



**JOSEPH ABRUZZO**  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER  
PALM BEACH COUNTY

# Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller

## How Can We Help You?



# About Palm Beach County

Government Officials as of September 30, 2023

## Constitutional Officers

Elected Countywide



### Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller

Joesph Abruzzo | [mypalmbeachclerk.com](http://mypalmbeachclerk.com)

- Clerk of the Circuit Court
- County Recorder
- County Comptroller
- Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners



### Property Appraiser

Dorothy Jacks | [pbcpa.gov](http://pbcpa.gov)

Assesses your property's taxable value



### Supervisor of Elections

Wendy Sartory Link | [votepalmbeach.gov](http://votepalmbeach.gov)

Oversees the election process



### Constitutional Tax Collector

Anne M. Gannon | [pbctax.com](http://pbctax.com)

Collects your taxes



### Sheriff

Ric L. Bradshaw | [pbso.org](http://pbso.org)

Protects your community



## Board of County Commissioners

Elected by District

- Seven commissioners elected in separate districts
- Acts as local legislative and executive body
- Sets public policy, levies taxes, funds public projects and programs
- An appointed County administrator carries out the policies and decisions made and approved by the commissioners

### County Commissioners | [discover.pbcgov.org](http://discover.pbcgov.org)

**District 1** | Maria G. Marino

**District 2** | Mayor Gregg K. Weiss

**District 3** | Michael Barnett

**District 4** | Marci Woodward

**District 5** | Vice Mayor Maria Sachs

**District 6** | Sara Baxter

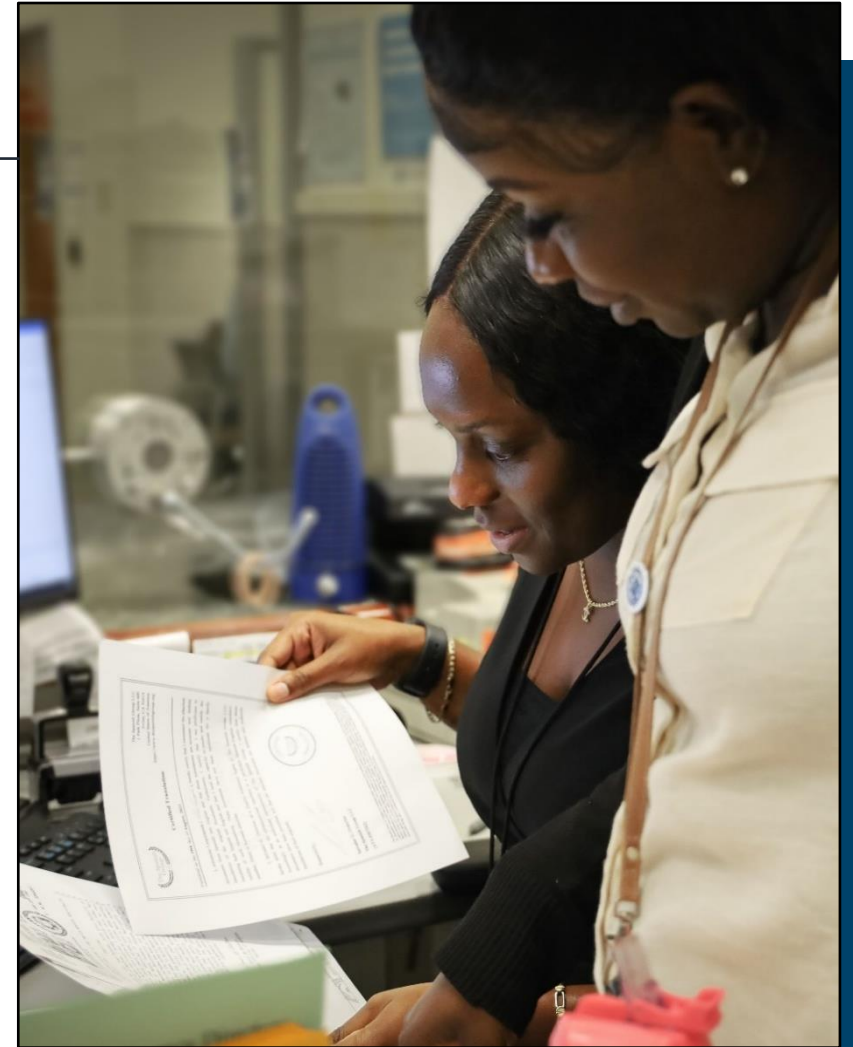
**District 7** | Mack Bernard

**County Administrator** | Verdenia C. Baker

## We keep Palm Beach County running.

Our office performs more than 1,000 duties, including:

