

March 4, 2020

Honorable Mayor Dale V.C. Holness  
Broward County Board of County Commissioners  
115 N. Andrews Avenue  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

***Subject: Ordinance No. 2020-an Ordinance of The Board of County Commissioners Of Broward County, Florida, Pertaining to The Broward County Bidding Preference For Local Vendors; Amending Sections 1-74 And 1-75 Of the Broward County Code Of Ordinances ("Code"); Providing For Inclusion Of Principal Place Of Business In The Evaluation Criteria For Certain Procurements; And Providing For Severability Inclusion in the Code, And an Effective Date.***

Dear Mayor Holness:

County Attorneys, Renee Harrod and Tricia Brissett, briefed the Broward County Small Business Development Advisory Board, at its January 20, 2020 meeting, on a draft of the proposed amendment to the Local Bidding Preference Ordinance.

Subsequently, the Broward County Small Business Development Advisory Board unanimously passed a motion authorizing me to draft and sign this letter to the Board of County Commissioners, after the Ordinance has been placed on the agenda, stating that “the Advisory Board is providing its feedback to ensure that the amendment to the Local Bidding Preference Ordinance strengthens the existing Ordinance.” While several members of our board myself included were of the original opinion that “if it's not broke then don't fix it” we were further assured by the County Attorney's office and Director of OESBD that this amendment to the ordinance would only further strengthen the bidding preference for local Broward County vendors. Based on our briefing from Attorney's Harrod and Brissett, and after reviewing the proposed amendment to the ordinance, it is our opinion that this amendment indeed strengthens the ordinance.

In conclusion, Broward County Small Business Development Advisory Board, at its January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, asked Deputy County Attorney Harrod to forward the proposed document to the

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Board after it had been placed on the County Commission agenda. The Broward County Small Business Development Advisory Board concurs with the amendment and requests that this letter is circulated as additional material to the Ordinance.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Dana Pollitt  
Chair  
OESBD Advisory Board

Cc: County Administrator Bertha Henry  
County Attorney Andrew Meyers  
County Auditor Bob Melton  
Board of County Commissioners  
Sandy Michael McDonald, OESBD Director