

**CITY OF BROOKSVILLE  
FISCAL YEAR 2013/14 BUDGET  
FIRST PUBLIC HEARING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
201 HOWELL AVENUE  
BROOKSVILLE, FL 34601**

**MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2013**

**6:30 P.M.**

Brooksville City Council met in regular session with Mayor Lara Bradburn and Council Members Joe Bernardini, and Frankie Burnett present. Also present were Jim Fisher, City Attorney; T. Jennene Norman-Vacha, City Manager; Janice L. Peters, City Clerk; Jim Delach, Assistant Finance Director; Mike Walker, Parks and Recreation Director; Bill Geiger, Community Development Director; Richard Radacky, Director of Public Works; George Turner, Police Chief and Tim Mossgrove, Fire Chief. Members of the Hernando Times and Hernando Today were also present.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bradburn, followed by an invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. There was a moment of silence to remember those who perished in 9/11.

Mayor Bradburn reviewed the process to be followed.

**PUBLIC HEARING - PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR STARTING OCTOBER 1, 2013**

City Clerk Peters read the public announcement.

**Public Announcement** - Ad Valorem Tax Rate (TRIM Notice)

Pursuant to Section 200.069, F.S., "Notice of Proposed Property Taxes" (TRIM NOTICE) the proposed ad valorem rate for the Fiscal Year 2013/14 was advertised to be a maximum of 8.0000 mills. This millage rate would be an 18.84% increase over the current year's rolled-back rate of 6.7317 mills. After reviewing revenue projections and proposed expenditure levels for the 2013/14 Fiscal Year, the General Fund budget is balanced at a proposed rate of 6.7317 mills, which is 00.00% increase over the current year's rolled-back rate.

**Proposed FY2014 Budget**

Review proposed budget and points of discussion.

City Manager Norman-Vacha reviewed the proposed budget, which is balanced at a rate of 6.7317 or rolled-back.

She reviewed specifics of the proposed budget and a history of reduction from 8 mills in 2005 to the current 6.7317 rate, which required reductions and restructuring of staff. She noted a request of \$50,000 in improvements for drainage within Streets in the General Fund to come from the Multi-Capitol Project Accumulation Fund.

Council Member Bernardini asked for consideration that all employees earning over \$50,000 get a 1.5% raise and those earning below receive 3% as well as the \$10,000 to be returned to the budget for Fluoride, whether or not it is reinstated. City Manager Norman-Vacha advised it is listed under unfinished business on page 7 of the memorandum.

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CITY COUNCIL

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Council Member Bernardini advised he is not in favor of the Tier 2 amount for vacant properties, which he feels to be excessive, but is in favor of the purchase of the street sweeper from Sanitation Vehicle Replacement.

Council Member Burnett agreed with \$10,000 being set aside for Fluoridation.

Mayor Bradburn advised staff has found a way to fund the street sweeper. She did not agree with the split of cost of living increase, supporting the full 3%.

Mayor Bradburn called for public input.

Bob Hager of Southern Hills Plantation commended City Manager Norman-Vacha for a very well thought out budget. He asked the primary difference of what the city provides versus what the county provides. He referenced tax comparisons between Hernando Oaks and Southern Hills Plantation taxes, which showed a 50-60% difference (increase) for city property.

Robert Buckner spoke regarding Fire Assessment, advising he is not in favor of the Tier 2 assessment for vacant lots. He proposed alternatives in a letter to Council. (Attachment 1).

Richard Lilliston referenced changes in the economy advising tax increases only create more economic hardship.

Vi Coogler agreed with Council Member Bernardini's proposal for pay increases for staff.

Sandra Roth spoke in favor of fluoridation being returned to the water and distributed her plea to Council (Attachment 2)

Dr. Doug Roth, DDS, spoke in favor of fluoridation.

Gail Samples, regarding fire assessment, felt exempt properties should pay as well.

Ann-Gale , FDOH, spoke in favor of Fluoridation.

John Dennison spoke in favor of Fluoridation.

Dr. Jessica Stilley, Periodontist, spoke in favor of Fluoride

Dr. Johnny Johnson, DDS, spoke in favor of fluoridation, referring to Dr. Kumar.

