

The Business Forum of Palm Beach County

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Associated Builders & Contractors,
Inc., East Coast Chapter
Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce
BioFlorida, Inc.
Building Owners and Management
Association (BOMA)
Business Development Board
Chamber of Commerce of the
Palm Beaches
Community & Economic
Development Council, Inc.
The Economic Council
of Palm Beach County, Inc.
Florida East Coast Chapter of the
Associated General Contractors
of America
Gold Coast Builders Association
Greater Boca Raton Chamber
of Commerce
Greater Boynton Beach Chamber
of Commerce
Greater Delray Beach Chamber
of Commerce
The Hispanic Chamber of
Palm Beach County, Inc.
Housing Leadership Council of Palm
Beach County, Inc.
The Institute of Real Estate
Management
Jupiter-Tequesta-Hobe Sound
Association of Realtors, Inc.
Lake Okeechobee Regional Economic
Alliance of Palm Beach County, Inc.
(LORE)
Marine Industries Association of
Palm Beach County, Inc.
Northern Palm Beach County
Chamber of Commerce
Pahokee Chamber of Commerce
Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce
Palm Beach County Hotel & Lodging
Association
Palm Beach County Medical Society
Palms West Chamber of Commerce
Realtors® Association of the Palm
Beaches, Inc.
South Florida Hospital & HealthCare
Association
Wellington Chamber of Commerce
Wellington Equestrian Alliance
World Trade Center Palm Beach

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Working Waterfronts

A resolution of the Business Forum of Palm Beach County, Florida, which demonstrates a substantial commitment on behalf of its members to support the preservation and promotion of working waterfronts and public access to navigable waters of the State and specifically the passage of Amendment 6 on the ballot in the November 2008 election.

WHEREAS, Florida's working waterfronts are a critical link connecting people with Florida's rich fish, wildlife, and other natural resources for commercial and recreational activities that are highly important to Florida's economy and the cultural character of the State, and

WHEREAS, working waterfronts include properties and facilities that provide access for water-dependent commercial and recreational activities and generally provide access for the public to the navigable waters of the State; and

WHEREAS, the projected growth of Florida's human population over the next 50 years and other environmental and economic factors will undoubtedly present extreme challenges, and

WHEREAS, those challenges, if not addressed with wise and creative solutions, threaten to erode the rich cultural heritage associated with working waterfronts and the important interface between the people of Florida and the fish, wildlife, and other resources on the waters of the state, and

WHEREAS, it is beyond the means of the government of the Great State of Florida to purchase all the lands essential to maintaining working waterfronts that may be subject to land use changes in the years to come, and

WHEREAS, a proposed addition to the Florida Constitution - - Amendment 6, to be on the ballot for Florida's voters' approval during the November 2008 election - - would offer a meaningful solution to this issue by providing for tax incentives for landowners who wish to maintain properties in working waterfront uses, and

WHEREAS, passage of Amendment 6 requires that 60 percent of voters cast ballots in favor of its adoption:

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Business Forum of Palm Beach County, Florida that this membership supports Amendment 6 and that, if approved by the voters, Amendment 6 will help preserve working waterfronts for the benefit of future generations of Floridians.

Adopted by majority vote on August 27, 2008.