

PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
**BOARD APPOINTMENT SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: February 5, 2008

Department: Public Safety Department  
Submitted by: Consumer Affairs Division  
Advisory Board Name: Consumer Affairs Hearing Board

**I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF**

**Motion and Title: Staff Recommends Motion to Approve:** Appointment of one (1) new member and reappointment of three (3) members to the Countywide Consumer Affairs Hearing Board for a term of two years expiring December 31, 2009 as follows:

<b><u>APPOINTMENT:</u></b>	<b><u>SEAT NO:</u></b>	<b><u>REQUIREMENT:</u></b>	<b><u>RECOMMENDED BY:</u></b>
Joseph Abruzzo	4	Citizen/Resident	Commissioner Burt Aaronson

<b><u>REAPPOINTMENT:</u></b>	<b><u>SEAT NO.</u></b>	<b><u>REQUIREMENT:</u></b>	<b><u>RECOMMENDED BY:</u></b>
Ted Cott	6	Citizen/Resident	Commissioner Jeff Koons Commissioner Burt Aaronson
Philip Shapkin	7	Citizen/Resident	Commissioner Jeff Koons
Arthur Newberry	8	Special Technical	Commissioner Jeff Koons

**Summary:** Palm Beach County Consumer Affairs Ordinance 72-10 established a Hearing Board. The nine (9) members of the Board are selected for countywide representation and serve two (2) year terms for a maximum of six (6) years. The Board serves in both an advisory capacity to the County Commissioners and as an Appeals Board to hear and act on consumer concerns about unfair/deceptive business practices and appeals relating to the towing, vehicle for hire, moving and price gouging ordinances. The Hearing Board represents various trades, organizations and the general public. **NOTE:** The Hearing Board still needs one (1) nominee to fill the position of certified contractor. Countywide (DW)

**Background and Justification:** The Board of County Commissioners created the Consumer Affairs Hearing Board in 1972. The Board carries out the required mediating, advising and adjudicating functions of the six (6) ordinances administered by Consumer Affairs. The representation on the Consumer Affairs Board must include: a) an attorney; b) a business person (active or retired) recommended by a Chamber of Commerce; c) a resident (active or retired) with at least five (5) years experience in the management of a business; d) three (3) at-large residents interested in consumer issues; and e) two (2) persons who have expertise in technical fields relating to consumer transactions.

**Attachments:**

- Memorandum requesting nominations and background
- Board appointment forms and background materials on the candidates
- Current Consumer Affairs Hearing Board membership

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Recommended by:

Vincent G. Bonvento  
Department Director

1/9/08  
Date

Legal Sufficiency:

Vincent G. Bonvento  
Assistant County Attorney

1/9/08  
Date

1/16/08

## **II. REVIEW COMMENTS**

**Other Department Review:**

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Department Director

**This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment.**



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Division of Consumer Affairs**  
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West Palm Beach, FL 33415  
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South and West County: 1-888-852-7362  
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www.pbcgov.com/consumer

**Palm Beach County  
Board of County  
Commissioners**

Addie L. Greene, Chairperson

Jeff Koons, Vice Chair

Karen T. Marcus

Robert J. Kanjian

Mary McCarty

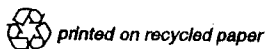
Burt Aaronson

Jess R. Santamaria

**County Administrator**

Robert Weisman

"An Equal Opportunity  
Affirmative Action Employer"



MEMORANDUM

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PUBLIC SAFETY  
DEPARTMENT

Date: October 16, 2007

To: Board of County Commissioners

Thru: Paul Milelli, Director  
Public Safety Department

From: Dennis Moore, Director  
Division of Consumer Affairs

RE: **Consumer Affairs Hearing Board Reappointments or  
Appointments - COUNTY WIDE**  
Response requested by December 1, 2007

The Consumer Affairs Division is seeking nominations for five at-large positions on the Consumer Affairs Hearing Board. The positions and related information are described on the attached chart (Attachment 1). County Commissioners may nominate the following listed incumbents or any other nominees that qualify as a certified contractor, attorney, trades/technical, or citizen interested in consumer protection.

