

The Honorable Nan Rich

Mayor, Broward County; Former State Senator, District 34; Chair, Coordinating Council of Broward County; Chair, Broward Behavioral Health Coalition

Recognized as one of the most passionate and dedicated members of the Florida Legislature, Nan Rich was first elected to the State Senate in 2004 after serving 2 terms in the House of Representatives. She was the first woman to be elected Senate Democratic Leader – a position she held from 2010 until she was termlimited in November 2012. She was elected to serve as the Broward County District 1 Commissioner in November of 2016.

During her legislative service, Senator Rich became widely recognized as one of Florida's leading champions of social justice issues - protecting the welfare of children, seniors, and the disabled; and fighting to preserve civil and individual rights.

As Leader of the Senate Democrats, Nan effectively "worked across the aisle" to build bi-partisan coalitions on important legislation affecting public schools, protecting women's health and reproductive rights, and expanding services for children, the elderly, and the disabled.

Nan's community involvement includes years of advocacy and activism on behalf of women, children, and families. Prior to her election to the State Legislature, Nan served as the National President of the National Council of Jewish Women, the first Floridian elected to that office. She was also honored to receive an appointment by President Bill Clinton to serve as a Member of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Council in Washington, DC.

Senator Rich currently serves on the Board of Directors of Kids in Distress, Secretary of the Areawide Council on Aging of Broward County, Chair of the Broward Behavioral Health Coalition, and Chair of the Coordinating Council of Broward County. Nan has been inducted into the Broward County Women's Hall of Fame, the Broward County Senior Hall of Fame, and the Miami Beach High School Hall of Fame.

A long-time Florida resident, Nan attended the University of Florida. She and her husband, David have four children and three grandchildren.