- Clerk of the Circuit Court, supporting the 15th Judicial Circuit
- Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Auditor for Palm Beach County
- County Recorder for Palm Beach County
- Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners for Palm Beach County





### Under Florida Statute 129.09:

“Any clerk of the circuit court, acting as county auditor, who shall sign any warrant for the payment of any claim or bill or indebtedness against any county funds in excess of the expenditure allowed by law, or county ordinance, or to pay any illegal charge against the county, or to pay any claim against the county not authorized by law, or county ordinance, **shall be personally liable for such amount**, and if he or she shall sign such warrant willfully and knowingly he or she **shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree**, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.”

# Key Services for Our Community

# North County Courthouse

## Here to Help You in North County!

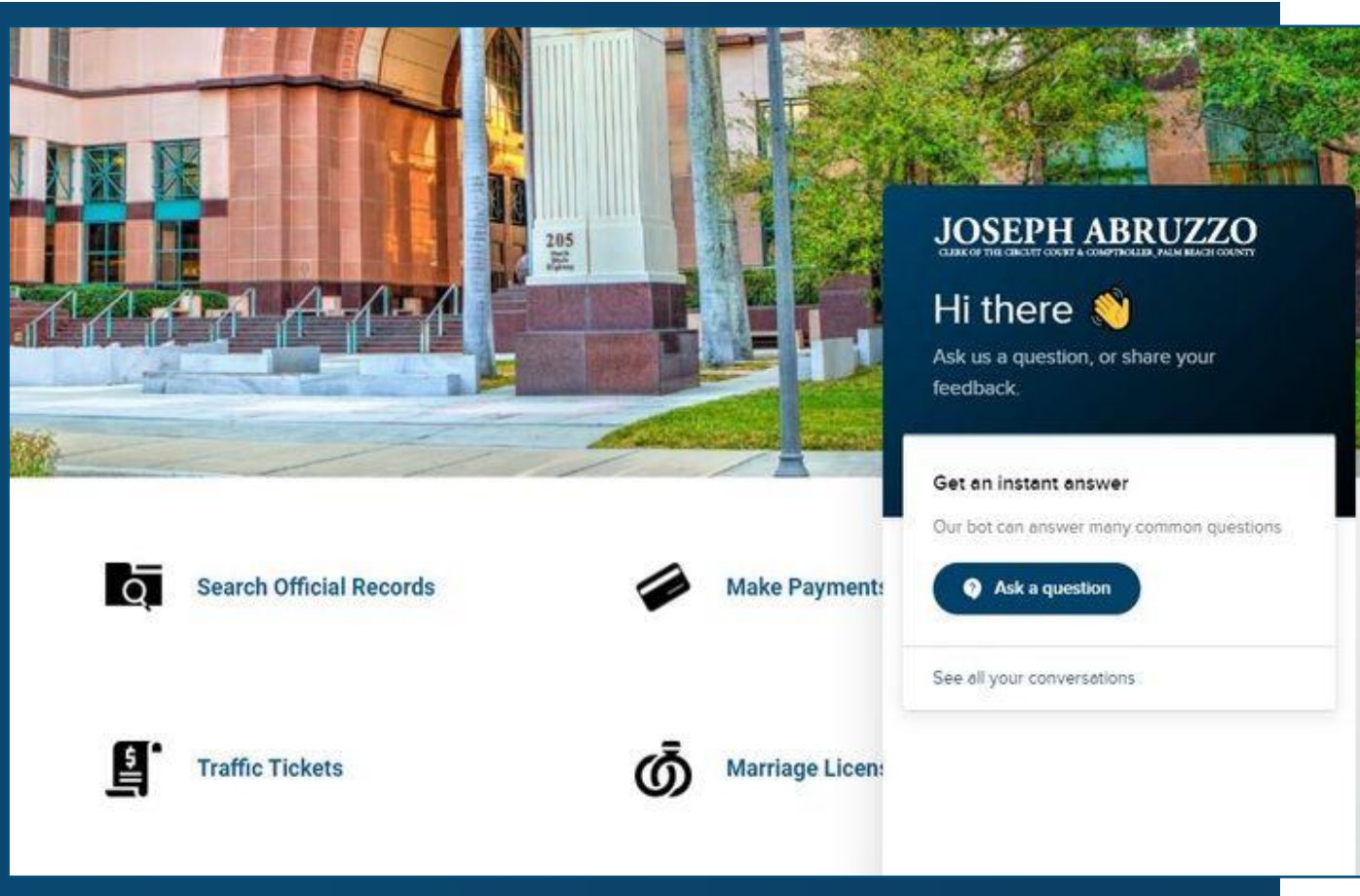
Services include:

