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**THE REALTOR® ASSOCIATION OF GREATER FORT LAUDERDALE CEO
APPOINTED TO BROWARD COUNTY HOUSING COUNCIL**

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. - (April 9, 2009) – Richard W. Barkett, Chief Executive Officer of the REALTOR® Association of Greater Fort Lauderdale, Inc. (RAGFL) has been appointed to serve as a member of the newly-created Broward County Housing Council. A resolution to create the Housing Council was placed on the ballot by the Broward County Charter Review Commission and approved by voters in November 2008.

Per the Broward County Charter, the Broward Housing Council is charged with serving in an advisory capacity to the County Commission and facilitating 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.

“Housing is one of the pillars of a successful community, and I am pleased Broward County has placed the issue as a top priority,” stated Barkett. “I am honored to have been chosen as a member of the Council and am eager to begin our efforts.”

The duties and responsibilities of the Council include, but are not 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
6. Educate the public and engage interested parties to ensure the maximum countywide involvement of all stakeholders

The Council will meet at least five times during the remainder of the year. For additional information on the Broward Housing Council, contact Ralph Stone, Broward County Director of Housing, Finance and Community Development at 954-765-5311.

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