Our Government

*T*he rift between government and the people who own that government is largely grounded in a failure of the public sector to be accountable. We hear little about the outcomes that warrant expenditure of our tax dollars. If Florida's new performance accountability law is successful, we will have more effective programs and increased citizen satisfaction.

*M*any believe that government has grown too much in size, influence and cost. Government has grown, yet we still lack effective solutions to our state's most pressing problems. As regulation and taxes increase, we are asking ourselves how much we want government to do and what we are willing to pay. Giving people more voice in their own governance empowers them to achieve better results at lower cost with the promise of solutions that work in their communities.

CRITICAL BENCHMARKS

7.1   CITIZEN TRUST IN GOVERNMENT

7.2   PUBLIC SATISFACTION

7.7   USE OF OUTCOME MEASURES

7.8   ACHIEVEMENT OF RESULTS

Earning our trust

7.1	CITIZEN TRUST IN GOVERNMENT	FL1980	1985	1990	*1997*	2000	2010
	7.1.1 *Public trust in government:* By survey, percentage of adults who trusted government to do what was right most of the time						
	a) Federal government	not available	not available	32%	21%		
	b) State government						
	1) Broward County		not available	not available	38%	50%	50%
	2) Florida	48%	59%	37%	34%		

7.1	CITIZEN TRUST IN GOVERNMENT CONTINUED	FL1985	1990	1995	*1997*	2000	2010
	7.1.2 *Public rating of local government:* By survey, percentage of adults who rated the job their local government was doing as good or excellent						
	1) Broward County		not available	not available	48%	50%	50%
	2) Florida	46%	46%	43%	not available		

Earning our trust *continued*

		TRENDS			GOALS	
7.2 **PUBLIC SATISFACTION**	**FL**	**1990**	**1995**	*1997*	**2000**	**2010**
7.2.1 **Public satisfaction with government services:** By survey, percentage of adults who rated the services where they lived as good or excellent	not available	not available	not available	59%	62%	67%

Staying within our means

		TRENDS			GOALS	
7.3 **GOVERNMENT SPENDING**	**FL1980**	**1985**	**1990**	*1995*	**2000**	**2010**
7.3.1 **Taxes:** Average amount of taxes paid per resident (in nominal dollars)						
a) State			to be included in future edition			
b) Local			to be included in future edition			
c) Federal			to be included in future edition			
d) TOTAL			to be included in future edition			

Staying within our means continued

		TRENDS				GOALS	
7.3	**GOVERNMENT SPENDING** CONTINUED	**FL**	**1985**	**1990**	*1995*	**2000**	**2010**
	7.3.2 **Taxes relative to personal income:** Percentage of personal income spent on taxes						
	a) Local taxes	to be included in future edition					
	b) State taxes	to be included in future edition					
	c) Federal taxes	to be included in future edition					
	d) Total taxes	to be included in future edition					
	7.3.3 **Ranking in local taxes:** Broward County's ranking among the 67 counties in average local taxes per county resident (1st = highest taxes per county resident)	to be included in future edition					

		TRENDS				GOALS	
7.4	**WASTE IN GOVERNMENT**	**FL1992**	**1990**	**1995**	*1997*	**2000**	**2010**
	7.4.1 **Public perception of government waste:** By survey, percentage of adults who believed that most or all of every tax dollar they paid was wasted by						
	a) Federal government		not available	not available	not available		
	b) State government	**38%**	not available	not available	**33%**		
	c) Broward county		not available	not available	not available	**33%**	**25%**
	d) Municipalities		not available	not available	not available	**33%**	**25%**

Staying within our means continued

	TRENDS				GOALS	

7.5 GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT

	FL	1987	1990	*1995*	2000	2010
7.5.1 *Size of government relative to size of the population:* Number of part-time and full-time government employees per 100 residents						
a) Local government	not available	3.9	4.2	4.5	4.5	4.5
b) All levels of government (federal, state, city, county, schools, and special districts)	not available	4.8	5.3	5.6		
7.5.2 *Broward County's rank in size of government:* Broward County's ranking among the 67 counties in the number of state government employees per 100 county residents (1st = highest number of local government employees per 100 county residents)	to be included in future edition					

7.6 COUNTY FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

	FL	1991	1993	*1995*	2000	2010
7.6.1 *National ranking:* Broward Couny's ranking among the 67 counties in government efficiency/effectiveness, financial management, and infrastructure maintenance (1st = highest rated county government)	to be included in future edition					
7.6.2 *County debt*						
a) Broward County's bonded debt per county resident	to be included in future edition					
b) Broward County's ranking among the 67 counties in bonded debt per county resident (1st = highest amount of bonded debt per resident)	to be included in future edition					