- Passport applications and photos
- Self-Service Center
- Value Adjustment Board Petitions
- Pay fines and fees for traffic tickets and other court cases
- Record deeds, mortgages and other documents in the official record



# Key Services for Our Community

# Expanded Online Services



**Need help?** Our A.I. “chatbot” answers your questions on our website.

**Need certified documents?** Buy them online and download them using our secure system.

**Over 75 million images** have been converted to digital searchable documents.

# Key Services for Our Community

# Step-by-Step Video Help



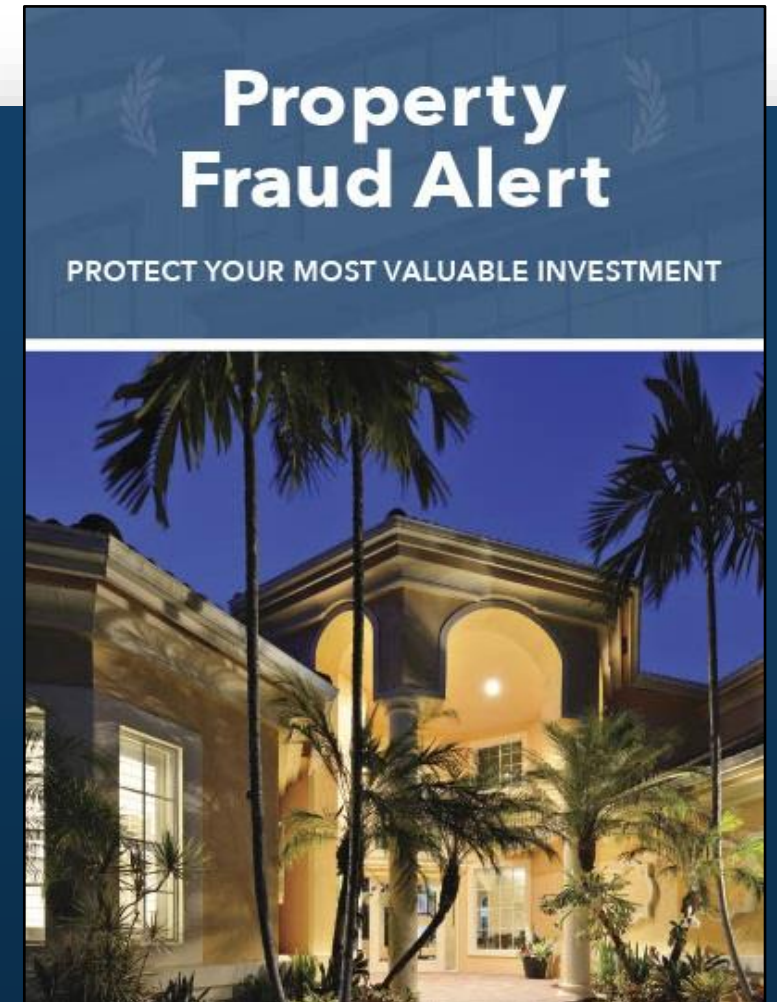
Find self-service video guides online, from postponing jury duty to how to pay a traffic ticket online.

