

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Broward County Substance Abuse Advisory Board
325 SW 28th 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

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RE: In Honor of Rocky Rodriguez

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Judge Mark Speiser

Dear Mayor Udine and County Commissioners:

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Matthew Hatfield
Kathy Hurt
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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.

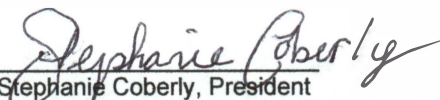
Rocky made helping individuals with substance use disorders his own personal campaign. His perseverance and never-take-no attitude advocating for funding and program initiatives has had a lasting impact on substance use disorder treatment and mental health programs locally, regionally, and nationally.

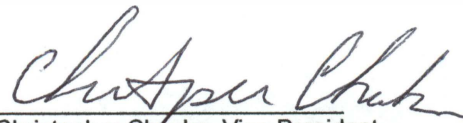
Rocky served as a member of the SAAB for over 34 years, including 18 years as the board's President. During this extended time, he was instrumental in raising money, support, and awareness for Broward Addiction Recovery Center (BARC) as well as treatment and support services for persons suffering from 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
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Andrew J. Meyers, County Attorney
Tara Gaudin, Director Human Services
Jack Feinberg, Director Broward Addiction Recovery Center