

REQUESTED COMMISSION ACTION:

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SHORT TITLE Broward County Board of County Commissioners is seeking to discontinue the funding of the Sheriff's Regional Crime Laboratory while looking to Broward County municipalities to fund this regional service or close the Regional Crime Laboratory. Pompano Beach City Commission hereby urges the County Commissioners to continue to fund the Broward Sheriff's Regional Crime Laboratory.

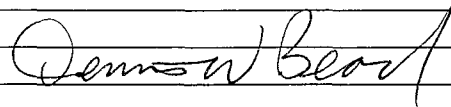
Summary of Purpose and Why:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING THE BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO CONTINUE TO FUND THE BROWARD SHERIFF'S REGIONAL CRIME LABORATORY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

- (1) Origin of request for this action: \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) Primary staff contact: Gordon B. Linn, City Attorney Ext. 4614
- (3) Expiration of contract, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_
- (4) Fiscal impact and source of funding: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION	DATE	DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION	DEPARTMENTAL HEAD SIGNATURE
City Attorney	6/28/10		See City Attorney's Comm. #2010-1430
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City Manager



ACTION TAKEN BY COMMISSION:

Ordinance	Resolution	Consideration	Workshop
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**CITY OF POMPANO BEACH**  
**Broward County, Florida**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING THE BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO CONTINUE TO FUND THE BROWARD SHERIFF'S REGIONAL CRIME LABORATORY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) operates Crime Laboratories in Pensacola, Tallahassee, Jacksonville, Tampa Bay, Deltona, Orlando, and Fort Myers, none of which are in close proximity to Broward County or the Southeast Florida region; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1969, the Sheriff of Broward County (Sheriff) opened a Regional Crime Laboratory for the efficient, effective and timely processing of forensic evidence collected in crimes committed in Broward County due to the lack of close proximity and timely response of a FDLE Crime Laboratory; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Florida has funded only a small percentage of the costs to operate the Sheriff's Regional Crime Laboratory, thereby causing Broward's residents and visitors to rely on the County Commission to fund the major portion of this essential service; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff's Regional Crime Laboratory has proven to be valuable and effective in the timely prosecution of crimes committed in Broward County relating to the conviction of the guilty and the exoneration of the innocent; and

**WHEREAS**, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners (County Commission) is seeking to discontinue the funding of the Sheriff's Regional Crime Laboratory

while looking to Broward County municipalities and others to fund this regional service or close the Regional Crime Laboratory; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Commission is the governing body vested with the responsibility to fund and provide regional services available to all Broward County municipalities and their residents; and

**WHEREAS**, closing the Regional Crime Laboratory would be an abrogation of the County Commission's responsibility to fund essential regional services, and thereby impede the effective and timely prosecution and defense of criminal cases, cause increased detention stays and costs and increase the opportunity for more crime to occur in Broward County; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Commission's consideration to have the municipalities bear the cost of the Sheriff's Regional Crime Laboratory is inappropriate, as many crimes transcend municipal boundaries and the findings of the Regional Crime Laboratory are used by many parties, thereby making the allocation of costs both complex and burdensome; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA:**

**SECTION 1.** That the foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and made a specific part of this Resolution.

**SECTION 2.** That the City Commission of the City of Pompano Beach, Florida, hereby urges the Broward County Board of County Commissioners to continue to fund the Broward Sheriff's Regional Crime Laboratory.

**SECTION 3.** That the City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Broward County Board of County Commissioners, the Sheriff of Broward County, the

Broward State Attorney, the Public Defender of Broward County, the Broward League of Cities and all municipalities in Broward County.

**SECTION 4.** This Resolution shall become effective upon passage.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

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**LAMAR FISHER, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**MARY L. CHAMBERS, CITY CLERK**

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6/28/10  
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