**Search for @ClerkPBC on YouTube and subscribe!**



## Help Protect Yourself and Your Home!

- **Free service** monitors documents recorded in Palm Beach County official records
- **Users receive email alerts within 24 hours** when something is filed in Palm Beach County official records using the **registered name or address**
- Sign up at:  
[www.mypalmbeachclerk.com/homeowners](http://www.mypalmbeachclerk.com/homeowners)





## Increasing Efficiency and Saving Money With Technology

- **A.I. technology now used** in both our Courts and Finance divisions
- **Approximately 40% of e-filed court documents** now processed by robots only
- **Faster processing time for payments** to Palm Beach County vendors



*Image created using A.I. technology*

## Protecting and Investing Taxpayer Money

- Clerk serves as **Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Auditor** for Palm Beach County
- **Ensures all County bills** are paid in accordance with County policy
- **Manages County's investment portfolio** to earn money for taxpayers



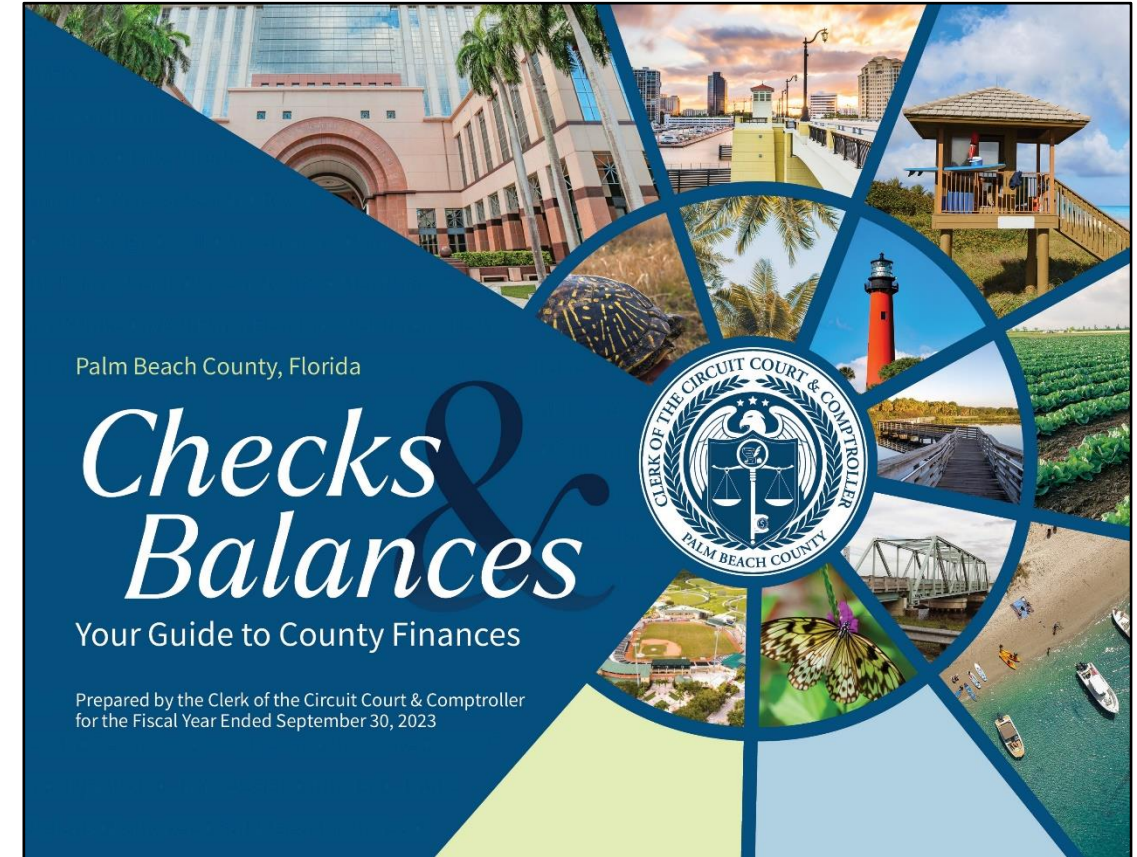
*Clerk Abruzzo with the Finance leadership team*

