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Mr Matthew Nye  
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Dear Mr. Nye,

The attached article dated March 2, 2010 and titled *Brevard Charter Review Commission considers elected Comptroller position* which you authored and published via the "Space Coast Politics" website states, "With the exception of the Clerk of Courts, all Constitutional Officers have written letters to the CRC opposing the idea." You can imagine my surprise in reading that statement since I have not written or submitted a letter to the Charter Review Commission on this or any other issue.

As Brevard's Supervisor of Elections and one of the three members of the Election Canvassing Board, I deliberately refrain from publicly endorsing or opposing any issue or candidate that could appear on a ballot that I have been given the responsibility to canvass. That said, I'm sure you understand my concern about a third party statement misrepresenting that I have expressed an opinion on a potential ballot issue.

Transparency and accuracy in our government is of the utmost importance. I trust that with this new information you will edit your previously posted story and subsequent e-mails.

Warmest regards,

Lori Scott

**Attachment**

cc: The Honorable Brevard County Board of County Commissioners  
The Honorable Jack Parker, Brevard County Sheriff  
The Honorable Lisa Cullen, Brevard County Tax Collector  
The Honorable Jim Ford, Brevard County Property Appraiser  
The Honorable Scott Ellis, Brevard County Clerk of Court  
Brevard County Charter Review Commission Members c/o Kendall Moore,  
Chairman

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Brevard Charter Review Commission considers elected Comptroller position  
March 2, 2010 by Matthew Nye

Members of the Brevard County Charter Review Commission (CRC) will be having the final rounds of discussion on an amendment to the County Charter that would give the county an elected comptroller with the authority to audit the Constitutional Officers Thursday night.

Almost half of the Board of County Commissioners' budget goes to the Constitutional Offices, but the board currently has no authority to perform internal audits of those offices.

Advocates say approval of this amendment would increase transparency between the Board of County Commissioners and the Constitutional Offices and potentially save Brevard County millions of dollars each year. **With the exception of the Clerk of Courts, all of the Constitutional Officers have written letters to the CRC opposing the idea.** Reasons cited range from the concern over "abuse" of the position to increased costs to the taxpayer.

Only one of the proposals would actually increase the size and cost of government, however.

Citizens are encouraged to attend the CRC meeting Thursday night at 6pm to speak for or against the amendment.

The meeting will be in the Florida Room on the 3rd Floor of the Viera Government Center at 6pm Thursday.

*Editor's Note:* While the Tax Collector wrote a letter stating she didn't think it would be appropriate for her office to perform the duties of the Comptroller, I have been informed Mrs. Cullen is in favor of the overall concept.