

OFFICIAL NOMINATION FOR "E. HARRIS DREW" MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL  
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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(must be an elected official)

TITLE Commissioner

CITY: City of Pembroke Pines

ADDRESS: 601 City Center Way, Pembroke Pines, Florida 33025.

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## PEMBROKE PINES COMMISSIONER IRIS A. SIPLE

When it comes to children, families, the elderly, minorities and women's issues, there is no better warrior and proponent than City of Pembroke Pines Commissioner Iris A. Siple. A true native South Floridian and life-long Broward County resident, she raised five children and went on to dedicate her life to serving her community in Broward.

Commissioner Siple's career as a business owner in the hospitality industry in the Hollywood and Pembroke Pines area, which also included being owner/operator of the well-known Pines' eatery Mayday's Restaurant for most of the 1990s, allowed her to experience first-hand the needs and challenges facing businesses and residents. This experience and commitment to the community, led her to be first elected to the Pembroke Pines District #3 Commission seat in 2004. She was re-elected unopposed in 2007, elected to her third term in 2012, her fourth term in 2016 and will be up for re-election to her fifth term in March 2020. Siple has served as Vice Mayor three times while on Commission and will once again take on that role later this year.

As a member of this five-person Commission, she takes her responsibility for making policy and financial decisions for a City of approximately 170,000 residents very seriously.

Throughout her tenure, Commissioner Siple has worked and continues to work, not only for District 3 residents, but for any resident who reaches out to her. This open door policy allows for a free exchange of ideas and concerns, and gives her a better understanding of the challenges residents face today.

Commissioner Siple has served on numerous City and County boards, including having been a Board Member of the YMCA of Broward County, the City of Pembroke Pines Board of Adjustment, Executive Board Member of Minority Development & Empowerment, Inc., and is currently very active in the Rotary Club and as a Board Member on the Florida League of Cities since 2005, and Broward League of Cities since 2013 with various committees. Since 2014, Siple has served on the FLC Legislative Policy Committee, most specifically on the Municipal Administration Committee, every year since 2014.

In addition to being Commissioner, Siple was Chief Administrator to the Broward County Clerk of the Court for the 17th Judicial Circuit where she was responsible for making business, construction, purchasing, and employment decisions for the day-to-day operations of the Clerk's Office.

Commissioner Siple is a proud supporter of the City's Charter Schools as well as an active supporter of all of the City's public schools. Her love of children was most recently acknowledged by the Florida League of Cities awarding the City of Pembroke Pines their Annual Spirit Award for the Raising Positive Children Forums which were spearheaded by Commissioner Siple and Pembroke Pines Charter West Middle School Principal Michael Castellano. The purpose of these highly successful forums are to assist parents in dealing with the challenges that school aged children face.

Her community involvement involves supporting and promoting the education campaigns for SaferBy4 and the Water Watcher programs to ensure the safety of children in the water; the Lock It Up! Program to promote gun safety; youth mental health, HOA participation and equality for the LGBTQ community.