# Key Services for our Community

## Our financial reports are GFOA “Triple Crown” winners!

- *Checks & Balances: Your Guide to County Finances*
- Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for Palm Beach County
- Clerk’s Budget Book

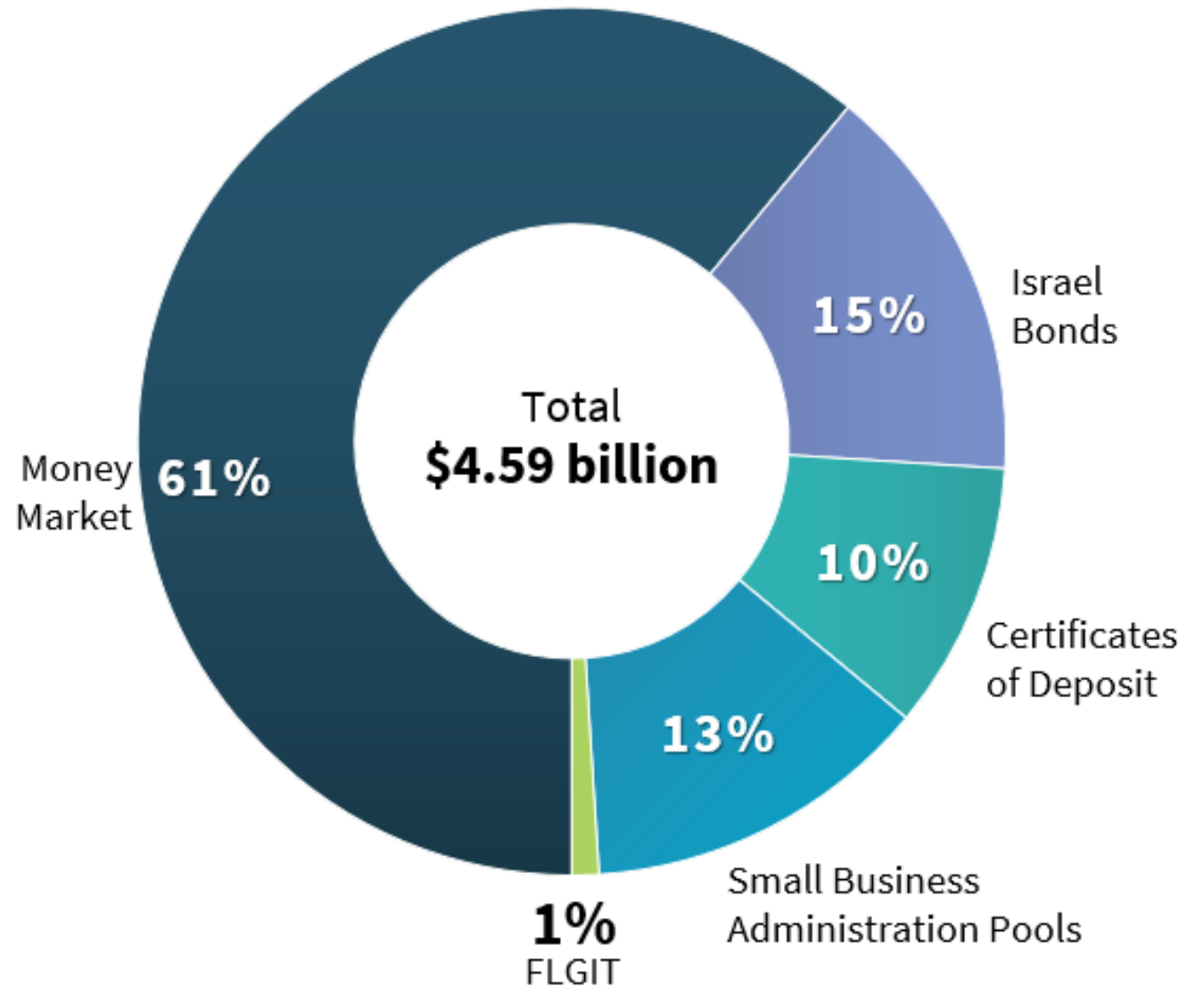
# Award-Winning Reports



Read our reports at [www.mypalmbeachclerk.com/countyfinances](http://www.mypalmbeachclerk.com/countyfinances)

