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## **Northern Palm Beach County Improvement District Changes Election Procedures**

### *Two more Board of Supervisor seats converted to popularly elected seats*

**Palm Beach Gardens, FL – May 26, 2010** – On Wednesday, May 26, 2010, Governor Crist signed House Bill No. 759, which changes the manner in which Board Members are elected to Northern Palm Beach County Improvement District's (the District) Board of Supervisors. Two more seats, bringing the total to four out of five seats, will be filled by popular vote in the General Election. The remaining seat will continue to be filled by landowner election.

The initiative to change began back in 2004 when a Committee representing landowners, public officials and members of the Board of Supervisors recommended that two of the five seats be converted to popularly elected seats with the intent to convert others in the future. This recommendation was accepted unanimously by the Board of Supervisors, and Marilyn Lew Jacobs became the first popularly elected Board Member in 2006. Matthew Boykin became the second in 2008.

Marilyn Lew Jacobs had this to say about the change: "I have advocated for this change since 2003, it is gratifying to know that I will be retiring from the Board this November having fulfilled my campaign promise to the Northern residents."

Beginning in 2012, Seats No. 4 and 5 will be elected by popular vote in the November General Election. Also at that time, the requirements to qualify for those seats will change so that members elected to those seats must be residents of the District, must own, or have a beneficial interest in an entity that owns, real property within the District, and must be electors of the District. Beginning in 2014, Seats No. 2 and 3 will have similar qualifying requirements.

Another major change within the House Bill is the landowner election qualifications. At this time, votes are cast on a "one acre (or any portion thereof), one vote" basis for Seats No. 1, 3, and 4 by any landowner within the District. Beginning in 2010, landowners of real property within the District's boundaries with the exception of landowners who own land not currently

subject to the District's levy of assessments or who have not paid those assessments for the previous year will be qualified to vote in the landowner seat election process.

**If you intend to file for candidacy in the General Election**, you must register your intent with the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections office. Candidacy qualifying dates are from Noon June 14, 2010 to Noon June 18, 2010. The Elections Office can provide information you may need if you desire to become a candidate. This information includes specific requirements regarding filing deadlines, financial disclosures and other election laws and regulations required to run in the general election.

**If you intend to file for candidacy in the Landowner Election**, you must be a Resident of Florida and file a Letter of Intent with Northern's Administrative Office no later than October 18, 2010.

The Northern Palm Beach County Improvement District is an independent special district created by the Florida Legislature in 1959. Its role is to provide services related to water management and infrastructure for properties in northern Palm Beach County.

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