

TOWN OF DAVIE TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM/PHONE: Thomas J. Willi, Town Administrator

SUBJECT: Resolution

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA SUPPORTING THE BROWARD COUNTY COMMISSION AND THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS' EFFORT TO UPGRADE VOTING EQUIPMENT TECHNOLOGY.

REPORT IN BRIEF: The Broward County Commission and the Supervisor of Elections Miriam Oliphant are currently discussing potential replacements for the antiquated, and now banned, punch card voting system. The Broward County Commission favors an optical scan system with an estimated cost of between \$5 and \$7 million, while the Supervisor of Elections favors a touch screen system with an estimated cost of \$20 million. At this time, there is not enough data for the Town to endorse one initiative over the other. However, the Town does support the efforts of both parties to improve the voting equipment technology which will benefit all Broward County voters.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS: N/A

CONCURRENCES: N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

Has request been budgeted? N/A

If yes, expected cost: \$

Account Name:

If no, amount needed: \$

What account will funds be appropriated from:

Additional Comments:

RECOMMENDATION(S): Motion to approve resolution.

Attachment(s): Resolution

RESOLUTION _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA SUPPORTING THE BROWARD COUNTY COMMISSION AND THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS' EFFORT TO UPGRADE VOTING EQUIPMENT TECHNOLOGY.

WHEREAS, the punch card voting system was banned by the State of Florida effective 2002 thereby creating the need for the purchase and implementation of a new voting system; and

WHEREAS, the Broward County Commission favors an optical scan voting system; and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor of Elections favors a touch screen voting system; and

WHEREAS, either initiative will improve the accuracy, and efficiency with which votes will be tabulated.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA.

SECTION 1. The Town of Davie hereby supports the Broward County Commission and the Supervisor of Elections' effort to upgrade voting equipment technology which will benefit all Broward County voters.

SECTION 2. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to mail a copy of this resolution to the Broward County Commission and the Supervisor of Elections.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2001.

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER

ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2001.