988 to 1989 | Chairman |
| 1989 to 1990 | Immediate Past Chair & Executive Board Member |

Broward's Committee of 100

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|--------------|--------|
| 1985 to 1991 | Member |
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Leadership Broward Class V (1986 to 1987)

Leadership Broward Alumni

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|--------------|-----------------|
| 1987 to 1991 | Member |
| 1987 to 1991 | Board Member |
| 1987 to 1988 | Treasurer |
| 1988 to 1989 | President-Elect |
| 1989 to 1990 | President |
| 1990 to 1991 | Past President |

Leadership Broward Alumni Foundation

| | |
|-----------------|--------------|
| 1992 to Present | Member |
| 1993 to 1997 | Board Member |
| 1992 to 1993 | Chairman |
| 1995 to 1997 | Treasurer |

Leadership Florida Class XIV (1995 to 1996)

Leadership Florida Alumni

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|-----------------|--------------|
| 1996 to present | Member |
| 1996 to 1998 | Board Member |

Miramar/Pembroke Leadership

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| 1988 | Class |
| 1988 to 1989 | Chairman |
| 1989 to 1990 | Steering Committee |

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (Continued)

Broward County Schools

| | |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| 1990 to 1993 | Audit Advisory Committee |
| 1995 to 1998 | Audit Advisory Committee |

First Western Bank

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|--------------|--------------|
| 1999 to 2004 | Board Member |
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Nova University's Planned Giving Council

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|-----------------|--------|
| 1986 to Present | Member |
|-----------------|--------|

Nova Southeastern Associates

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|--------------|--------------------------|
| 1990 to 1997 | Member |
| 1990 to 1991 | Steering Committee |
| 1991 to 1993 | Treasurer |
| 1993 to 1994 | President Elect |
| 1994 to 1995 | President |
| 1995 to 1996 | Immediate Past President |

Florida Atlantic University

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| 1993 to 1998 | College of Urban & Public Affairs Advisory Committee |
| 1993 to 1998 | Broward County University Advisory Committee |

Jewish National Fund

| | |
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| 1992 to 1996 | Board Member |
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Friends of the Walter C. Young Recourse Center

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| 1994 to 1998 | Member |
| 1994 to 1998 | Treasurer |

Fort Lauderdale Chamber Foundation

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| 1990 to 1993 | Board Member |
| 1991 to 1993 | Treasurer |

Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce

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| 1990 | Board Member |
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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (Continued)

Miramar/Pembroke Chamber of Commerce

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| 1978 to 2002 | Member |
| 1979 to 1988 | Board Member |
| 1980 to 1981 | Treasurer |
| 1982 to 1983 | Vice President |
| 1983 to 1984 | President Elect |
| 1985 to 1986 | President |
| 1988 to 1990 | Chairman-Economic Development Committee |
| 1989 to 1990 | Board Member |

Cities In Schools

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|--------------|----------|
| 1990 to 1992 | Member |
| 1990 to 1991 | Chairman |

Walter C. Young Resource Center

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|--------------|--------------|
| 1990 to 1993 | Board Member |
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Fort Lauderdale Sister Cities

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| 1990 to 1993 | Board Member |
| 1992 to 1993 | Treasurer |

South Florida Coordinating Council

| | |
|--------------|---------------------|
| 1988 to 1991 | Member |
| 1990 to 1991 | Secretary/Treasurer |

Healthcare Education and Research Foundation, Inc.

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| 1991 to 1992 | Board Member |
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Sun Bank

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| 1988 to 1990 | Advisory Board Member |
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Broward County Job Fair

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| 1988 to 1991 | Treasurer; Steering Committee |
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Miami Herald Silver Knight Awards

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| 1988 | Judge |
| 1989 | Judge |

Optimist International

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| 1976 to 1979 | Member |
| 1977 to 1978 | President of Local Club |
| 1978 to 1979 | Secretary/Treasurer for Florida District |

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (Continued)

Temple in the Pines

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| 1978 to 1982 | Board Member |
| 1980 to 1981 | Treasurer |

Campaign Treasurer for the following Candidates and Offices Sought:

Howard Forman, Florida Senator and Broward County Clerk of County Courts

Charles Flanagan, Mayor of Pembroke Pines

Beverly Kennedy, Ft. Lauderdale City Commissioner

William Griffin, Coral Springs City Commissioner

Don Samuels, School Board of Broward County

Ron Cochran, Sheriff of Broward County

Charles Nelson, City Commissioner of Pembroke Pines

Alex Fekete, Mayor of Pembroke Pines and Broward County Commissioner

Frank C. Ortis, City Commissioner of Pembroke Pines and Mayor

Ron Greenstein , Florida House of Representatives

Belinda Keiser, Florida House Of Representatives

David Brown, Broward County Supervisor of Election

Howard Forman, Broward County Clerk of Courts

Michael Kaplan, Circuit Judge

AWARDS

1990 Small Business Person of the Year

Presented by the Miramar\Pembroke Chamber of Commerce

1990 Broward Spirit of 100 Award-Professional Service Category

Presented by Broward's Committee of 100, Inc.

1990 Business Community Citizenship Award

Presented by Community and Neighborhood Development
Organization of Southwest Broward County

1992 Network Leadership Award

Presented by Anti Defamation League

2001 Volunteer Of The Year

Presented by Center for Florida's Children's