The following incumbents, whose terms expire December 31, 2007, are eligible for reappointment and do wish to be reappointed:

**Ted Cott** – Citizen/Resident

**Philip Shapkin** – Citizen Resident

**Arthur Newberry** - Special Technical

The following are vacant positions:

**Vacant** - Certified Contractor

**Vacant** - Citizen

**Background/Duties**

In 1972, the Board of County Commissioners created the Consumer Affairs Hearing Board. The Consumer Affairs Hearing Board's purposes are:

- To carry out the functions pertaining to alleged unfair or deceptive trade acts or practices as provided for in Ordinance 77-10.



- To assist, advise and cooperate with the Board of County Commissioners and local, state, and federal agencies.
- To protect the interest of Palm Beach County consumers.
- To hear appeals by persons aggrieved by actions of the Consumer Affairs Division not already referred to the State Attorney for criminal prosecution.
- To hear appeals from administrative action taken against companies believed to be in violation of one of the regulatory ordinances assigned to Consumer Affairs: Towing, Vehicle for Hire, Moving and Price Gouging.
- To exercise and perform such other functions, powers and duties as may be deemed necessary or appropriate to protect and promote the welfare of Palm Beach County consumers.

Pursuant to the ordinance, all of the Board members must be citizens of the United States and qualified electors of Palm Beach County. Members of the Hearing Board cannot hold any other public office (including another county hearing board) or public employment and can not be interested financially in the profits or emoluments of any contract, work or service for the county.

Should you have a nomination for any of these open positions, please submit them to the Consumer Affairs Division by December 1, 2007 on the form attached. Staff will then develop the agenda item for submittal to the Board of County Commissioners for the first board meeting scheduled in January, 2008.

For questions or clarification, please contact Dennis Moore at 712-6605.

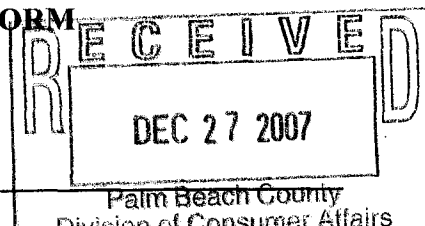
**Attachment: List and addresses of ALL current Hearing Board members**

c: Vincent Bonvento, Assistant County Administrator  
 Paul Milelli, Director, Public Safety Department  
 Dawn Wynn, Assistant County Attorney  
 Commissioner Karen T. Marcus, District 1  
 Commissioner Jeff Koons, District 2  
 Commissioner Robert J. Kanjian, District 3  
 Commissioner Mary McCarty, District 4  
 Commissioner Burt Aaronson, District 5  
 Commissioner Jess R. Santamaria, District 6  
 Commissioner Addie Greene, District 7

PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION

ATTACHMENT 2

BOARD APPOINTMENT INFORMATION FORM



**Part I:**

Board Name: Consumer Affairs Hearing Board

☒ At Large Appointment or ☐ District Appointment

Term of Appointment: 2 years. From \_\_\_\_\_ To 12-31-2009

Seat Requirement: Citizen Representative Seat # 4

☐ \*\*Reappointment or ☒ New Appointment

or ☐ to complete the term of \_\_\_\_\_

due to: ☐ resignation ☐ other \_\_\_\_\_

completion of term to expire on: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part II: *APPLICANT, UNLESS EXEMPTED, MUST BE A COUNTY RESIDENT***

Name: Joseph Abruzzo

Occupation/Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City & State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Residence Address: 4610 Portofino Way, #305

City & State: West Palm Beach Zip Code: 33409

Home phone: 561-683-5559 Business phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address preference: ☐ Business Address ☐ Residence Address or ☐ other:

**Minority Identification Code:**

- ☐ IF (American Indian Female)
- ☐ AF (Asian Female)
- ☐ BF (Black Female)
- ☐ HF (Hispanic Female)
- ☐ WF (White Female)

- ☐ IM (American Indian Male)
- ☐ AM (Asian Male)
- ☐ BM (Black Male)
- ☐ HM (Hispanic Male)
- ☒ WM (White Male)

**Part III: COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Appointment to be made at BCC Meeting on: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* When a person is being considered for re-appointment, the number and nature of previously disclosed voting conflicts shall be considered by the Board of County Commissioners.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of previously disclosed voting conflicts.

