

Broward County Historical Commission, Cultural Resources Committee
Talking Points Regarding Certified Local Government

1. **WHY ARE WE HERE TODAY?**
Broward County has been engaged in historic preservation for the past forty years and while the County has significantly changed, the organizational structure and process for historic preservation has not.
2. **HOW SHOULD THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND PROCESS FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION BE CHANGED?**
Broward County should become a Certified Local Government in order to meet the highest, national, professional standards of historic preservation as enacted by Federal legislation.
3. **WHAT IS A CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT (CLG)?**
In Florida, the CLG is a program which assists local governments in the survey, designation and preservation of historically and culturally significant structures and sites.
4. **WHY SHOULD BROWARD COUNTY BECOME A CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT?**
By becoming a CLG, Broward County will elevate the protection of County historic resources and raise County preservation standards.
 - Broward County will be eligible for grants available only to CLGs.
 - Broward County will gain authority to administer local historic resource tax exemptions.
5. **WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT BECOMING A CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT?**
In addition to forfeiting the benefits of CLG status, Broward County:
 - may lose jurisdictional authority over archaeological resources if pending state legislation is passed
 - will not meet the current professional historic preservation standards
6. **WHAT OTHER GOVERNMENTS ARE CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN FLORIDA?**
Since the CLG program was established in 1986 more than 50 Florida municipalities and 11 counties have been designated under the CLG program, including three Broward County municipalities and every surrounding county. (See attached for complete list.)
7. **HOW WILL CLG STATUS AFFECT THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION ORGANIZATION AND PROCESS?**
CLG status will require an update of the Broward County preservation ordinances as well as a restructuring of the Historical Commission.
 - The Historical Commission recommends a Historic Preservation Board that consists of a maximum of nine members and a Historical Commission that will be reduced from 22 to 13 members.
 - If the County Commission does not concur with the above recommendation, as an alternative, the Historical Commission recommends reducing the present 22-seat Historical Commission to a nine-seat board.
8. **WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT NOW?**
 - A 2012 Bill (House 591/Senate 868) proposed to override local jurisdiction of archaeological resources unless local governments are CLGs; the 2012 Bill died but is anticipated to return in the 2013 session.
 - 2015 marks the 100th anniversary of Broward County. It is appropriate that the county commemorate its centennial by adopting the Federal and State CLG standard for historic preservation.