Dr. Pedro Lenz, of the Health Department, spoke in favor of fluoridation.

Council Member Bernardini was in favor of giving Dr. Johnson the additional 3 minutes given by others. Council Member Burnett agreed. Dr. Johnson continued his oration on Fluoride.

City Manager Norman-Vacha addressed the question of the differences of taxes in county only residences and city residences, pointing out the higher quality and level of services the residents of the City receive.

Council Member Bernardini asked if the Police Department is supposed to patrol private communities. City Manager Norman-Vacha advised yes.

Mayor Bradburn, regarding the fire assessment, advised the consultant will reevaluate the process to resolve the gaps and she is supporting it with that understanding.

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She reiterated she is not in favor of fluoridation, pointing out that proponents of fluoridation have yet to adequately address the scientific data that shows the harmful effects of water fluoridation. Further, the ADA, the EPA, and the Centers for Disease Control each admit that Fluoride is absorbed topically and that 98% of all toothpaste has Fluoride, which makes ingesting it unnecessary.

City Manager Norman-Vacha reviewed the millage. She reviewed the following points for clarification and consensus of Council:

- Fluoride – \$10,000 from Water/Wastewater Reserves for Contingencies fund to the operating structure of the budget in the Water Department should Council decide to move forward with Fluoridation.
- Street Sweeper - Funds to Sanitation Vehicle Replacement Fund from Reserves for Contingencies.
- Cola Increase - 3% Increase for all of staff.
- Tier 2 - Proceed as proposed.

### Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2014

Consideration of establishing ad valorem tax rate.

In review, Assistant Finance Director Delach stated the City's roll-back rate is 6.7317 mills, a 0.0% increase over roll-back rate. The proposed rate is 6.7317, which is the same as the roll-back rate. Staff recommendation was to approve the current millage rate.

### Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Burnett for adoption of a 6.7317 millage with changes as noted to funds for fluoridation, street sweeper and 3% cola and seconded by Council Member Bernardini for discussion.

Council Member Bernardini stated he couldn't vote for approval with the inclusion of the fire assessment Tier 2.

Motion carried 2-1 upon roll-call vote as follows:

Council Member Bernardini	Nay
Council Member Burnett	Aye
Council Member Johnston	Absent
Vice Mayor Hohn	Absent
Mayor Bradburn	Aye

### Resolution No. 2013-08 for FY2014 Fire Assessment

Consideration of Resolution for the imposition and collection of Special Assessments to fund Fire Protection Services.

Mayor Bradburn read Resolution No. 2013-08 by title, as follows:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2013-14 NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS; DIRECTING CERTIFICATION OF THE ASSESSMENT ROLL TO THE HERNANDO COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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## Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Burnett and seconded by Mayor Bradburn, after passing the gavel to Council Member Bernardini, for approval of Resolution No. 2013-08.

Mayor Bradburn reiterated her agreement that all be included in the assessment. Council Member Burnett agreed.

Motion carried 2-1 upon roll call vote, as follows:

Council Member Bernardini	Nay
Council Member Burnett	Aye
Council Member Johnston	Absent
Vice Mayor Hohn	Absent
Mayor Bradburn	Aye

## Ordinance No. 838 – Council Salary

Consideration of first reading of proposed ordinance to increase Council salary by 3% effective October 1, 2013.

Council briefly reviewed the issue.

Mayor Bradburn asked for public input.

Vi Coogler was in agreement of the increase.

Bob Hagar endorsed the raise. He also endorsed a task force to review for a reasonable level.

Bill Lub was in favor for future council members

Pat Miketinac advised the quote Mayor Bradburn was looking for was, "All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing".

## Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Burnett and seconded by Council Member Bernardini for approval of Ordinance No. 838.

City Clerk Peters read Ordinance No. 838 by title, as follows:

### **AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING FOR A 3% COLA INCREASE TO THE SALARY OF THE MAYOR, VICE MAYOR, AND COUNCIL MEMBERS, OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

Motion carried 3-0 upon roll call vote, as follows:

Council Member Burnett	Aye
Council Member Bernardini	Aye
Council Member Johnston	Absent
Vice Mayor Hohn	Absent
Mayor Bradburn	Aye

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## Ordinance No. 839 - Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2014

Consideration of first reading of proposed budget effective October 1, 2013.

