



February 12, 2010

Honorable Lori Parrish, Property Appraiser and
Holly Cimino, Director of Finance, Budget and Tax Roll Management
Broward County Property Appraiser

We have audited the special purpose financial statements of the Broward County Property Appraiser for the year ended September 30, 2009, and have issued our report thereon dated February 12, 2010. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit.

Our Responsibility under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and Government Auditing Standards

As stated in our engagement letter with Broward County dated October 9, 2009, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to express opinions about whether the special purpose financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our audit of the special purpose financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities.

As part of our audit, we will consider the internal control of Broward County Property Appraiser. Such considerations are solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the special purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement, we will also perform tests of Broward County Property Appraiser's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. However, the objective of our tests is not to provide an opinion on compliance with such provisions.

Our responsibility is to plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that the special purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. As part of our audit, we will consider the internal control of Broward County Property Appraiser. Such considerations will be solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

We are responsible for communicating significant matters related to the audit that are, in our professional judgment, relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. However, we are not required to design procedures specifically to identify such matters.

Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

We performed the audit according to the planned scope and timing previously communicated to you in our meeting about planning matters on September 24, 2009.



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Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Broward County Property Appraiser are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2009. We noted no transactions entered into by the governmental unit during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. There are no significant transactions that have been recognized in the financial statements in a different period than when the transaction occurred.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the special purpose financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. There were no significant or sensitive estimates.

The disclosures in the special purpose financial statements are neutral, consistent, and clear. Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosure affecting the financial statements was:

The deposits and investments in Note 2 as it pertains to the repurchase agreement.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated February 12, 2010.

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Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the governmental unit's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the governmental unit's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

This information is intended solely for the use of Broward County Property Appraiser, Director of Finance, Budget and Tax Roll Management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,



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BROWARD COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER

SPECIAL-PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

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FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Honorable Lori Parrish
Broward County Property Appraiser
Broward County, Florida

We have audited the accompanying special-purpose financial statements of the Broward County Property Appraiser (the Appraiser), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2009 as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Appraiser. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Controller General of the United States. Those standards require we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Appraiser's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The special-purpose financial statements referred to above were prepared for the purpose of complying with rules and regulations of the Auditor General, State of Florida, on the basis of presentation described in Note 1, and are not intended to present the financial position of Broward County, Florida and the results of its operations in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the special-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Appraiser as of September 30, 2009, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 12, 2010 on our consideration of the Appraiser's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

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The budgetary comparison information on page 11 is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.



Fort Lauderdale, Florida
February 12, 2010

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BALANCE SHEET - GENERAL FUND

SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$3,035,318
Accounts receivable	<u>3,307</u>
Total assets	<u>\$3,038,625</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 466,923
Due to Board of County Commissioners	3,262
Excess commissions collected in advance	<u>2,568,440</u>
Total liabilities	3,038,625
Fund balance	<u>-</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$3,038,625</u>

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GENERAL FUND

FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

Revenues:

Commissions from taxing authorities	\$ 17,469,382
Excess commissions utilized	647,060
Other	<u>707,712</u>
Total revenues	<u>18,824,154</u>

Expenditures:

Current:

Salaries and benefits	15,996,680
Operating expenditures	2,698,174
Capital outlay	<u>129,300</u>
Total expenditures	<u>18,824,154</u>

Net change in fund balance	-
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Fund balance, beginning of year	<u>-</u>
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Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$ -</u>
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NOTES TO SPECIAL-PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Reporting Entity

The Property Appraiser is an elected official in Broward County, Florida (the County) who is responsible for assessing all properties in the County and for maintaining the County's tax rolls.

The special-purpose financial statements presented include the General Fund of the Broward County Property Appraiser's office (Appraiser). The accompanying special-purpose financial statements were prepared for the purpose of complying with Section 10.557, Rules of the Auditor General for Local Government Entity Audits, and are not intended to be a complete presentation of the financial position of the County, or the changes in financial position in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Pursuant to Florida Statutes, the Appraiser's special-purpose financial statements are included in the financial statements of the County.

These special-purpose financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental and financial reporting principles.

