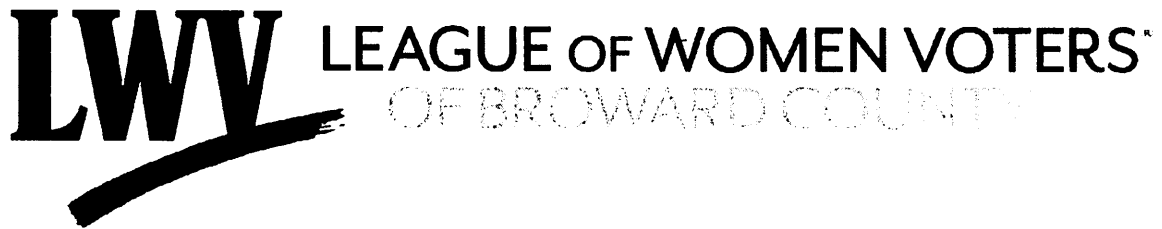


Item # 85

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL
Regular Meeting
June 1, 2021

SUBMITTED AT THE REQUEST OF

COMMISSIONER
DALE V.C. HOLNESS



May 28, 2021

Mayor Steve Geller
Broward County Commissioners
115 S. Andrews Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Re: June 1, 2021 Agenda Item #85 – Juvenile Civil Citation Program

Dear Mayor Geller and County Commissioners:

The League of Women Voters of Broward County strongly urges the passage of the resolution sponsored by Commissioner Dale V.C. Holness regarding the Juvenile Civil Citation Program.

This has been a topic of grave concern for the LWV of Florida for many years. As such, LWVFL has been one of the supporters, since 2017, of the nonpartisan Caruthers Institute and the nonpartisan studies it has been conducting since 2015. I believe Commissioner Holness is quoting from the latest study: <https://caruthers.institute/studies/studies-juvenile-justice/>.

It is imperative that Broward County **stop** arresting children and instead use the highly successful Juvenile Civil Citation Program, where applicable. Not only does this program save the county money, it saves the lives of children! A child with a criminal record is often a child lost to society. We have the means to save these children. The county and municipal law enforcement agents just need to use the program!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Monica L. Elliott". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Monica L. Elliott, Ph.D/J.D.
President