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## Urban League of Broward County Elects 2 New Board Members at Annual Meeting

FORT LAUDERDALE (January 28, 2011) -- The Urban League of Broward County's (ULBC) Board of Directors held its Annual Meeting on Thursday, January 27, 2011 at the Broward Center for Performing Arts. Two new members are joining the Board of Directors including representatives from Citibank, N.A. and Becker & Poliakoff. In its second year, the League's "MEET ME AT THE MISSION" Annual Meeting reflects the organization's success and accomplishments between June 2009 and July 2010.

"As Board Chair, I am truly honored to be a part of such a distinguished board of individuals who are all passionate about service and engaged in making a difference in underserved communities," said incoming Board Chair, Doria Camaraza of American Express. "With the addition of our new members, we will continue to create and promote initiatives that support the Urban League's great work in the community."

New Members include: Sohail M. Kothari, Senior Vice President/Area Manager, Banking Group-Middle Market Segment for Citibank, N.A and Yolanda Cash Jackson, Attorney for Becker & Poliakoff.

The rest of the board roster is rounded out by members continuing in their terms: Corey Alston, SBK Brooks Investment Corp.; Robert Beatty, Esq., South Florida Times; Dr. Edna Chun, Broward College; Annette Daley, Wachovia; Shaun Davis, S. David & Associates, P.A.; Marvin Dejean, Markom Industries, Inc.; Charles Gordon, JM Family Enterprises, Inc.; Alan Levine, Enterprise Holdings; Alan Levy, Great American Farms; Christine Madsen, Mad4Marketing; James F. Notter, School Board of Broward County; David Palmer, BankAtlantic; Fred Perry, US Trust, Bank of America; Hamish Reed, Hospira



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Worldwide; Dennis D. Smith, Tripp Scott; Dawn Stagliano, Comcast; Holly Skevis, Marrinson Senior Care; Albert Tucker, Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau; Elbert L. Waters, South Florida Water Management District; and Judge Elijah Williams, Broward County Courthouse.

"The strength of any Urban League can be found in its volunteer leadership and we are very pleased to welcome new members to help fulfill our mission's promise," says Urban League of Broward County president and CEO, Dr. Germaine Smith Baugh. "The Urban League continues to build a stronger and more involved Board of Directors that will propel us forward in our plans for the "new" Urban League in 2012."

**Sohail M. Kothari** is Vice President for Citibank, N.A. Kothari has worked for Citibank for approximately fourteen years in various roles to become one of their top area managers. Along with his colleagues, Kothari leads and oversees commercial business growth for sixteen branches within the Miami-Dade and South Broward County region. He is fluent in Spanish and Urdu and holds a Master of Business Administration degree from Nova Southeastern University. Kothari currently serves as a member of the Beacon Council and the Doral Business Council.

**Yolanda Cash Jackson** is an experienced Government Law attorney who has established a strong reputation in the community for her leadership and commitment to civic, charitable and professional organizations including Becker & Poliakoff's Management Committee, the Orange Bowl Committee, the Carrie Meek Foundation, the Greater Miami Chapter of the Links, Inc., the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, United States Senate Military Affairs Committee, and as General Counsel to the NAACP-Miami Dade Branch.

Ms. Jackson has received several community and business leadership awards including Broward Black Elected Officials Community Service Award; the ICABA Recognition Award; Florida Memorial University's "Community Leader of the Year" Award and the Les Bonnes Amies Club's "Distinguished African American Women with



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Vision, Dare and Care Award, just to name a few. She was also recognized as one of the 100 Most Accomplished Blacks in Law in South Florida and was the only attorney selected to write the foreword for the publication and speak at the VIP event.

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*The Urban League of Broward County is a not for profit, community based organization founded in 1975. We empower communities, develop children and change lives. Our mission is to assist African Americans and other disenfranchised groups in the achievement of social and economic equality. Programs/services include affordable housing development and redevelopment, youth development, diversion, employment and training, education and community empowerment, and civic engagement.*