



BOYNTON BEACH CITY COMMISSION APPOINTS MARLENE ROSS VICE MAYOR

*Ross's appointment extends over to the Community Redevelopment Agency,
where she will sit as the new vice chair*



District IV Commissioner Marlene Ross was sworn-in as Boynton Beach's Vice Mayor after being elected by her fellow commissioners at the April 20 City Commission meeting. Comm. Ross replaces Dist. II Comm. Woodrow Hay as Vice Mayor. She also assumes the position of Vice Chair of the Boynton Beach Community Redevelopment Agency.

Elected to the City Commission in 2007, Vice Mayor Ross was instrumental in the City's adoption of a "Green" ordinance and establishment of a Green Task Force. She acts as the "green" liaison for comprehensive sustainability on the Commission. Favoring historic preservation as a vital part of sustainability in any community, she believes that working with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified builders in restoration and other construction projects is vital to local governments and the communities they serve.

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Since 1989, Vice Mayor Ross has held professional educator positions and other jobs with a variety of non-profit and/or media organizations in Palm Beach County. Since 1999, she has been the Director of Community Affairs for WXEL TV42 & 90.7FM - the PBS and NPR station that is licensed to the West Palm Beach market.

Soon after her birth in Santa Clara, Cuba, in 1967, Vice Mayor Ross and her family moved to the United States. They spent a year in Chicago, Ill., before returning to South Florida where she was raised in the City of Lake Worth. In 1989, thanks to the Schmidt Presidential Scholarship and other scholarships, she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from the College of Science at Florida Atlantic University (FAU) in Boca Raton. In 1994, she also earned a Master of Education degree from FAU.

An advocate for many non-profit organizations, including local chapters of the Sierra Club and Audubon Society, Vice Mayor Ross is also active in the Sand Sifters, the Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge and on the national level the Nature Conservancy. In addition, she supports the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Humane Society of the U.S., and the National Wildlife Federation. Locally, Vice Mayor Ross supports Safe Harbor Animal Sanctuary in Jupiter and the Animal Rescue Force in Boynton Beach. She is also supportive of other service organizations that help abused, neglected, and abandoned children and teens.

The Boynton Beach Community Redevelopment Agency, established in 1982 under chapter 163 of the Florida Statutes, serves to encourage diverse redevelopment activities, stimulate economic growth, create a destination core and enhance the visual appearance of the community by eliminating slum and blighted conditions, promoting crime reduction and providing for affordable housing within the City's community redevelopment area. To learn more, call 561-737-3256 or log on to www.boyntonbeachcra.com.