

## Lois Wexler, Biography

Elected to serve as a Broward County Commissioner in November 2004, Lois Wexler became well known as the “process” Commissioner. Her political savvy and knowledge of effective government process developed over her 12 years of service on the School Board of Broward County. She believes procedures create efficiencies in government; process brings us accountability in government.

In 2008, Commissioner Wexler was selected to serve as Broward County’s Mayor. She introduced and championed the Sterling Management improvement model. The implementation of Sterling will save the people of Broward County money and strengthen the County’s ability to move forward using data to make informed decision.

As a public servant her focus has been on human services, in particular providing for the needs of our youth and elderly. She believes these two segments depend on good government for assistance when independence is lost or yet to be developed. Elected to serve on the School Board of Broward County from 1992 to 2004, her passion for excellence in education and commitment to children would form the core of her political career. As her years dedicated to public service advanced she saw the need to also focus on the opposite side of the age spectrum; those who looked to Broward County as a community to gracefully “age in place.” Commissioner Wexler has recently joined the Health Foundation of South Florida’s Healthy Aging Leadership Council. She continues to serve on the Broward Aging Alliance and spearheaded the first Broward County Elder Services Summit.

Commissioner Wexler was instrumental in the formation of the Broward County Foreclosure Prevention Blue Ribbon Panel, the purpose of which was to create a coordinated plan including recommendations and strategies to address the high rate of foreclosures within Broward County. In November 2008, Broward County voters approved the creation of the Broward County Housing Council. Commissioner Wexler’s leadership in this timely issue would lead to her appointment as Chair of the Housing Council for a two-year-term. Her involvement also includes membership on the Children’s Services Board, the Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Juvenile Justice Board and the School Oversight Committee.

Numerous organizations have paid tribute to Commissioner Wexler for her contributions to the community. Some of her most recent awards include being honored as a recipient of the “Wisdom in Action Award” by the Senior Volunteer Services. She is the recipient of the Humanitarian of the Year given by the Samuel M. & Helene Soref Jewish Community Center. The National Association of Social Workers, Broward County Unit, named Mayor Wexler their 2007 Elected Official of the Year. Project Stable honored Lois Wexler for her contributions to children and the community.

Commissioner Wexler was elected to the Board of Broward County Commissioners to represent the residents of District 5. District 5 includes the entire city of Cooper City and portions of Davie, Hollywood, Pembroke Pines, Plantation, The Town of Southwest Ranches, Sunrise and Weston.

She is a graduate of Florida Atlantic University and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. Having lived in Broward County for thirty two years Lois has seen a lot of growth and with it a lot of change. She and her husband Steve have two adult daughters and dote endlessly over their two grandsons.

Commissioner Wexler is accessible and responsive to constituent issues and concerns. She undertakes her responsibilities with optimism and seriousness. She very much appreciates the trust her constituents have placed in her and will continue to champion those issues which promote a quality lifestyle for the residents of Broward County.