City Manager Norman-Vacha reviewed the changes to the Budget per earlier Council consensus as follows:

- Under D - Proprietary Funds - Public Works, Water and Waste Water. The expenditure line item will change from \$4,190,748 to \$4,200,748. Reserves will then reflect the subtraction of the \$10,000, which would change from \$2,770,113 to \$2760,113.
- Vehicle Replacement Internal Services Fund. The expenditures would change from \$160,029 to \$334,479 while reserves would be reduced, changing from \$1,447,864 to \$1,273,414.

Mayor Bradburn asked for public input; there was none.

### Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Burnett and seconded by Mayor Bradburn, who passed the gavel to Council Member Bernardini, for approval of Ordinance No. 839 as amended.

City Clerk Peters read Ordinance No. 839 by title, as follows:

**AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING CERTAIN MONIES FOR THE GENERAL OPERATIONS OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA, FROM ITS SEVERAL FUNDS FOR THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2013 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2014.**

Motion carried 2-1 upon roll call vote, as follows:

Council Member Bernardini	Nay
Council Member Burnett	Aye
Council Member Johnston	Absent
Vice Mayor Hohn	Absent
Mayor Bradburn	Aye

City Manager Norman-Vacha advised the Ordinances tonight have been for first reading. Second readings will take place at the Final Budget Hearing on September 25th.

Mayor Bradburn reviewed the next hearing and thanked staff. She advised the City offers free curbside recycling.

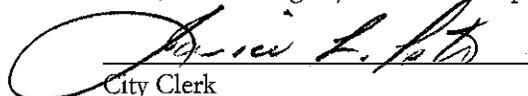
Council Member Burnett asked that those having concerns about the budget bring those concerns before Council ahead of time.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Attest:

  
Mayor

  
City Clerk

ATTACHMENT 1

Date: September 9, 2013  
To: City of Brooksville Council Members  
Jennene Norman-Vacha, City Manager  
From: Robert A. Buckner  
Re: Fire Assessment  
Valuation inequity

Dear Council Members:

The proposed budget may include an increase in the fire assessment, but I contend the tier 1 apportionment in relation to the relative value of improvements had inequities last year for certain property types, and an increase in the tier 1 computation will escalate the inequity. The primary inequity is based on the difference between cost approach figures from the Hernando County Property Appraiser utilized by the City of Brooksville to compute the tier 1 assessment versus the final assessment value. I have discussed the issue with City administration, but unfortunately no resolution or remedy has been determined. The contended inequity is difficult to explain and somewhat challenging to fully comprehend, but I hereby attempt to proffer the information in layman's language.

Property Appraiser Valuation:

Real estate valuation involves three (3) methods; cost approach, sales comparison approach and the income capitalization approach. The Hernando County Property Appraiser (PA), along with the majority of other jurisdictional property appraisers, evaluates real property by the mass appraisal method. The mass method is primarily the cost approach to value, whereby the value of the land, the depreciated value of building improvements and feature values are combined and/or a mathematical summation for the value figure. The cost approach method typically sets the upper limit of value, and generally recognized as a respected value method for special use properties. The sales comparison approach is recognized as the best and/or more accurate method. The income capitalization approach to value is applicable to commercial properties and the PA incorporates the method for the ultimate assessed value.

The income capitalization method of value is derived by a capitalization rate applied to the actual or pro-forma net operating income of a property. Higher vacancy rates and lower rental rates, combined with static or increased expenses, has reduced the net operating income of properties. Cap rates have increased, thus the resulting value of commercial properties has dramatically digressed in recent years per the income capitalization approach to value. Subsequently, the cost approach to value has evolved into an obsolete method for estimating value in recent years.