Staying within our means *continued*

	TRENDS				GOALS	
7.6 COUNTY FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CONTINUED	FL	1991	1993	*1995*	2000	2010
7.6.3 Credit rating: Broward County's bond rating	to be included in future edition					
7.6.4 Rainy day funds: Broward County's rainy day funds as a percentage of total revenue	to be included in future edition					

Achieving results

	TRENDS				GOALS	
7.7 USE OF OUTCOME MEASURES	FL	1985	1994	*1995*	2000	2010
7.7.1 Outcomes in county strategic plans: Percentage of objectives in county strategic plans that state how people will benefit from government services	to be included in future edition					
7.7.2 County budget tied to performance measures: Percentage of county budget for which program performance measures were used to support the budget request	to be included in future edition					

Achieving results continued

	ACHIEVEMENT OF RESULTS		TRENDS				GOALS	
7.8			FL	1985	1994	*1995*	2000	2010
	7.8.1 *Achievement of results by local agencies:* Percentage of program performance measures in local agency budgets that were							
	a) exceeded		to be included in future edition					
	b) 91-100% achieved		to be included in future edition					
	c) 81- 90% achieved		to be included in future edition					
	d) 71 -80% achieved		to be included in future edition					
	e) 70% or less achieved		to be included in future edition					

Involving citizens

	PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS	FL1980	1984	1988	*1992*	2000	2010
7.9							
	7.9.1 *Voter registration in presidential election years*						
	a) Percentage of adults registered to vote						
	1) Broward		71%	70%	64%		
	2) Florida	65%	75%	82%	65%		
	b) Broward County's ranking among the 67 counties in the percentage of adults who were registered to vote (1st = highest percentage of adults registered to vote)	not available	not available	not available	not available		

Involving citizens *continued*

	TRENDS				GOALS	

7.9   PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS CONTINUED

	FL	1984	1988	*1992*	2000	2010
7.9.2 Registered voter turnout in presidential election years						
a) Percentage of registered voters who voted						
1) Broward		75%	70%	83%		
2) Florida	77%	75%	73%	83%		
b) Broward County's ranking among the 67 counties in the percentage of registered voters who voted (1st = highest voter turnout)	not available	not available	not available	not available		
7.9.3 Overall voter turnout in presidential election years: Percentage of adults age 18 and older who voted						
a) Broward		not available	not available	not available		
b) Florida	50%	57%	60%	54%		

7.10   NON-PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

	FL1982	1986	1990	*1994*	2000	2010
7.10.1 Voter registration in non-presidential election years						
a) Percentage of adults registered to vote						
1) Broward		67%	64%	63%		
2) Florida	66%	76%	60%	65%		
b) Broward County's ranking among the 67 counties in the percentage of adults who were registered to vote (1st = highest percentage of adults registered to vote)	not available	not available	not available	not available		

Involving citizens *continued*

7.10 NON-PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS CONTINUED

	FL1982	1986	1990	*1994*	2000	2010
7.10.2 Registered voter turnout in non-presidential election years						
a) Percentage of registered voters who voted						
1) Broward		61%	54%	62%		
2) Florida	55%	61%	60%	66%		
b) Broward County's ranking among the 67 counties in the percentage of registered voters who voted (1st = highest voter turnout)	not available	not available	not available	not available		
7.10.3 Overall voter turnout in non-presidential election years: Percentage of adults age 18 and older who voted		to be included in future edition				
a) Broward						
b) Florida						

7.11 CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

	FL	1986	1992	*1994*	2000	2010
7.11.1 Elective office-seeking in presidential election years: Average number of qualified candidates who ran for each public office in a presidential election year						
a) at the federal level		to be included in future edition				
b) at the state level		to be included in future edition				
c) at the county level		to be included in future edition				

Involving citizens continued

7.11	CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE CONTINUED		TRENDS				GOALS	
		FL	1986	1992	*1994*	2000	2010
	7.11.2 Elective office-seeking in non-presidential election years: Average number of qualified candidates who ran for each public office in a non-presidential election year						
	a) at the federal level		to be included in future edition				
	b) at the state level		to be included in future edition				
	c) at the county level		to be included in future edition				

7.12	REPRESENTATION		TRENDS				GOALS	
		FL	1985	1990	*1995*	2000	2010
	7.12.1 Racial representation: Percentage of elected local officials who were non-white compared to the percentage of non-whites in the population						
	a) Local officials		to be included in future edition				
	b) General population		to be included in future edition				
	7.12.2 Gender representation: Percentage of elected local officials who were women compared to the percentage of women in the population						
	a) Local officials		to be included in future edition				
	b) General population		to be included in future edition				