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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Andrew J. Meyers, County Attorney

**FROM:** Christina A. Blythe, Assistant County Attorney /s/ *Christina A. Blythe*

**DATE:** December 15, 2021

**RE:** **Broward County Auditor Appointment Process**

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Section 4.01 of the Broward County Charter ("Charter") governs the appointment process of the Broward County Auditor ("County Auditor") and provides that, among other requirements, an independent board comprised of specified individuals shall nominate an individual to be County Auditor who, subject to ratification by the Board, shall serve for a period of up to five (5) years.

The Charter provision prescribes the steps to be taken if the County Auditor position becomes vacant. Pursuant to Section 4.01.D, if the County Auditor's position becomes vacant, the Board shall appoint an Interim County Auditor for a period of no more than ninety (90) days. During the ninety (90) day period, the independent board shall meet to nominate a new individual to the position of County Auditor, subject to the Board's ratification.

The Charter, however, does not expressly address the situation of extending the term of an incumbent County Auditor. Our Office had previously advised that, in that situation, the Board may reappoint the incumbent County Auditor without further action by the independent board. This process was used to reappoint Evan Lukic in 2008 and 2013.

Unless Mr. Melton is reappointed, the County Auditor position will become vacant on June 12, 2022.

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