The following is a summary of the more significant accounting policies used in the preparation of these special-purpose financial statements:

Basis of Presentation

Fund Financial Statements – The fund financial statements provide information about the Appraiser's General Fund. The General Fund, a governmental fund, is used to account for all financial resources applicable to the general operations of the Appraiser.

Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus

Governmental Fund Financial Statements – The general fund is reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when they are both measurable and available. The Appraiser considers all revenues reported to be available if the revenues are collected within sixty days after year-end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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NOTES TO SPECIAL-PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Capital Assets

Acquisitions of tangible personal property are recorded as capital outlay expenditures in the General Fund at the time of purchase. Tangible personal property used in the operations of the Appraiser's office is recorded in the property records of the Board of County Commissioners (the Board).

Compensated Absences

Employees accumulate vacation and sick pay based on the number of years of continuous service. Upon termination of employment, employees can receive payment for accumulated leave. The cost of vested vacation and sick pay benefits is recognized when payments are made to employees under the modified accrual basis of accounting. It is the Appraiser's policy that a maximum of fifteen (15) vacation days can be carried forward into the next calendar year. Any accrued vacation balances that exceed fifteen (15) days on December 31st of each year will be forfeited.

NOTE 2. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Deposits

In addition to insurance provided by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation, all deposits are held in banking institutions approved by the State Treasurer of the State of Florida to hold public funds. Under Florida Statutes Chapter 280, *Florida Security for Public Deposits Act*, the State Treasurer requires all Florida qualified public depositories to deposit with the Treasurer or another banking institution eligible collateral. In the event of a failure of a qualified public depository, the remaining public depositories would be responsible for covering any resulting losses. Accordingly, all amounts reported as deposits are insured or collateralized with securities held by the entity or its agent in the entity's name.

Investments

At September 30, 2009, the Appraiser had the following investment.

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
Repurchase Agreement	<u>\$3,110,531</u>

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NOTES TO SPECIAL-PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

NOTE 2. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Investments (Continued)

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk refers to the portfolio's exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. The Appraiser has an investment policy that limits the maturities on repurchase agreements to no more than 60 days from the date of purchase.

Credit Risk

The Appraiser's repurchase agreement is fully collateralized by U.S. Treasury, U.S. Government agencies and/or United States Government obligations.

NOTE 3. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Appraiser utilizes the self-insurance program of the Board for worker's compensation claims on losses. Any losses above the self-insured retention limit would be covered by the Board's purchase of excess coverage. Expenditures for self-insured worker's compensation coverage charged by the Board for the year ended September 30, 2009 was approximately \$143,000 and are included in salaries and benefits.

The Board charges the Appraiser for printing, communication, and fleet management costs. Expenditures for these services for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009 were approximately \$57,000 and are included in operating expenditures. The Board does not charge the Appraiser for use of the County's mainframe.

NOTE 4. RETIREMENT PLAN

Plan Description

The Appraiser participates in the Florida Retirement System (FRS), a defined benefit, cost-sharing, multiple employer Public Employment Retirement System (PERS). Benefits provisions are established under Chapter 121, Florida Statutes, which may be amended by the Florida Legislature. The FRS is noncontributory and is totally administered by the State of Florida.

FRS issues an annual financial report. A copy can be obtained by sending a written request to:

Division of Retirement
P.O. Box 9000
Tallahassee, FL 32315-9000

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NOTES TO SPECIAL-PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Continued)

NOTE 4. RETIREMENT PLAN (Continued)

Benefits

Benefits are computed on the basis of age and/or years of service, average final compensation, and service credit. Average final compensation is the average of the five highest fiscal years of earnings. The FRS provides vesting of benefits after six years of creditable service for all members. Early retirement may be taken anytime after vesting; however, there is a 5% benefit reduction for each year prior to normal retirement age or date. The FRS also provides death and disability benefits. A State statute establishes benefits.

Funding Policy

The Appraiser's required contribution rate is established by State statute. Contribution rates ranged from 8.74% to 19.81% of covered payroll based on employee class. The required contribution by the Appraiser to the FRS for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009 was approximately \$1,217,205 compared to \$1,221,785 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008, and \$1,152,300 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2007. This represents an average contribution of approximately 9.52% in fiscal year 2009, 9.31% in fiscal year 2008, and 9.44% in fiscal year 2007. The Appraiser has met all contribution requirements for the current year and the two preceding years.

