



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Communications/SCGTV Office


2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way

Building C, Room 301

Viera, Florida 32940

## Inter-Office Memo

**TO:** Frank B. Abbate, County Manager

**FROM:** Don Walker, Communications/SCGTV Director 

**SUBJ:** Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2024008

**DATE:** 04/01/2024

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CEER #2024008 was received by the County from Ingrid C. Mellone.

### Citizen Statement:

Brevard County has no system alerting property owners to possible fraud. According to the FBI, property fraud is one of the fastest growing white-collar crimes. Deed fraud can occur when someone records a fraudulent document in the Official Records, apparently changing the ownership of their property. Fraudulent mortgages and liens could also be recorded with respect to a property.

### Citizen Recommendation:

Offer a system like that of nearby Orange County:  
<https://ocpaweb.ocpafl.org/content/PropertyInfoAlert>

### Staff Analysis:

Staff contacted Brevard County Clerk of Court Rachel Sadoff. Her office recommends homeowners become their own property information fraud advocate because, despite property fraud programs or safety measures that are touted, there is no alert notification system in place that prevents fraud from occurring, and alerts are not generally property specific. None of these systems eliminate or prevent fraud of any kind. "Our office suggests searching our Official Records free of charge which are available 24/7 on our website at [www.brevardclerk.us](http://www.brevardclerk.us). This allows property owners to search for documents affecting your property from the comfort of one's home, cell phone, or tablet without the need to come into one of our branch offices."

The Clerk of Court's Office has scheduled public property fraud presentations on the following dates for 2024: (All presentations will be from 2:30-4 p.m. at the Brevard County Government Center, Space Coast Room, Building C, 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, FL, 32940)

Tuesday, May 21

Tuesday, July 23

Thursday, Sept. 24

Thursday, Nov. 7

(Please visit [www.brevardclerk.us](http://www.brevardclerk.us) to schedule your presentation date and save your seat!)

**Staff Recommended Action:**

It is recommended that CEER #20024008 be accepted with revisions, to recommend that concerned citizens attend Clerk of Court-sponsored property fraud presentations held throughout the year.

## Recommendation Details

### Contact Information

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### Recommendation Information

Recommendation Title: Property owner fraud alert  
Areas Affected:

Department: PROPERTY APPRAISER

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Recommendation Description

### Attachments

There are no attachments for this recommendation.

## Administrative Action

## Evaluation

## Recommendation Timeline

User	Status	Date	Remarks
CEER WebUser	Citizen Submitted	Dec 14, 2023	
Karen Conde	Department Assigned	Dec 20, 2023	SCGTV/COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE Assigned

Awaiting action from department director

2024008 - Links Contained Within Citizen CEER Submission

<https://ocpaweb.ocpafl.org/content/PropertyInfoAlert>