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## **Margate Asks Residents for Feedback**

### **City develops, distributes state-required Evaluation and Appraisal Report [EAR]**

Margate, FL, September 12, 2005 – Every seven years local governments throughout the state of Florida evaluate their “Comprehensive Plan.” These plans are written as a blueprint for the future of a community. The City of Margate is now preparing this Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) on its Comprehensive Plan.

According to Florida State law, a City’s Comprehensive Plan provides for the “orderly and balanced future economic, social, physical, environmental, and fiscal development” of the community. The Plan contains goals, objectives, and policy statements that guide development towards the City’s vision.

Since one of the goals of this reevaluation is to engage the community, the city has developed a public survey. “This survey is a necessary step in the required evaluation and appraisal of our comprehensive plan. We will use the information to help determine the crucial issues facing Margate, which will be addressed as a part of that plan” said Alecia Sirk, Margate’s City Planner. It asks for citizen feedback on questions about quality of life in the city, neighborhood safety, public transportation, road conditions, city laws and more.

Kery Venezia, the city's Public Information Officer adds, “The survey presents a great opportunity for the citizen's voice to be heard and we encourage Margate residents to participate.” Ms. Sirk emphasized the importance of residents’ participation, “This survey is the residents' voice in guiding the future of the City. If you think there are not enough parks? Tell us. Want a more vibrant commercial area? Tell us. If the residents do not take this opportunity to use their voice, we cannot be as effective as possible in addressing their concerns.”

Residents will be made aware of results at a City Commission meeting in the months following the distribution, collection, and analysis of the public survey.

The survey will be available at various municipal building locations including: City Hall, D.E.E.S., Building, Planning and Zoning, N.W. Focal Point Senior Center, and will be available online at [www.margatefl.com](http://www.margatefl.com). The deadline for participation lasts through early October.

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