# Focus On: Investments

Portfolio Allocation  
as of May 31, 2024



## Focus On: Investments

- **Up to 15%** of Palm Beach County's portfolio can be invested in Israel bonds
- **Currently** we have **\$700 million** invested in Israel bonds.
- Portfolio will **earn almost \$84 million in interest** off these most recent purchases

## Investment in Israel Bonds



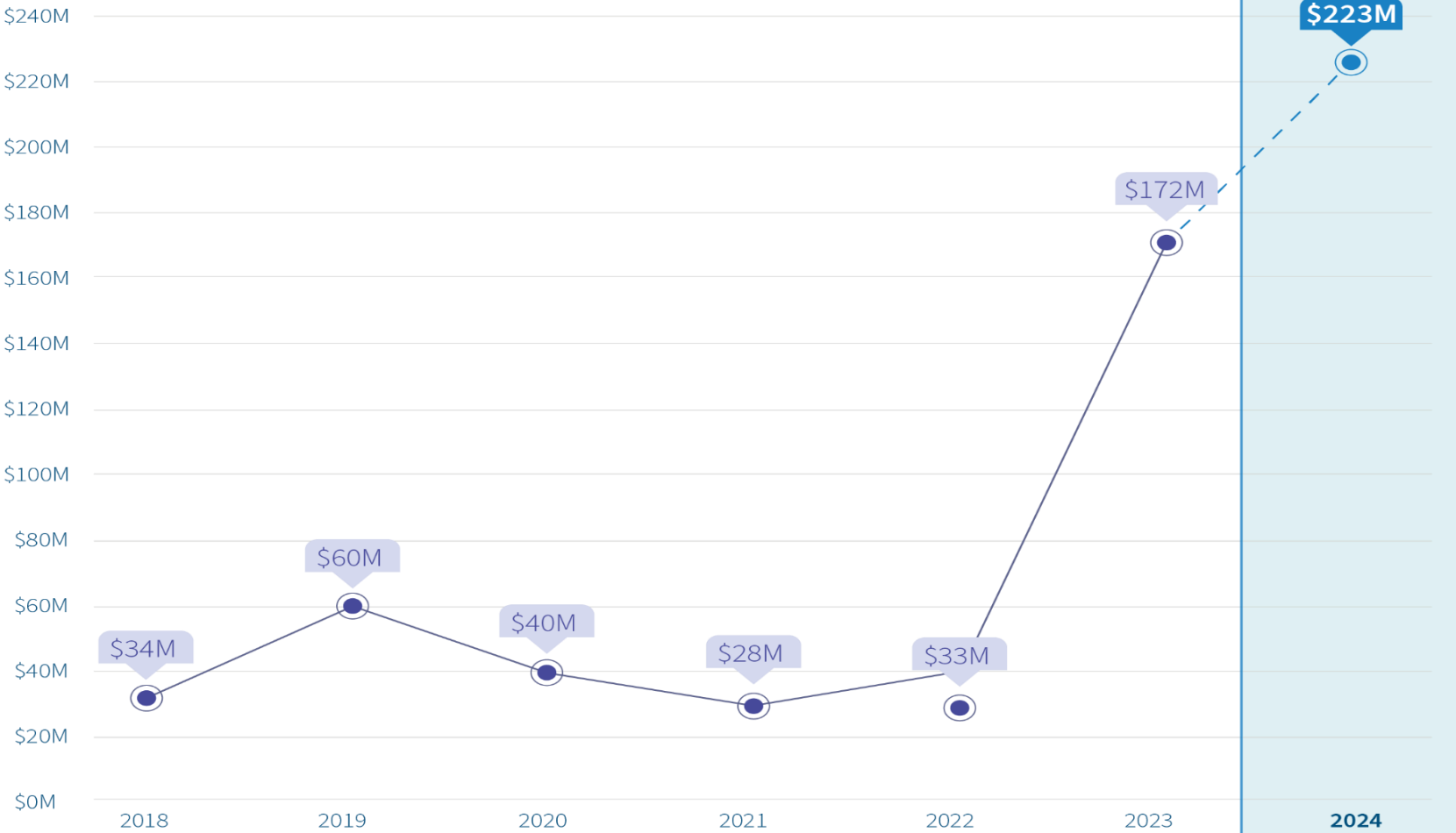
Learn more at [www.mypalmbeachclerk.com/investments](http://www.mypalmbeachclerk.com/investments)