NOTE 5. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

The following changes in compensated absences occurred during the year ended September 30, 2009:

Balance at October 1, 2008	\$ 539,991
Additions	31,668
Reductions	(19,640)
Balance at September 30, 2009	552,019
Less current portion	-
Long-term portion	<u>\$ 552,019</u>

NOTE 6. POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS

Plan Description

The Appraiser has a single employer defined benefit healthcare plan. The Appraiser plan allows its employees and their beneficiaries to continue obtaining health, dental and other insurance benefits upon retirement. The benefits of the Appraiser's plan conform with Florida statutes, which are the legal authority for the plan. The plan has no assets and does not issue separate financial reports.

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NOTES TO SPECIAL-PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Continued)

NOTE 6. POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (Continued)

Funding Policy and Annual OPEB Cost

The Appraiser makes no direct contribution to the Appraiser plan. Retirees and their beneficiaries pay the same group rates as are charged to the Appraiser for active employees. However, the County actuary, in their actuarial valuation, calculated an offset to the cost of these benefits which is described below that is called the Employer Contribution.

The Appraiser's annual other post-employment benefit (OPEB) cost for the plan is calculated based on the annual required contribution of the employer, an amount actuarially determined in accordance with the parameters of GASB Statement No. 45. The annual required contribution represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal cost each year and to amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities over a period not to exceed thirty years. The annual OPEB cost for the County, which includes the Appraiser's share for the current year and the related information for the plan is as follows:

	<u>Broward County</u>
Required contribution rates:	
Employer	Pay-as-you-go
Plan members	N/A
Annual required contribution	\$5,080,504
Interest on net OPEB obligation	127,726
Adjustment to annual required contribution	<u>(108,644)</u>
Annual OPEB cost	5,099,586
Contributions made	<u>(1,635,909)</u>
Increase in net OPEB obligation	3,463,677
Net OPEB obligation – beginning of year	<u>3,193,151</u>
Net OPEB obligation – end of year	<u>\$6,656,828</u>

The Appraiser's share of the net post-employment benefits other than pensions liability for the year ended September 30, 2009 is \$217,013.

The annual OPEB cost, the percentage of annual OPEB cost contributed to the plan and the net OPEB obligation for 2009 and 2008 for the plan was as follows:

	<u>Broward County</u>	
Fiscal year ended	9/30/2009	9/30/2008
Annual OPEB cost	\$5,099,586	\$4,598,826
Percentage of OPEB cost contributed	32.20%	30.57%
Net OPEB obligation	\$6,656,828	\$3,193,151

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NOTES TO SPECIAL-PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Continued)

NOTE 6. POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (Continued)

Funded Status and Funding Progress

The funded status of the plan as of October 1, 2007 was as follows:

Actuarial accrued liability	\$ 48,754,859
Actuarial value of plan assets	-
Unfunded actuarial accrued liability	48,754,859
Funded Ratio	0.00%
Covered payroll	\$272,383,483
Unfunded actuarial accrued liability as a percentage of covered payroll	17.90%

Actuarial valuations involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of events in the future. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the plan and the annual required contributions of the employer are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared to past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. The required schedule of funding progress presented as required supplementary information is designed to provide multi-year trend information to show whether the actuarial value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liability for benefits. However, the Appraiser has not contributed assets to the plan at this time.

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

Projections of benefits are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and plan members) and include the types of benefits in force at the valuation date and the pattern of sharing benefit costs between the Appraiser and plan members to that point. Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective and employ methods and assumptions that are designed to reduce short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets. Significant methods and assumptions were as follows.

