

2007 Florida Cities of Excellence Awards Program ▶ Nomination Form

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FLORIDA CITY OF EXCELLENCE AWARD
Name of Municipality Nominated _____
Nominated by _____
(Name of City/Town/Village)

CITY SPIRIT AWARD
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Nominated Project _____
Nominated by _____
(Name of City/Town/Village)

MAYOR OF THE YEAR
Name of Individual Nominated _____
Nominated by _____
(Name of City/Town/Village)

COUNCIL MEMBER OF THE YEAR
Name of Individual Nominated _____
Nominated by _____
(Name of City/Town/Village)

CITY EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR
Name of Individual Nominated _____
Title _____ Department _____
Nominated by _____
(Name of City/Town/Village)

CITY MANAGER OF THE YEAR
Name of Individual Nominated _____
Nominated by _____
(Name of City/Town/Village)

CITY CLERK OF THE YEAR
Name of Individual Nominated Tammy K. Vock, City of Vero Beach
Nominated by Mayor Tom White and City Councilmembers
(Name of City/Town/Village)

CITY ATTORNEY OF THE YEAR
Name of Individual Nominated _____
Nominated by _____
(Name of City/Town/Village)

CITY FINANCE OFFICIAL (DIRECTOR OR OFFICER) OF THE YEAR
Name of Individual Nominated _____
Nominated by _____
(Name of City/Town/Village)

CITY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
Name of Individual Nominated _____
Nominated by _____
(Name of City/Town/Village)

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TAMMY K. VOCK, CITY CLERK OF THE YEAR

Since her appointment in 1985, Tammy Vock, continues to exhibit commitment, initiative, professionalism, integrity, and innovation in her position as City Clerk. Her active roles in various professional and citywide organizations have helped her establish a network of resources and keep the function of a City Clerk dynamic and progressive. Ms. Vock first obtained the Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) designation in 1994 and then entered into the Master Municipal Clerk (MMC) program as soon as it became available to the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) members. In 2006 she obtained her MMC designation.

Ms. Vock's involvement with the International Institute of Municipal Clerks and the Florida Association of City Clerks (FACC) has showed her commitment to uphold the responsibilities expected of a City Clerk and her willingness to learn and share new practices with colleagues. She currently serves as President of the FACC Association. Some of her duties as President include presiding at all of the Board meetings, appointing all committee and chairpersons to the different FACC Committees, advising Board members who receive their CMC and MMC designation, handling all FACC correspondence, answering questions that she receives from City Clerks throughout the State and performs other duties as required by FACC while holding office as President. Since taking office in June, Ms. Vock has formed a sub-committee to assist the Chief Editor of City Desk, a newsletter sent out to all Florida City Clerks. She has also signed up twenty-five retired City Clerks to be a part of the FACC CAPS program, which helps

cities who are in need of an interim City Clerk. Ms. Vock has been corresponding with the Governor in hopes that he will consider appointing a City Clerk to his newly formed Committee who are being charged with reviewing open meetings and public records law. While serving as 1st and 2nd Vice President some of her duties included being the Chief Editor for City Desk and helping to update the FACC web site.

If that wasn't enough to keep Ms. Vock busy, she is currently serving or has served on the following Committees: Chair of the FACC Budget Committee, FACC Professional Education, FACC Membership Committee, FACC Legislative Committee, FACC Nominating Committee, Chair of the FACC Manual Revisions Committee, Chair of the FACC Investment Advisory Committee, served as the FACC Central East Director, FACC Corresponding Secretary and Information Officer, Chair of the FACC Goals Committee, IIMC Resource and Information Committee, IIMC Conference Committee, FLOC Resolutions Committee, Florida Women in Government, a member of the Indian River County Professional and Business Women and recently achieved an Associate of Science degree in Business Management and is pursuing her Bachelors Degree.

Ms. Vock was instrumental in helping the City during hurricanes Francis and Jeanne. Ms. Vock and her staff started answering phones immediately after the hurricanes occurred and worked around the clock to make sure that the residents concerns were heard. She also personally handed out water and ice to those in need.

Ms. Vock doesn't wait to be told that a job needs to be done. She always takes the lead and serves as a role model for her staff and all public service personnel. Sometimes Ms. Vock knows what Council needs before they do, and has the information available before the questions are even asked.

Ms. Vock demonstrates a very high level of integrity. She can be counted on to answer public record requests in a timely manner. The City Clerk's office recently responded to nearly 500 public records. Some were time consuming and some were not, but she and her staff dealt with all requests in a professional, calm and courteous manner. She will not hesitate to report any unlawful acts or irregularities in association with the public records act. As custodian of public records for the City, Ms. Vock keeps all public records property stored and is often considered the "guardian" of public records.

Throughout the election process, she is fair and impartial to all candidates, incumbents and newcomers. No one has more integrity for her position as City Clerk than Ms. Vock does. She always tries to do what is right and with the highest degree of integrity.

No matter how many meetings are scheduled, Ms. Vock, or one of her five staff members is always there. She frequently sets up City Council meetings, coordinates their travel and calls to remind them of their schedule. The service goes above and beyond the call of duty.

The City Clerk is sometimes defined as the "Ambassador" of our City. She usually is the first person that someone coming to City Hall will meet and she provides guidance to visitors coming to City Hall.

Ms. Vock also serves the community in many ways. While very busy as the City Clerk, she is still able to find the time to volunteer throughout the community. She is involved in the Pilot Club of Vero Beach and has served as the Southeast Region Lt. Governor. She is President-Elect of the Vero Beach Exchange Club, United Way Public Service, has served on the Board for Keep Indian River Beautiful, and she presently serves as the Chair of the Hospitality Committee and Chair of the Usher Coordinator for her Church.

Ms. Vock has the perfect personality to deal with the public. Co-workers, department directors, Councilmembers and local residents alike, hold her in the highest regard. Because of her commitment to accuracy and performance she has earned the respect of past and present City leaders, as well as, the residents of the City of Vero Beach.

Ms. Vock is always seeking out new technology and has recently purchased a digital recording system which would allow all City meetings to be recorded on flash chips and distributed on a CD-Rom or streamed over the Internet, and ultimately archived on the City's computer network. She is also working on updating the City's website and implementing a city-wide records management program.

The City Clerk's Office is one of the most important offices within any City and Vero Beach is no exception. The City Clerk is instrumental to the successful operations of the City. The City of Vero Beach is very fortunate to have her in public service. There is no doubt that Tammy Vock is the ultimate City Clerk.