# Focus On: Investments

# Return on Your Investment

## Investment Income

Fiscal Years 2018-2024



FY 2023: **\$172 million**

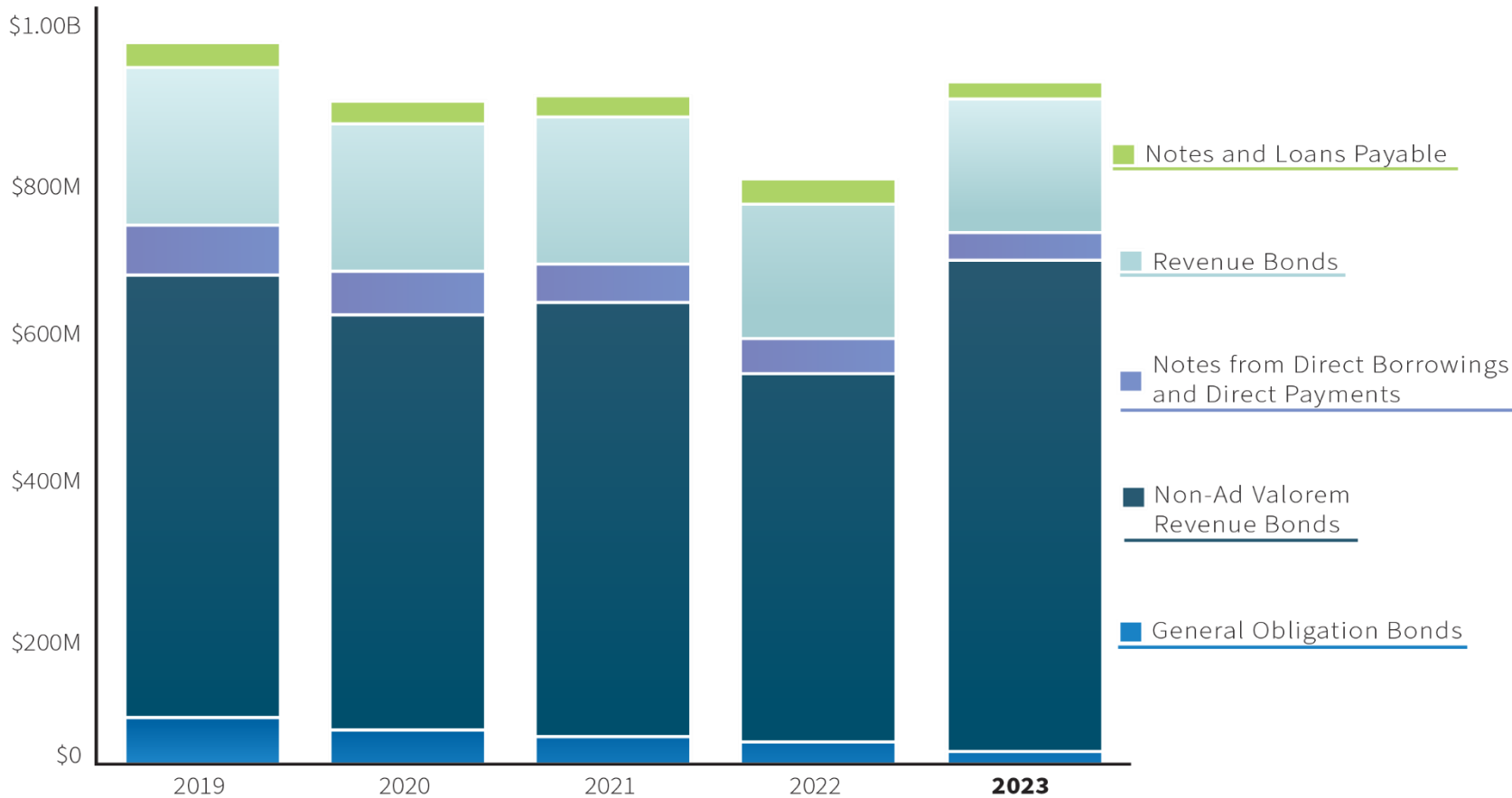
FY 2022: **\$33 million**

**\$139 million more**  
in investment income  
earned from FY22 to FY23

