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**REALTOR® Association of Greater Fort Lauderdale President
Meets With Governor; Discusses Real Estate Issues**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - (April 17, 2009) - REALTOR® Association of Greater Fort Lauderdale, Inc. (RAGFL) president Jesse Acevedo along with nine other REALTORS® from across the state met with Governor Charlie Crist on Wednesday to discuss the local real estate markets in Florida. The meeting took place during the Florida Association of REALTORS® (FAR)'s annual Great American REALTOR® Days.

Acevedo and the other guests focused their discussion with Gov. Crist on recent positive housing indicators such as increased existing home sales, record low mortgage interest rates and new affordable housing opportunities. The group also expressed their approval of the federal economic stimulus package, specifically the new \$8,000 first-time homebuyer tax credit.

"I am glad we were given the opportunity to meet with Gov. Crist and discuss our issues in depth," stated Acevedo. "A robust real estate market is core to the strength of our state's economy, and I am pleased the Governor will continue to make it a priority."

Acevedo continued, "The best news of all however is that phones are once again ringing at real estate firms across the state - investors are combing properties, young families are making first-time purchases and international buyers are scooping up great deals. Housing indicators throughout Florida prove this is truly an ideal time to buy."

The Florida Association of REALTORS® (FAR)'s annual Great American REALTOR® Days is an annual event that brings together over 1,000 diverse Florida REALTORS® and legislators to discuss the issues and challenges affecting the real estate industry.

The REALTOR® Association of Greater Fort Lauderdale, Inc. is one of the largest REALTOR® Associations in Florida, representing more than 8,000 real estate professionals in Broward, Dade and Palm Beach Counties. Additional information can be found at www.R-World.com.

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