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Two years prior to my election, I began a campaign for the county commission with grass roots support. I walked door to door to meet you. I shared with you my life experience as a financial planner, small business owner and police officer. I talked with you about your concerns and discussed what I planned to accomplish if elected.

As a first time candidate for public office, running against a well-funded incumbent, many critics saw my campaign as a long shot, but, on November 2, 2008, you went to the polls and decided to hire me as your County Commissioner. It's been two years since my election, and we've been able to accomplish a lot but still have plenty of work to do.

Since I took office two years ago, I've worked to promote fiscal responsibility in county government. Over the past two years, the BOCC has reduced spending by over \$360 million or nearly 11%. I recommended and received unanimous support for a 4% pay cut for all County Commissioners. I realize how challenging times are, and, as elected officials, we need to make sacrifices just as you have.

For our future leaders, I created a Youth Excellence and Achievement Award to honor our young emerging leaders in Hillsborough County.

To increase public safety and help at risk youth become more productive citizens instead of a statistic in the criminal justice system, I formed the Hillsborough County Juvenile Justice Task Force.

For the families of our first responders, I worked to establish the First Responders Fallen Heroes Fund & Memorial Tribute to honor those who paid the ultimate sacrifice while serving and protecting our community, and, for the health and safety of the entire community, I worked with the Sheriff's Office to create a pain management clinic ordinance to reduce the abuse of prescription painkillers.

To promote mobility and enhance the quality of life of our seniors, I lead the effort to construct a golf cart-accessible transit corridor in Sun City Center.

For our environment, I led the charge to protect Cone Ranch from being sold to private,

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Upcoming Community Office Hours (11:00am – 1:00pm)

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special interests and established a work group that will consider creating environmental buffers to protect and preserve our waterways from nutrient run-off and pollution.

Through these initiatives, we have made progress and taken steps toward improving the quality of life of our current and future citizens.

As I look ahead to my next two years in office, I will continue to advocate for:

- Responsible economic growth and development;
- Fiscal responsibility in our county government;
- Sustainable growth and responsible land use while respecting our environment;
- Improvements to our transportation system;
- Fair and equal treatment of all our citizens.

I envision our County as a place where businesses, both small and large, will flourish and create high quality jobs, and where

every individual is treated equally and fairly with human dignity and respect.

As our county grows, our need for a multi-modal transportation system remains. I will continue to work with all partners to advance efforts in development of a comprehensive plan that is practical and affordable.

Over the past two years, I have stayed in touch with you by holding community office hours and participating in events throughout our county. I have also used technology to keep you up-to-date via my web site, Facebook and Twitter.

As we move forward, I will continue to listen to you, the citizens of the county, who have entrusted me to this position. I encourage you to share your views and priorities with me and the broader community. Working together, we will make Hillsborough County the number one county to work, live and play.

Mayor Iorio: Citizen of the Year

On November 9, 2010 Commissioner Beckner presented Mayor Pam Iorio with the "Citizen of the Year" award on behalf of the Tampa Bay Business Guild.

The Guild began over 20 years ago to provide an environment for business owners and local organizations to build an alternative community based on shared goals, friendship and trust.

The Mayor was honored for her commitment to building an open

and inclusive city. Her accomplishments during the past 8 years have included a 56% crime rate reduction, the revitalization of East Tampa neighborhoods, and the construction of the Tampa Museum of Art and Glazer Children's Museum.

"The Mayor has been an advocate for all citizens of our community. I'd like to thank Mayor Iorio for her passionate service to our community over the last 8 years," commented Beckner.



Nominations for YEA! Award (Youth Excellence and Achievement Award)

To nominate a deserving youth or for more information please click [HERE](#)

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Keeping You Informed

There are seven members of the Board of County Commissioners for Hillsborough County. Four are elected from single-member districts, and three are elected county wide. The Board approves the County's operating and capital budgets and the County's capital improvement program. It may take action on any programs for the improvement of the county and the welfare of its residents.

Under a Charter Ordinance that went into effect in May 1985, County Commissioners are to perform legislative functions of government by developing policy for the overall management of Hillsborough County. The County administrative staff are entrusted with the implementation of these policies.



Getting Involved in Your County Government

Regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners are open to the public and are held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month beginning at 9 a.m. Speakers generally are limited to 3 minutes. The Commissioners' offices and boardroom are located on the 2nd floor of the County Center, 601 E. Kennedy Boulevard in downtown Tampa.

The meetings also air live on Hillsborough Television. Check your cable listings for the appropriate channel in your area, or you can watch the live streaming broadcast at www.CommissionerBeckner.com.

