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Dear Mayor Geller,

I am writing in regard to your upcoming discussion on filling the County Administrator position following the retirement of Ms. Bertha Henry in 2022. Deputy County Administrator Monica Cepero has worked hand in hand with Ms. Henry for the last decade and we've come to see her leadership and negotiation abilities grow and succeed with each new challenge.

In a recent Op/Ed by the *Sun Sentinel*, the editorial team called for input from the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance. As a member of the Board of Directors who has seen the Alliance's work with County Administration in recent years, I encourage you to consider saving valuable time and money by trusting in the leadership and abilities of Monica Cepero.

We believe there are good reasons for the County Commission to hire from within because we have a proven candidate. Ms. Cepero has 28 years of state and local government management experience including serving as the Environmental Policy Advisor to Governor Jeb Bush. She has been an assistant or deputy county administrator in Broward for ten years, running several large and important departments.

As we continue to navigate our emergence from the COVID-19 pandemic, continuity is key. I believe this would be best accomplished by selecting a leader who has already proven her leadership through a crisis, someone who would maintain and build upon Broward County's excellent reputation for stability and quality management. We support the selection of Deputy County Administrator Monica Cepero.

Thank you,

Stephen Chang

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