However, the City of Brooksville is strictly using the improvement figures from the cost approach from the PA for the mathematical computation of the tier 1 assessment, even though the ultimate value is based upon the sales approach and income approach which often yield a lower final assessment. The PA has the ability via the computer program to override the cost approach figures for the final value, but the PA cost approach data for the land and improvements remain "in the system," even though the figures may not summate the final assessed value. The PA has no intention to recalculate the cost figures to equate the final value, and it is my understanding City staff and the PA office has discussed the issue, but an equitable resolution has yet to be resolved by the City. Most property owners are only interested in the final value since millage rates are historically applied for taxation. However, the actual "relative value" of the improvements is inflated in comparison to the final assessed value, and the City is computing the

tier 1 assessment based upon inflated improvement values for various parcels. Example below (# 1 of attachment):

PA Cost Approach Figures

Land	\$ 771,330
Buildings	\$ 586,315
Features	<u>\$ 60,154</u>
Total	\$1,417,799

Actual assessed value of the example is \$622,957, or \$794,842 lower than the PA cost approach figures. The cost approach figure of the buildings and features (\$646,469) is actually higher than the actual assessed value. This is just one example, but I have attached a summary of the figures for a sample of commercial shopping centers, apartments and a couple of storage facilities. Many general commercial buildings experience the same disparities, but are not included in the sample. The sample has cost approach figures of approximately **\$24 million dollars in excess** of the actual assessed values.

The original intent of the fire assessment was to incorporate a reduction in the City millage rate, but last year the millage rate was actually increased plus the fire assessment. And, the inflated improvement value is yet another frustrating element of contended unfairness. Frustration is compounded by the fact feature values (parking lot, sidewalks, etc.) are part of the City assessment computation, and I am not aware of any parking lots ever needing fire extinguishment. The proposed budget may increase the tier 1 figures, and such will only exacerbate the unfairness. Please note the inflated assessment is generally passed along to tenants of larger shopping centers, thereby increasing the cost of doing business in Brooksville.

The inflated improvement value is an issue of principle and the City should attempt to compute the tier 1 assessment using more accurate or equitable improvement value figures. Historically, taxes are derived from value and millage rates, but now the fire assessment (TAX) is based upon inflated value figures. The issue has been discussed with City staff and I believe they understand my argument, and I offered some suggestions to attempt more fairness. However, I have come to the unfortunate conclusion City staff either does not know how to address and/or amend the disparity, or simply taking a perceived "oh well" position. I am willing to discuss the issue or make a few suggestions for an equitable solution, but I contend an "oh well" perceived position to this and other unfair elements of the fire assessment may broaden the chorus to dissolve the City fire department. Thus far I have not promoted abolishment of the fire department, but continued frustration regarding the fire assessment may cause a change my position.

Unfortunately, I have a conflict event the same time as the first budget workshop but I respectfully request the opportunity to discuss the issue personally before the final budget and fire assessment decision.

Sincerely,



Robert A. Buckner

**Examples of Cost Approach figures greater than actual assessed value**

(2013 TRIM Notices)

