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## **MEMORANDUM**

DATE: October 15, 2024

TO: George Tablack, CPA

Chief Financial Officer

FROM: Greg Krohner, Investment Finance Analyst

Finance and Administrative Services Department

RE: Portfolio and Economic Summary – September 30, 2024

As of September 30, 2024, the Broward County Investment Portfolio had a par value of \$6.280 billion and a Yield to Maturity of 3.70%. In comparison, the Bank of America Merrill Lynch 1-3 Year U.S. Treasury & Agency Index benchmark of 4.15% exceeded the yield on County's Portfolio by 45 basis points. The yield on the County's Portfolio has increased by 240 basis points over the last 2 years (since September 30, 2022) and will continue to rise as upcoming maturities are reinvested at higher yields.

The Federal Open Markets Committee (FOMC) lowered the Fed Funds Rate 50 basis points to 5.00%, at their meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, a start to a policy shift aimed at bolstering the US labor market. Fed Chair J. Powell said, "this decision reflects our growing confidence that with an appropriate recalibration of our policy stance, strength in the labor market can be maintained in a context of moderate growth and inflation moving sustainably down to 2%." This is the first rate cut since March 2020.

Consumer prices rose faster than economists forecasted last month for the first time since March, posing a potential obstacle to the fight to return to 2% inflation. Inflation came in stronger than expected in the U.S. in September, according to the government's Consumer Price Index (CPI) report. The CPI rose by 0.2% in September versus economist forecasts for 0.1%. On a year-over-year basis, the CPI was higher by 2.4% against expectations for 2.3%. Core CPI – which excludes more volatile food and energy costs – rose 0.3% in September versus forecasts for 0.2%. Year-over-year Core CPI was higher by 3.3% versus an expected 3.2%.

Furthermore, according to Labor Department data the September jobs report reflected 254k jobs were added in September, blowing past economist expectations, which foresaw the addition of 140k jobs. The unemployment rate ticked lower to 4.1% from 4.2%. Wage growth as average hourly earnings year-over-year jumped to 4.0% from 3.8%, while month-over-month grew at 0.4% versus expectations of 0.3%. This information comes as the Federal Reserve has begun to lower benchmark interest rates. After a half percentage point reduction in September, the central bank is expected to continue cutting, though the pace and degree remain in question.

Please see the attached pages showcasing portfolio detail and key economic data as of the end of the period.

## **Portfolio Management Portfolio Summary September 30, 2024 Broward County**

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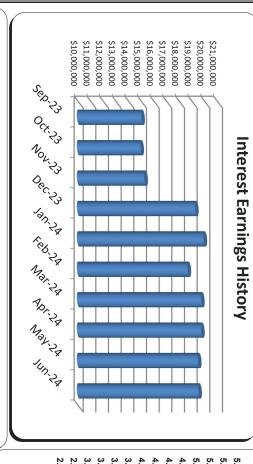
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	2.33 1,735	144,210,347.63	142,727,616.25	145,000,000.00	World Bank Coupon Securities
	9.64 131	597,937,235.13	598,558,309.83	603,603,000.00	Treasury Bills
	42.43 970	2,631,560,742.58	2,650,718,190.22	2,702,400,000.00	Treasury Coupon Securities
	25.45 1,528	1,578,372,542.02	1,549,495,484.35	1,578,375,000.00	Federal Agency Coupon - Callable
	14.57 1,215	903,505,796.14	906,142,886.85	904,000,000.00	Federal Agency Coupon Securities
	3.86 1	239,505,425.03	239,505,425.03	239,505,425.03	Bank Account
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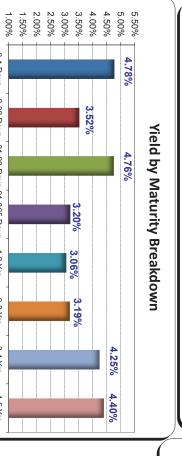
			3.56%	<sub>ω</sub>	3.70%	Effective Rate of Return
			.59	6,526,727,878.59	6,225,496,329.38	Average Daily Balance
		233,072,347.41		233,072,347.41	18,931,280.66	Current Year
		Fiscal Year Ending		Fiscal Year To Date	September 30 Month Ending	Total Earnings
3.653	560	1,033	6,202,995,652.63	6,195,049,943.83	6,280,049,337.96	<b>Total Cash and Investments</b>
			737,651.17	737,651.17		Subtotal
			737,651.17	737,651.17		Accrued Interest at Purchase

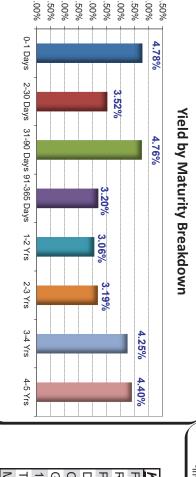
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Diversification by Investment per Investment Policy:
US Treasuries/Agencies - 100% Maximum
Commercial Paper - 25% Maximum
World Bank Securities - 15% Maximum

George Tablack, CPA, Chief Financial Officer

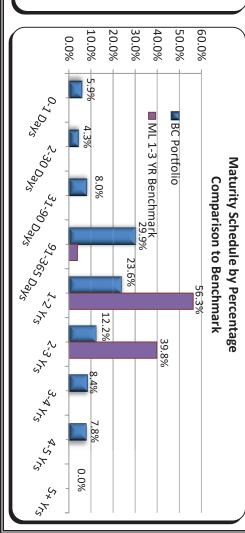






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0.70, 2.30, 3	4.3%	8.0%		■ ML 1-3 YR Benchmark 29.9%	■ BC Portfolio		Com	Maturit	ML 1-3 Yr Yield	Total Portfolio Yield	10 Year Treasury Note	Gold (\$/oz)	Crude Oil	DJIA	Prime Rate	Rolling 90 Day T-Bill-AVG	Fed Funds Rate	Key Economic Data:
31.90 91.36 1.2K			23.6%			56.3%	Comparison to Benchmark	Maturity Schedule by Percentage	3.86%	3.70%	3.78%	2,663	68.17	42,330	8.00%	5.12%	5.00%	Sep-24
2,5		12.2%			39.8%	<b>"</b> %	nark	centage	5.10%	3.18%	4.57%	1,849	90.79	33,508	8.50%	5.41%	5.50%	Sep-23
3.9 k. 8.5 k.		7.8%							-24.3%	16.4%	-17.3%	44.1%	-24.9%	26.3%	-5.9%	-5.4%	-9.1%	% change
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Treasury Coupons 43.0%

Fed Agency\_ Discount

Fed Agency. Coupon

Portfolio Composition

Treasury Bills

14.4%

Fed Agency ¬ Callable 25.1%

0.0%

Money Market

Accounts

Israel Bonds 0.4%

World Bank Coupon 2.3%