

2009 Florida Cities of Excellence Awards Program - Nominations Form

Category (Please check one) See Award Criteria for more information. Please print or type. One nomination per page.

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Nominated by _____
(Name of City/Town/Village)

Name of Municipality Nominated _____
Nominated Project _____
Nominated by _____
(Name of City/Town/Village)

Name of Individual Nominated _____
Nominated by _____
(Name of City/Town/Village)

Name of Individual Nominated **Commissioner William B. Armstrong**
Nominated by **City of Pembroke Pines**
(Name of City/Town/Village)

Name of Individual Nominated _____
Title _____ Department _____
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(Name of City/Town/Village)

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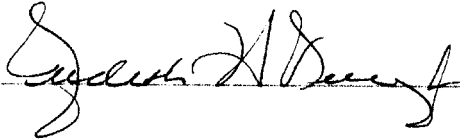
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This nomination has been voted on and approved by a majority of the city council/commission.

Signed
City Clerk



The judges will use the narrative and supportive information to select the award winners. Nominators/nominees are asked not to contact the judges directly.

In the narrative, please be clear and concise, using the Award Criteria to support the selection of your nominee. Please type (or print in black ink), up to 1,200 words, double-spaced on white 8-1/2" x 11" paper.

Up to 10 pages of supportive information (newspaper clippings, photographs, letters from constituents, etc.), on 8-1/2" x 11" paper (single-sided) may be provided. Please do not include videotapes, DVDs, CDs or Power-Point presentations.

Submit nominations by **August 18, 2006**:
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Attn: Florida Cities of Excellence
301 S. Bronough Street, Suite 300 (32301)
P.O. Box 1757
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**2006 Cities of Excellence Awards
Florida League of Cities**

**William Armstrong, Council Member of the Year
Nominated by the City of Pembroke Pines**

William Armstrong has had a long and distinguished career in public service in the City of Pembroke Pines, championing a quality of life that encompasses strong schools, affordable senior housing, and City services that make Pembroke Pines a desirable place to live – so desirable that Pembroke Pines was named an All-America City by the National Civic League in 2004 and was spotlighted last week as one of only four Florida communities on the *Money/CNN* listing of “Best Places to Live” in America. These are significant accomplishments in light of the City’s struggles with surging growth and a diverse populace – and are a testament to Commissioner Armstrong’s vision and initiative.

Commissioner Armstrong has served as civic leader in Pembroke Pines for 35 years. Elected to three terms as Mayor, he also served as Vice Mayor for two terms and Commissioner for eight terms!

2005-06 Accomplishments

Planning and initiative have been the hallmarks of his public service, but this past year’s initiatives distinguish him as a Commissioner of the Year nominee. His nomination for “Commissioner of the Year” is directly attributable to the four key initiatives:

- The **City Center** project, a mixed-use town center, master-planned by the City, which addresses community fragmentation and sprawl by incorporating the New Urbanism development model.
- **Comprehensive Services and Affordable Rental Housing for Seniors**
- **Emergency Response & Recovery**, and
- The ***Building Our Future* General Obligation Bond Program**.

1. Over the past year, Mr. Armstrong devoted countless hours and served as a key player in the **City Center Project**. The project involves developing a 133-acre site next to City Hall with residential, commercial and retail areas. Pembroke Pines held 12 charrettes to develop a master plan for the site, which will offer affordable residential, commercial, park land, a new Civic Center and a central square. Mr. Armstrong devoted hundreds of hours in 2005 to develop a shared vision by conducting town hall meetings to broaden citizen participation and discuss the project in an effort to determine the residents' vision of City Place. Commissioners also appointed a Streetscape Committee to develop a visual theme for the project, and continue to work on urban design issues in the future.

City Center is expected to create a new and significant tax base for the City. The expected increase in property values will generate a continuous revenue stream, projected at \$170 million over 30 years. Moreover, the sale of the property as it is developed will recover the land and development costs.

On the regional planning front, Commissioner Armstrong has participated in ongoing negotiations with Broward County regarding the appropriate residential and non-residential use mix for City Center. Commissioners and planners also addressed traffic concerns and environmental considerations.

2. Armstrong's vision and leadership have always focused on the needs of all sectors of the community. The **Comprehensive Services and Affordable Rental Housing for Seniors** project addresses the needs identified in a survey of seniors, who named support services and affordable housing as their top two priorities. Commissioners first established the Southwest Focal Point Senior Center as the center for comprehensive senior services in Broward County. The complex, designed to serve the 100,000 seniors living in the County's southwest quadrant, provides 190 units of affordable housing, a community center, a County-wide transportation hub, a commercial center and a handicap-accessible pool and is used regularly by local schools. Serving more than 500 clients daily onsite, the City offers 11 senior services at this one location. The complex provides one-stop-shopping for health support, amenities and housing in a centralized location. Offering social, educational, recreational and health activities, it fosters community, diminishes isolation, and prolongs seniors' independence.

This year, Pembroke Pines opened an additional 394 units at Pines Place.

Complementing the 190 units located at the Southwest Focal Point Senior Center, the new apartments are located in the Forman Human Services Park. With free transportation, comprehensive services and a multi-generational community center