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**GOVERNOR CHARLIE CRIST APPOINTS RICO PETROCELLI
TO BROWARD COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

LAUDERHILL, FL – F.J. "Rico" Petrocelli, former City of Plantation councilman, has been appointed by Governor Charlie Crist to the Broward County Housing Authority Board of Commissioners for a four year term, which will run until October 2013.

A longtime Broward resident with a long history of volunteer work with youth athletics, Petrocelli said affordable housing is one of the most important elements necessary for a community to thrive.

"You can't have a strong and stable family unit without quality affordable housing," he said. "My biggest motivation is to make sure residents of Broward County have access to this basic need. I am pleased to be appointed to a board that has been a leader in creating affordable housing for Broward residents, and I look forward to contributing my skills to the task of developing more."

Petrocelli – namesake and nephew of former Boston Red Sox All-Star infielder, Rico Petrocelli – is the previous Basketball Commissioner to the Plantation Athletic League, Past Member of the Plantation Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, and now serves on the Plantation Census 2010 Complete Count Committee.

He runs Petrocelli & Associates, a political and business consulting firm, and owns a daily online community newspaper, the *Plantation Journal*.

The Broward County Housing Authority creates housing opportunities for nearly 12,000 county residents by utilizing public and private funding. It focuses on providing affordable housing through the ownership/management of properties, administration of rental subsidies and counseling of homeowners and prospective owners

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