Signature: 

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Joseph C. Abruzzo

July 26, 2007

Joseph Abruzzo  
4610 Portofino Way # 305  
West Palm Beach, FL 33409

Commissioner Burt Aaronson  
301 N. Olive Avenue  
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Dear Commissioner Aaronson:

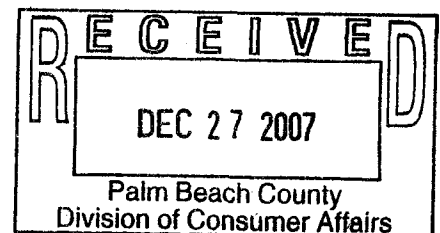
I would like to be considered for an appointment to a Palm Beach County Board. As you are aware, my passion to serve the community and our Country has grown since I moved to Florida in 1999, starting with the various positions I held at Lynn University, including Student Body President, and my appointment by the Mayor and the City Council as a voting member of the City of Boca Raton Education Advisory Board. My commitment is further demonstrated through my service to the Country as a U.S. Coast Guard Reserve Port Security Specialist.

It would be an honor to serve the County in a capacity which you would see fit in accordance with my experience, skills and dedication.

Sincerely,



Joseph Abruzzo



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BOARD APPOINTMENT INFORMATION FOR**

**Part I:**Board Name: Consumer Affairs Hearing Board

[X ] At Large Appointment or [ ] District Appointment

Term of Appointment: 2 years. From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

Seat Requirement: \_\_\_\_\_ Seat \_\_\_\_\_

(Please describe education and/or experience that qualifies the nomination under the seat requirement).

( X )\*\*Reappointment or ( ) New Appointment

or ( ) to complete the term of  
due to: [ ] resignation [ ] other

Completion of term to expire on:

**Part II: APPLICANT, UNLESS EXEMPTED, MUST BE A COUNTY RESIDENT**Name: Ted Cott

Occupation:

Business Name: Public Reations & ConsultingBusiness Address: 6768 10<sup>th</sup> Ave, N, S-105City & State: Zip Code: Lake Worth, FL 33467

Residence Address:

City &amp; State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: (561) 432-1417Cell Phone: (561) 313-0058

Fax No.:

E-mail Address: tedspeak@bellsouth.netMailing Address preference: [ ] Business Address [ X ] Residence Other or [ ]  
Other:**Minority Identification Code:**

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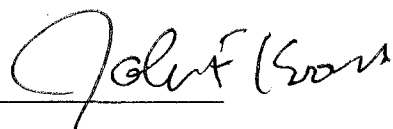
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Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_




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**Part I:**

Board Name: Consumers Affairs Hearing Board

☒ At Large Appointment                      or                      ☐ District Appointment

Term of Appointment: \_\_\_\_\_ years.                      From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

Seat Requirement: Citizen representative                      Seat # 6

☒ \*\*Reappointment                      or                      ☐ New Appointment

or ☐ to complete the term of \_\_\_\_\_

due to:                      ☐ resignation                      ☐ other \_\_\_\_\_

completion of term to expire on: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part II:**                      *APPLICANT, UNLESS EXEMPTED, MUST BE A COUNTY RESIDENT*

Name: Ted Cott

Occupation/Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: 6768 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue North Suite 105

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City & State: Lake Worth                      Zip Code: 33467

Residence Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City & State: \_\_\_\_\_                      Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_                      Business phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address preference: ☐ Business Address                      ☐ Residence Address                      or                      ☐ other:

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Signature:                       Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Term of Appointment: \_\_\_ years. From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

Seat Requirement: \_\_\_\_\_ Seat \_\_\_\_\_

(Please describe education and/or experience that qualifies the nomination under the seat requirement).