2013 Figures	PA	PA	PA	PA	Total	Total	Actual	Difference	% Land to	% Imp	% Actual
Key #	Property	Cost App.	Cost App.	Cost App.	Cost App.	Cost App.	Assessed Value	Cost to Actual Ass.	Cost App Total	Cost App Total	Ass. Val. To Cost App.
		Land Value	Building	Features	Approach	Improve Value					
<b>Plazas or strip plazas</b>											
359445	Pradise Plaza	\$771,330	\$586,315	\$60,154	\$1,417,799	\$646,469	\$622,957	\$794,842	54.40%	45.60%	43.94%
359310	Big Lots Plaza	\$2,387,809	\$4,488,302	\$455,034	\$7,331,145	\$4,943,336	\$1,848,327	\$5,482,818	32.57%	67.43%	25.21%
1061549	"Prior Publix"	\$1,680,000	\$5,352,707	\$341,282	\$7,373,989	\$5,693,989	\$4,028,919	\$3,345,070	22.78%	77.22%	54.64%
1098225	Killingsworth	\$269,426	\$1,239,256	\$62,105	\$1,570,787	\$1,301,361	\$982,193	\$588,594	17.15%	82.85%	62.53%
984732	Crossroads	\$214,922	\$719,662	\$29,176	\$963,760	\$748,838	\$502,307	\$461,453	22.30%	77.70%	52.12%
143972	Brook Plaza	\$704,684	\$962,609	\$104,916	\$1,772,209	\$1,067,525	\$1,161,600	\$610,609	39.76%	60.24%	65.55%
146292	"Old Publix"	\$1,184,106	\$1,716,130	\$164,858	\$3,065,094	\$1,880,988	\$1,883,517	\$1,181,577	38.63%	61.37%	61.45%
359472	Current Publix	\$1,576,286	\$3,723,277	\$262,340	\$5,561,903	\$3,985,617	\$5,475,529	\$86,374	28.34%	71.66%	98.45%
147736	422 Jefferson	\$72,657	\$302,514	\$20,000	\$395,171	\$322,514	\$322,836	\$72,335	18.39%	81.61%	81.70%
1150603	Horse Lake	\$1,435,880	\$777,353	\$78,114	\$2,291,347	\$855,467	\$1,295,310	\$996,037	62.67%	37.33%	56.53%
1034801	Diamond Creek	\$125,132	\$421,014	\$18,493	\$564,639	\$439,507	\$444,419	\$120,220	22.16%	77.84%	78.71%
992643	Candlelight	\$42,027	\$222,292	\$12,255	\$276,574	\$234,547	\$255,734	\$20,840	15.20%	84.80%	92.46%
359365	South Plaza	\$1,960,674	\$4,675,022	\$452,594	\$7,088,290	\$5,127,616	\$6,410,147	\$678,143	27.66%	72.34%	90.43%
359472	Existing Publix	\$1,576,286	\$3,723,277	\$262,340	\$5,561,903	\$3,985,617	\$5,475,529	\$86,374	28.34%	71.66%	98.45%
147709	400 Broad	\$100,829	\$767,554	\$6,730	\$875,113	\$774,284	\$595,898	\$279,215	11.52%	88.48%	68.09%
							\$14,804,501				68.68%
<b>Apartments</b>											
1597150	Brook Haven	\$836,225	\$8,904,083	\$198,054	\$9,938,362	\$9,102,137	\$4,448,317	\$5,490,045	8.41%	91.59%	44.76%
733095	Greenbriar	\$347,693	\$1,332,665	\$45,992	\$1,726,350	\$1,378,657	\$473,795	\$1,252,555	20.14%	79.86%	27.44%
997577	Lemon Tree	\$172,614	\$957,292	\$36,807	\$1,166,713	\$994,099	\$700,185	\$466,528	14.79%	85.21%	60.01%
6996	Hickory Crest	\$69,880	\$459,130	\$9,768	\$538,778	\$468,898	\$456,180	\$82,598	12.97%	87.03%	84.67%
144141	Oak Park	\$135,023	\$1,085,795	\$26,441	\$1,247,259	\$1,112,236	\$638,000	\$609,259	10.83%	89.17%	51.15%
358339	Shady Oak	\$197,204	\$1,100,907	\$46,100	\$1,344,211	\$1,147,007	\$565,066	\$779,145	14.67%	85.33%	42.04%
858432	Villas-Oakdale	\$149,269	\$747,705	\$17,442	\$914,416	\$765,147	\$752,517	\$161,899	16.32%	83.68%	82.29%
420477	385 Union	\$151,239	\$700,320	\$54,809	\$906,368	\$755,129	\$478,163	\$428,205	16.69%	83.31%	52.76%
							\$9,270,234				55.64%
<b>Storage Facilities</b>											
607052	Candlelight	\$49,135	\$93,742	\$37,400	\$180,277	\$131,142	\$144,151	\$36,126	27.26%	72.74%	79.96%
359276	Storieright (41)	\$889,620	\$973,825	\$93,473	\$1,956,918	\$1,067,298	\$1,649,903	\$307,015	45.46%	54.54%	84.31%
							\$343,141				

My name is Sandy Roth. I am not a scientist. But neither is anyone else in this room, because a scientist is one who uses the scientific method to acquire knowledge. What we non-scientists must rely on is the integrity and diligence of those who do use the scientific method and the peer review process during which qualified professionals assess the results of different studies in order to identify patterns.

Were I to go to the internet, I could easily find a whole host of self-declared "experts" who argue that aliens have landed, that the polar ice cap isn't really melting, that the Earth is flat, that Mickey Mouse voted sixteen times in the last election, that President Obama was born in Kenya, and, alas, that fluoride is poison. That's the disservice the internet has done - make unqualified people look credible to the ill-informed, the fearful, and the conspiracy-minded.

