



PalmBeachPost.com

List of applications for McCarty's commission seat grows

By GEORGE BENNETT

Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

Thursday, January 22, 2009

The pool of applicants is at 21 and counting to replace Mary McCarty, the 18-year Republican Palm Beach County commissioner who resigned Jan. 8 and said she will plead guilty to a federal corruption charge.

Gov. Charlie Crist will appoint a replacement to fill the final 22 months of McCarty's term in south-county District 4.

McCarty resigns



PB County commissioner is the fifth local political leader in the

past three years to head to prison for abusing public office.

Details of the charges:

[Mary McCarty \(PDF\)](#)

[Kevin McCarty \(PDF\)](#)

Related stories, photos



Post your comments on this

[story below](#)

According to the governor's office, the following people have completed official gubernatorial appointment questionnaires so far:

Steven Abrams, attorney and former Boca Raton mayor and councilman; Republican; lives in District 4.

Michael Balek, former WPEC Channel 12 audio operator; no party affiliation; lives in District 3.

Diane Birnbaum, former local aide to U.S. Reps. Dan Mica and Harry Johnston and former

[More local news](#)

Latest breaking news, photos and all of today's *Post* stories.



On the beat, behind the agenda: *Post* reporters cover your area in City Pulse.

community relations director for Hospice By The Sea; Democrat; lives in District 3 and was interviewed by Crist for that seat when Warren Newell resigned in 2007.

Share This Story

Robert Bliss

Robert Paul Brown Jr., self-employed planter/rancher; Republican; lives in District 7.

Tim Colliton, recent Florida State University graduate; no party affiliation; lives in District 1.

Karl Dickey, owner of dry cleaner franchising business and unsuccessful 2006 state Senate candidate; state chairman of Libertarian Party; lives in District 4.

Vincent Finizio, former Belle Glade city manager; Republican

Ken Foster, former District 6 County Commissioner and former manager of Palm Beach County Convention Center; Republican; lives in District 6.

Pamela Goodman, president of Palm Beach County League of Women Voters; former retail executive; Democrat; lives in District 4.

Dale Gregory, president of telecommunications engineering company; Republican; lives in District 4.

Susan Haynie, Boca Raton councilwoman; Republican; lives in District 4.

Dennis Koehler, attorney and former county commissioner (1976-84); Democrat; lives in District 2; says he would fill term but not seek election in 2010.

Harriet Lerman, day care center owner; former Maine state legislator who ran for county commission in 2004 and state House in 2006; Democrat; lives in District 3.

Steve Nichol, former newspaper reporter, political consultant and spokesman for former Clerk of Courts Dorothy Wilken; Democrat; lives in District 4 and ran for that seat in 2002 against McCarty.

Christina Pearce, commercial real estate agent; Republican; lives in District 3.

David Rhodes

Jose Rodriguez, Boynton Beach vice mayor; Republican; lives in District 4.

Kaisa Stevens

Paul Wallace

Robert Weiner, administrative aide for Palm Beach County elections office; Republican; lives in District 4.