

**Good Evening Chairman Scovell and members of the 2005 Charter Review Commission.**

**I am humbled to stand before such educated and dedicated citizens of our county.**

**Thank you for agreeing to serve on such a long and arduous task of reviewing the 14 Articles of our County Charter within your 12 month time frame.**

**For some this is your first experience and others it is your 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or even your 4<sup>th</sup> review of the Charter since its inception. You are all to be commended.**

**As has been previously stated, "This document has stood the test of time" and therefore may or *may not* need to be modified or adjusted.**

**Our desires over the years have not diminished for the protection of our environment, our water, our air, or our "quality of life". I am sure you will spend many countless hours searching for the methods to protect them.**

**I would request that among the many items of your review process that consideration be given to a steady funding source for property acquisition along A1A/Atlantic Avenue for parks, green space, and parking and also for the County Chair to have the authority to hire and fire an administrative assistant and secretary.**

**I realize this is early in the process and you will undoubtedly be analyzing many areas.**

**In closing, I thank each of you for the giving of your time and dedication for this important review process.**