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Broward County Tax Collector Returns Over \$17M to Support Community Services

Fort Lauderdale, FL (November 4, 2025) – Broward County Tax Collector Abbey Ajayi is proud to announce the return of over \$17 million in unspent funds from the 2024-25 budget year to Broward County and other taxing authorities. Achieved through efficient operations and careful budget management, this decision reflects a commitment to fiscal responsibility and community investment. By returning these funds, the Tax Collector ensures taxpayer dollars are reinvested into essential programs like public safety, education and affordable housing.

"Returning over \$17 million demonstrates our commitment to using taxpayer dollars wisely," said Tax Collector Abbey Ajayi. "These funds will bolster critical services that strengthen our communities, ensuring we keep tax burdens as low as possible while meeting the needs of our residents."

The Tax Collector is taking on the significant responsibility of local driver license operations beginning summer 2026, a change Broward County has been aware of since 2018. Currently, the State of Florida spends over \$30 million annually on more than 600,000 transactions in Broward. The Tax Collector is stepping up to modernize these services, driving efficiency, increasing capacity and improving the resident experience.

The Broward County Tax Collector is a fee-based officer, generating revenue to cover the costs of operations. The 2025-26 budget, recently approved by the Department of Revenue, reflects top strategic priorities for assuming driver license responsibilities, improving service delivery and accessibility, retaining a high-quality workforce, fiscal accountability, as well as innovation for setting a new standard of quality government service for Broward County citizens. In accordance with Florida Statute 218.36(2), any excess funds at the end of the fiscal year will be returned to the county and appropriate taxing authorities. The Tax Collector anticipates returning tens of millions of dollars from this budget year.

"The work of the Tax Collector's Office goes beyond collecting and distributing tax dollars," Ajayi added. "It's about meeting the everyday needs of the people and businesses who call Broward home. This is how we make an impact that matters."



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About:

The Broward County Tax Collector's Office (BCTC) was established as an independent agency by the Florida Constitution in January 2025. Broward County's first Tax Collector, Abbey Ajayi, currently serves about 2 million residents with property tax, tangible personal property tax, business tax, vehicle and vessel registration and title work, disabled parking permits, and hunting and fishing licenses. Beginning in the summer of 2026, the Tax Collector's Office will also assume local driver license operations.

BCTC's mission is to provide excellent service rooted in integrity, efficiency and transparency, and to foster community trust through fair tax collection, strengthening public resources and supporting a prosperous future for all.

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