	<u>Broward County</u>
Actuarial valuation date	10/1/2007
Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Amortization method	Level percent, closed
Remaining amortization period	30 years
Asset valuation method	Unfunded
Actuarial assumptions:	
Investment rate of return	4.00%
Projected salary increases	4.00%
Healthcare inflation rate	10% initial, 5% ultimate

The County has also included a schedule of funding progress in their September 30, 2009 financial statements.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GENERAL FUND

FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
Revenues:				
Commissions from taxing authorities	\$ 19,259,515	20,684,882	\$ 17,469,382	\$(3,215,500)
Excess commissions utilized	-	-	647,060	647,060
Other	-	623,019	707,712	84,693
Total revenues	<u>19,259,515</u>	<u>21,307,901</u>	<u>18,824,154</u>	<u>(2,483,747)</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Salaries and benefits	15,793,908	16,440,972	15,996,680	444,292
Personal services - temporary	16,148	16,148	-	16,148
Operating expenditures	3,316,909	4,647,659	2,698,174	1,949,485
Capital outlay	<u>132,550</u>	<u>203,122</u>	<u>129,300</u>	<u>73,822</u>
Total expenditures	<u>19,259,515</u>	<u>21,307,901</u>	<u>18,824,154</u>	<u>2,483,747</u>
Net change in fund balance	-	-	-	-
Fund balance, beginning of year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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NOTE TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

NOTE 1. BUDGETARY REQUIREMENTS

The Appraiser prepares an annual operating budget for its General Fund which is reflected as amended in these financial statements. The Appraiser's budgeting process is based on estimates of revenue and expenditures and requires that the budget be approved by the State of Florida Department of Revenue and then by the Board after a public hearing is held. Subsequent amendments to the budget, if any, are approved by the State of Florida Department of Revenue and the Board. The budget is prepared on the same basis of accounting as required for governmental fund types. Expenditures may exceed the approved budget amounts for individual categories as long as the total does not exceed the approved budget. Any ending fund balances are carried forward as an advance against the subsequent year's approved budget.

COMPLIANCE SECTION

**Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control Over
Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of
Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards***

Honorable Lori Parrish
Broward County Property Appraiser
Broward County, Florida

We have audited the special-purpose financial statements of the Broward County Property Appraiser (the Appraiser) as of September 30, 2009 and for the year then ended, and have issued our report dated February 12, 2010. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Appraiser's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the special-purpose basic financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Appraiser's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Appraiser's internal control over financial reporting.

A *control deficiency* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the Appraiser's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the Appraiser's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Appraiser's internal control.

A *material weakness* is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the Appraiser's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

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Broward County, Florida
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Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Appraiser's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Appraiser, Board of County Commissioners and regulatory agencies and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



Fort Lauderdale, Florida
February 12, 2010

Management Letter in Accordance with the Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida

Honorable Lori Parrish
Broward County Property Appraiser
Broward County, Florida

We have audited the special-purpose financial statements of the Broward County Property Appraiser (the Appraiser) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2009, and have issued our report thereon dated February 12, 2010.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and Compliance and Other Matters. Disclosures in this report, which is dated February 12, 2010, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Additionally, our audit was conducted in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General, which govern the conduct of local governmental entity audits performed in the State of Florida. This letter includes the following information, which is not included in the aforementioned auditor's reports or schedule:

- Section 10.554(1)(i)1., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report. There were no recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)2., Rules of the Auditor General, requires our audit to include a review of the provisions of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, regarding the investment of public funds. In connection with our audit, we determined that the Appraiser complied with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we address in the management letter any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)4., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we address violations of provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but more than inconsequential. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.

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- Section 10.554(1)(i)5., Rules of the Auditor General, provides that the auditor may, based on professional judgment, report the following matters that have an inconsequential effect on financial statements, considering both quantitative and qualitative factors: (1) violations of provisions of contracts or grant agreements, fraud, illegal acts, or abuse, and (2) control deficiencies that are not significant deficiencies. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)6., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that the name or official title and legal authority for the primary government and each component unit of the reporting entity be disclosed in this management letter, unless disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. The Broward County Property Appraiser is a constitutional officer in Florida. There are no component units related to the Appraiser.

Pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, this management letter is a public record and its distribution is not limited. Auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America require us to indicate that this letter is intended solely for the information and use of management, and the Florida Auditor General and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



Fort Lauderdale, Florida
February 12, 2010

BROWARD COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

PRIOR YEAR COMMENT AND STATUS

Financial Statement Findings

There were no financial statement findings reported in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008 schedule of findings.

BROWARD COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS

FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

CURRENT YEAR COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

None.