( X )\*\*Reappointment or ( ) New Appointment

or ( ) to complete the term of  
due to: [ ]resignation [ ]other

Completion of term to expire on:

**Part II: APPLICANT, UNLESS EXEMPTED, MUST BE A COUNTY RESIDENT**Name: Philllip Shapkin

Occupation:

Business Name:

Business Address:

City &amp; State: Zip Code:

Residence Address: 262 Southampton CCity & State: West Palm Beach, FL Zip Code: 33417Home Phone: (561) 686-2086 Business Phone:

Cell Phone:

Fax No.:

E-mail Address: PhilBarb262@netzero.net

Mailing Address preference: [ ] Business Address [ X] Residence Other or [ ]

Other:

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Signature John F. Gons Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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due to: [ ] resignation [ ] other

Completion of term to expire on:

**Part II: APPLICANT, UNLESS EXEMPTED, MUST BE A COUNTY RESIDENT**Name: Arthur F. Newberry

Occupation:

Business Name:

Business Address:

City &amp; State: Zip Code:

Residence Address: 3103 Grandiflora DriveCity & State: Greenacres, FL Zip Code: 33467Home Phone: (561) 304-4420 Business Phone:Cell Phone: (561) 310-0330

Fax No.:

E-mail Address:

Mailing Address preference: [ ] Business Address [X] Residence Other or [ ]

Other:

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Signature John F. Boon Date: \_\_\_\_\_

 07/09/2007

## ATTACHMENT 3

**Board of County Commissioners  
CONSUMER AFFAIRS HEARING BOARD  
As of May 2, 2007**

NAME & ADDRESS	Type	Race/ Sex	FIRST APPOINTED/ Current Term	Re- appointed	TERM EXPIRES	Eligible For reappoint- ment
<b>Cott, Ted</b> Public Relations & Consulting 6768 10 <sup>th</sup> Avenue North, S-105 Lake Worth, FL 33467 432-1417 (o) 313-0058 (c) E-Mail: <a href="mailto:tedspeak@bellsouth.net">tedspeak@bellsouth.net</a>	Citizen/ Resident	W/M	3/20/2004 2	2/7/2006	12/31/07	YES
<b>Friedman, David</b> Weiss & Handler 2255 Glades Road, Ste. 218A Boca Raton, FL 33431 561-487-1954 (h) 561-734-8008 (o) 561-997-5280 (f) E-Mail: <a href="mailto:dkf@weisandhandlerpa.com">dkf@weisandhandlerpa.com</a>	Attorney	W/M	2/25/2003 3	4/10/2007	12/31/08	NO
<b>Guilarte, Pedro M.</b> 6464 Wood Lake Road Jupiter, FL 33458-2447 832-1986 (o) 575-2878 (h) 745-9159 (FAX) E-mail: <a href="mailto:pedro@guilarte.com">pedro@guilarte.com</a>	Chamber of Commerce	H/M	4/10/2007 1		12/31/08	YES
<b>Milstein, Herbert</b> 7379 London Lane Boca Raton, FL 33433 561-391-9551 (h) E-Mail: <a href="mailto:Herb7379@aol.com">Herb7379@aol.com</a>	Special Technical	W/M	4/10/2007 1		12/31/08	N/A

NAME & ADDRESS	Type	Race/ Sex	FIRST APPOINTED/ Current Term	Re- appointed	TERM EXPIRES	Eligible For reappoint- ment
<b>Murphy, Harold</b> Tow Truck Operator 6907 Southern Blvd. West Palm Beach, 33413 471-1869 (o) 662-0025 (c) 686-8307 - FAX E-Mail: <a href="mailto:dirtyh911@aol.com">dirtyh911@aol.com</a>	Manage- ment/ Business skills - 5 years or more	W/M	4/2/2002 3	4/10/2007	12/31/08	N/A
<b>Newberry, Arthur F.</b> 3103 Grandiflora Drive Greenacres, FL 33467 304-4420 (h) 310-0330 (c)	Special Technical	W/ M	3/30/2004 2	2/7/2006	12/31/07	YES
<b>Shapkin, Philip</b> 252 Southampton C Century Village West Palm Beach, FL 33417 686-2086 (h) E-Mail: <a href="mailto:PhilBarb252@netzero.net">PhilBarb252@netzero.net</a>	Citizen/ Resident	W/M	2/07/2006 1		12/31/07	YES
<b>VACANT</b>	Citizen/ Resident				12/31/09	N/A
<b>VACANT</b>	Certified Contractor				12/31/09	N/A