# Focus: On Debt

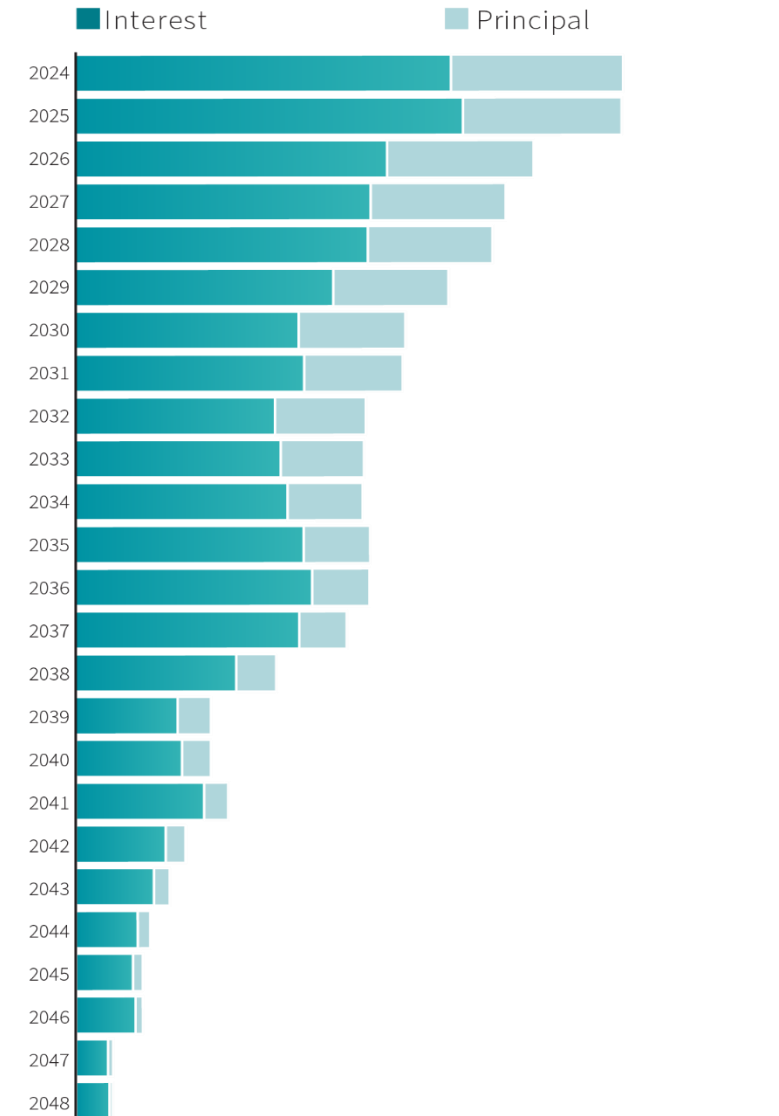
## Debt Outstanding

Fiscal Years 2019-2023  
(in millions - billions)



## Future Debt Service Payments

Fiscal Years 2024-2048 (If no new debt is added)



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# Questions?

