

ITEM #99

**ADDITIONAL MATERIAL
REGULAR MEETING**

APRIL 6, 2021

SUBMITTED AT THE REQUEST OF

**COMMISSIONER DALE V.C.
HOLNESS**



Thursday, April 1st, 2021

Honorable Dale V.C. Holness, Broward County Commissioner District 9
Broward County Governmental Center
115 S. Andrews Ave.
Room: 417
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301

Dear Commissioner Holness,

We are writing to you on behalf of BOLD Justice (Broward Organized Leaders Doing Justice). BOLD Justice is a community organization here in Broward County. Currently, BOLD Justice's membership consists of twenty-five diverse congregations from denominations located all across Broward County.

At this time, one of our organization's main priorities is keeping homeless individuals suffering from mental health conditions out of jails and hospitals, off of the streets and, into permanent supportive housing. With the 2nd largest homeless population in the state of Florida- we have a crisis in our county. Broward has over 600 homeless individuals on our streets with a mental illness as well as 192 individuals currently on the county's chronically homeless list that could be housed today if housing were available. At next week's commission meeting on Tuesday, April 6th, there will be a motion to expand Permanent Supportive Housing by the initial 65 units in order to get to our goal of 200 units within the next three years. This motion will be brought forth as item #99 on the county commission meeting agenda.

At our Nehemiah Action early this month, we had over 1,780 individuals gathered in support of this expansion. Members from all of our congregations are in agreement with this expansion and have worked since 2019 to see this come to fruition. Many are constituents of your district who are anticipating your support on item #99 on Tuesday, April 6th :

15th Street Church of Christ
Bro Anthony Campbell
390 NW 15th Street
Pompano Beach, FL 33060

Eliathah Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor Noel Rose
7550 N University Dr.
Tamarac, FL 33321

First Presbyterian
Rev. Kennedy McGowan
1530 Hollywood Boulevard
Hollywood, FL 33020

Grace Alone Lutheran
Rev. Bill Knott
1900 SW 35th Ave
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

Lauderhill Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor Lester Elliot
4100 NW 11th Court
Lauderhill, FL 33313

Little Flower Catholic Church
Fr. Javier Barreto
1805 Pierce Street
Hollywood, FL 33021

Merrell United Methodist Church
Dr. Rev. Bancroft Williams
3900 State Road 7
Lauderdale Lakes, FL 33319

Miramar United Methodist Church
Rev. David Range
2507 Utopia Drive
Miramar, FL 33023

Nativity Catholic Church
Fr. David Zirilli
5220 Johnson St
Hollywood, FL 333021

New Jerusalem Baptist Church
Rev. Michael Anderson
2326 Douglas St
Hollywood, FL 33020

Plantation Seventh- Day Adventist
Pastor Joseph Salajan
400 NW 118th Ave
Plantation, FL 33325

San Isidro Catholic Church
Fr. Wilfredo Contreras
2301 Hammondville Rd.
Pompano Beach, FL 33069

St. Bonaventure Catholic Church
Fr. Ed Prendergast
1301 SE 136th Ave
Davie, FL 33325

St. Clement Catholic Church
Fr. Robes Charles
2795 N Andrews Ave
Wilton Manors, FL 33311

St. Elizabeth of Hungary
Fr. Harry Loubriel
3332 NE 10th Terr
Pompano Beach, FL 33064

St. Helen Catholic Church
Fr. Lucien Pierre
3033 NW 33rd Ave
Lauderdale Lakes, FL 33311

St. John United Methodist Church
Rev. Pierre Exantus
1520 NW 5th Street
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311

St. Maurice Catholic Church
Msgr. Jean Pierre
2851 Stirling Road
Dania Beach, FL 33312

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Rev. Scott Henze
5800 Indian Trace
Weston, FL 33326

St. Stephen Catholic Church
Fr. Patrick Charles
2000 S. State Road 7
Miramar, FL 33023

Sunshine Cathedral
Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins
1408 SW 9th Ave
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33315

The Sanctuary
Rev. Dwyane Black
1400 N Federal Highway
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304

Trinity Lutheran Church
Rev. Keith Spencer
7150 Pines Boulevard
Pembroke Pines, FL

Unitarian Universalist Congregation
Of Fort Lauderdale
Rev. Susan Smith
2970 NW 21st Ave
Oakland Park, FL 33309

Village United Methodist Church
Pastor Elyse Milligan
1001 SW 71st Ave
North Lauderdale, FL 33068

Also, as we work towards expanding Permanent Supportive Housing by a total of 200 units or more, we support all cities and municipalities joining the county to fund this critical issue under the county's continuum of care.

We know that we have a real opportunity to get more people off the street and chip away at our homeless crisis. If you have questions or would like to clarify anything, please feel free to contact our office at 954-463-2322 or boldjusticesecretary@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Rev. Kennedy McGowan, Co- President
First Presbyterian Church, Hollywood

Pastor Noel Rose, Co- President
Eliathah Seventh-Day Adventist, Tamarac

Vinessa Edwards
Miramar United Methodist, Miramar

Janean Baumal
Trinity Lutheran Church, Pembroke Pines

Rev. Dwayne Black
The Sanctuary Church, Ft. Lauderdale

Marie Turner
Unitarian Universalist Cong, Oakland Park

Donna Simms
Miramar United Methodist, Miramar