Item # 48(9)

## ADDITIONAL MATERIAL Regular Meeting May 4, 2021

## SUBMITTED AT THE REQUEST OF

## **MAYOR STEVE GELLER**



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Contact: Sandra Veszi Einhorn, Executive Director Sandra@npobroward.org (754) 224-0054 cell Dear Mayor Geller:

The Nonprofit Executive Alliance of Broward (NEAB) is a coalition of more than 100 of the most well-respected nonprofit CEOs in the county. We respectfully submit this communication in response to the recent Sun Sentinel op-ed encouraging community leaders to share their thoughts and opinions to support your upcoming discussion on filling the County Administrator position upon Ms. Bertha Henry's retirement.

The County Administrator is responsible for carrying out the Broward County Commission's policy direction through the day-to-day management of county functions, including the oversight of operating departments. These executive tasks require professional leadership acumen at all times, and in particular during times of economic uncertainty and the unrivaled public health crisis brought on by the COVID-19 global pandemic. The dynamic senior leadership team Ms. Henry thoughtfully put together faced the challenges of 2020 and ensured that our community became stronger as a result. It is why we support Deputy County Administrator Monica Cepero, the highest-ranking member of Ms. Henry's leadership team, to succeed Ms. Henry when she retires in 2022.

Broward County is a nuanced county and unlike any other in the nation. Ms. Cepero's experience and understanding of the issues and challenges facing our county make her the best candidate for the position. Her knowledge is invaluable in ensuring a smooth transition during this critical time. We also recognize Ms. Henry's efforts to position Ms. Cepero as her successor. Given Ms. Cepero's accomplished administrative experience both at the local and state levels of government, the Board of County Commissioners would be challenged to find someone who brings the distinctive qualities to the position that Ms. Cepero has already proven to have.

As an organization that represents a majority of County funded nonprofits, we are uniquely positioned to understand the importance of stability in county government. We are, therefore, staunchly committed to supporting Ms. Cepero and working together to ensure her success.

We appreciate your and the Commission's desire to have this timely conversation and hope that there will be consensus in selecting Ms. Cepero. Should you have any questions regarding the position of the NEAB, please feel free to contact Sandra Veszi Einhorn, Executive Director.

Sincerely,

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