



**HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT**  
**Broward County Substance Abuse Advisory Board**  
 325 SW 28<sup>th</sup> Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33315

August 30, 2022

President  
**Stephanie Coberly**

The Honorable Michael Udine  
 Mayor of Broward County  
 Broward County Board of Commissioners  
 115 South Andrews Avenue  
 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

Vice President  
**Christopher Checke**

Secretary  
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RE: In Honor of Rocky Rodriguez

Treasurer  
**Judge Mark Speiser**

Dear Mayor Udine and County Commissioners:

Board Members

**Greg Brewton**  
**Linda Frohring**  
**Jeff Greene**  
**Matthew Hatfield**  
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The Broward County Substance Abuse Advisory Board (SAAB) would like to recognize the immeasurable dedication and lifelong advocacy of the late Rocky Rodriguez for the residents of Broward County and the State of Florida.

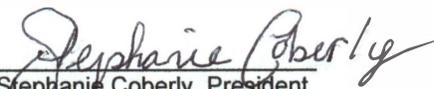
Rocky made helping individuals with substance use disorders his own personal campaign. His perseverance and never-take-no attitude advocating for funding and program initiatives has had a lasting impact on substance use disorder treatment and mental health programs locally, regionally, and nationally.

Rocky served as a member of the SAAB for over 34 years, including 18 years as the board's President. During this extended time, he was instrumental in raising money, support, and awareness for Broward Addiction Recovery Center (BARC) as well as treatment and support services for persons suffering from substance use disorders. Moreover, his extraordinary activism was instrumental in bringing about the successful opening of BARC's main campus here in Fort Lauderdale.

In honor of Rocky, and those whose lives he touched, the SAAB - by unanimous consent - requests and recommends the Board of County Commissioners name the Community Room at BARC Central "The Rocky Rodriguez Community Room" with the installation of a plaque at its entrance. This would be but a small act to commemorate the tireless work and positive impact Rocky imparted on our community.

The SAAB looks forward to working with the Board and County Administrator's Office to establish this lasting tribute to Rocky Rodriguez, and to bestow this well-deserved recognition.

With kind personal regards,

  
 Stephanie Coberly, President  
 Broward County Substance Abuse Advisory Board

  
 Christopher Checke, Vice-President  
 Broward County Substance Abuse Advisory Board

cc: Broward County Commissioners  
 Monica Cepero, County Administrator  
 Kimm Campbell, Assistant County Administrator  
 Bob Melton, County Auditor  
 Andrew J. Meyers, County Attorney  
 Tara Gaudin, Director Human Services  
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