*Consumer's Report, 1978* - "The simple truth is that there's no 'scientific controversy' over the safety of fluoridation. The practice is safe, economical, and beneficial. The survival of

this fake controversy represents, in Consumer's Union's opinion, one of the major triumphs of quackery over science in our generation." That's what you have heard tonight from this opponent of fluoridation brought in by the Mayor - pure quackery. You see, the Mayor thinks that you should be scientific reviewers. That's why she organized this supposed debate - to suggest that the proponents and the opponents stand on equal footing, which is simply not true.

But scientific evaluation is not your role. Your role is public policy. Your role is to take action to provide services and every possible advantage to your citizens. With the unequivocal support of legitimately qualified organizations - American Dental Association, American Medical Association, American Academy of Pediatrics, American Association of Dental Research, American Cancer Society, US Public Health Service and dozens of others - your public policy answer is clear. Return fluoride to Brooksville for the benefit of all our citizens.

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## Fluoridation Facts Compendium

Fluoridation Facts  
Compendium

### National and International Organizations That Recognize the Public Health Benefits of Community Water Fluoridation for Preventing Dental Decay

- Academy of Dentistry International
- Academy of General Dentistry
- Academy for Sports Dentistry
- Alzheimer's Association
- America's Health Insurance Plans
- American Academy of Family Physicians
- American Academy of Nurse Practitioners
- American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology
- American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons
- American Academy of Pediatrics
- American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
- American Academy of Periodontology
- American Academy of Physician Assistants
- American Association for Community Dental Programs
- American Association for Dental Research
- American Association for Health Education
- American Association for the Advancement of Science
- American Association of Endodontists
- American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons
- American Association of Orthodontists
- American Association of Public Health Dentistry
- American Association of Women Dentists
- American Cancer Society
- American College of Dentists
- American College of Physicians—American Society of Internal Medicine
- American College of Preventive Medicine
- American College of Prosthodontists
- American Council on Science and Health
- American Dental Assistants Association
- American Dental Association
- American Dental Education Association
- American Dental Hygienists' Association
- American Dietetic Association
- American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations
- American Hospital Association
- American Legislative Exchange Council
- American Medical Association
- American Nurses Association
- American Osteopathic Association
- American Pharmacists Association
- American Public Health Association
- American School Health Association
- American Society for Clinical Nutrition

American Society for Nutritional Sciences  
 American Student Dental Association  
 American Water Works Association  
 Association for Academic Health Centers  
 Association of American Medical Colleges  
 Association of Clinicians for the Underserved  
 Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs  
 Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors  
 Association of State and Territorial Health Officials  
 Association of State and Territorial Public Health  
 Nutrition Directors  
 British Fluoridation Society  
 Canadian Dental Association  
 Canadian Dental Hygienists Association  
 Canadian Medical Association  
 Canadian Nurses Association  
 Canadian Paediatric Society  
 Canadian Public Health Association  
 Child Welfare League of America  
 Children's Dental Health Project  
 Chocolate Manufacturers Association  
 Consumer Federation of America  
 Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists  
 Delta Dental Plans Association  
 FDI World Dental Federation  
 Federation of American Hospitals  
 Hispanic Dental Association  
 Indian Dental Association (U.S.A.)  
 Institute of Medicine  
 International Association for Dental Research  
 International Association for Orthodontics  
 International College of Dentists  
 March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation  
 National Association of Community Health Centers  
 National Association of County and City Health Officials  
 National Association of Dental Assistants  
 National Association of Local Boards of Health  
 National Association of Social Workers  
 National Confectioners Association  
 National Dental Assistants Association  
 National Dental Association  
 National Dental Hygienists' Association  
 National Down Syndrome Congress  
 National Down Syndrome Society  
 National Foundation of Dentistry for the Handicapped  
 National Head Start Association  
 National Health Law Program  
 National Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition  
 Oral Health America  
 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation  
 Society for Public Health Education  
 Society of American Indian Dentists  
 Special Care Dentistry  
 Academy of Dentistry for Persons with Disabilities  
 American Association of Hospital Dentists  
 American Society for Geriatric Dentistry  
 The Children's Health Fund  
 The Dental Health Foundation (of California)  
 U.S. Department of Defense  
 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
 U.S. Public Health Service