

ITEM #41

(Proposed amendment submitted at the request of
the Broward Office of the Inspector General)

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL

PUBLIC HEARING

FEBRUARY 7, 2023

SUBMITTED AT THE REQUEST OF THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

67 of public funds, or gross neglect of duty, committed by an employee or agent of Broward
68 County, or by an independent contractor of Broward County.

69 (c) *Disclosing Whistleblower Information.* Whistleblower information disclosed
70 under this section: (1) must be disclosed to the County Administrator or designee, or to
71 the County Auditor, and may also be disclosed as referenced in (e)1.d. or (e)1.e. below;
72 (2) must be disclosed pursuant to the procedures established in Chapter 19, Part X of the
73 Broward County Administrative Code, including Section 19.67 thereof; and (3) must
74 identify the individual(s) and action(s) at issue.

75 (d) *Actions Prohibited.* Neither Broward County nor any independent contractor
76 of Broward County shall take any adverse personnel action against an employee or other
77 person in retaliation for the employee's or the person's disclosure of whistleblower
78 information to Broward County or to any federal, state, or local governmental authority.
79 The provisions of this section shall not apply when the employee or other person discloses
80 information known by the employee or person to be false or a misrepresentation.

81 (e) *Employees and Persons Protected.*

82 (1) This section protects any employee or other person who:

83 a. Discloses whistleblower information on their own initiative in a written
84 and signed complaint to (i) the County Administrator or designee, the
85 Professional Standards Section of the Human Resources Division,
86 ~~or;~~ (ii) the Office of the County Auditor; or (iii) the Broward County
87 Inspector General;

88 b. Participates in an investigation, hearing, or other inquiry conducted
89 by Broward County or any federal, state, or local governmental