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February 26, 2019

Mayor Jeri Muoio and City Commission
City of West Palm Beach
401 Clematis Street, 2nd Floor
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Re: Safe Streets Summit

Dear Mayor Muoio and City Commission Members:

Congratulations to the City of West Palm Beach for receiving the “People’s Choice Award” for the renovation of Clematis Street during the annual Safe Streets Summit held yesterday in Miami! As one of the largest cities in the Region, West Palm Beach serves as important role in leading and inspiring change towards more livable and economically vibrant downtowns.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Thomas J. Lanahan
Executive Director

cc: Scott Kelly, Assistant City Manager
    Chris Roog, Economic Development Director
February 26, 2019

Mayor Maria Marino and City Council  
City of Palm Beach Gardens  
10500 N. Military Trail  
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

Re: Safe Streets Summit

Dear Mayor Marino and City Council Members:

Congratulations to the City of Palm Beach Gardens for receiving an award during the annual Safe Streets Summit held yesterday in Miami! The City of Palm Beach Gardens is in the midst of a transformation away from an auto-dominated suburban pattern and the award should be seen as validation that you are headed in the right direction.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Thomas J. Lunahan  
Executive Director

cc: Natalie Crowley, Director of Planning and Zoning
February 26, 2019

Steve Braun, P.E., District Design Engineer  
FDOT District 4  
3400 Commercial Boulevard  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

Re: Safe Streets Summit

Dear Mr. Braun:

Congratulations on being named a Safe Streets Champion during the annual Safe Streets Summit held yesterday in Miami! This award should be seen as validation by peers and practitioners that the District is moving in the right direction.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Thomas J. Lanahan  
Executive Director
February 26, 2019

Raphael Clemente, Executive Director
West Palm Beach DDA
300 Clematis Street, Suite 200
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Re: Safe Streets Summit

Dear Mr. Clemente:

Congratulations on being named a Safe Streets Champion during the annual Safe Streets Summit held yesterday in Miami! Your constancy of effort in making downtown West Palm Beach more livable and economically vibrant serves as an inspiring example for the Treasure Coast region.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Thomas J. Lanahan
Executive Director

cc: Robert Sanders, DDA Board Chair
March 8, 2019

Makenzi Mahler, Director
Governor’s Appointments Office
The Capitol Building
Lower Level, Suite LL-10
Tallahassee FL 32399-0001

Subject: Douglas Bournique – Gubernatorial Appointee
Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

Dear Ms. Mahler:

Please allow this letter to serve as my recommendation that Governor DeSantis reappoint Douglas Bournique to the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council. Mr. Bournique has served with distinction on the Council for many years, with an excellent attendance record. Mr. Bournique is a strong member of Council who actively participates in our meetings and brings an important perspective from the agriculture industry and his family ties to the Region.

It is my understanding that Mr. Bournique will be submitting the required request for reappointment shortly if he has not already done so. Please feel free to contact me at 772-221-4060 or tlanahan@tcrcp.org if you have any questions or if I can provide any more input on Mr. Bournique’s value to the Council.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Thomas J. Lanahan
Executive Director

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March 8, 2019

Makenzi Mahler, Director
Governor’s Appointments Office
The Capitol Building
Lower Level, Suite LL-10
Tallahassee FL 32399-0001

Subject: Erica Whitfield – Gubernatorial Appointee
Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

Dear Ms. Mahler:

Please allow this letter to serve as my recommendation that Governor DeSantis appoint Erica Whitfield to the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council. Ms. Whitfield was previously appointed by Governor Rick Scott in August of 2018 and has served on the Council while awaiting ratification by the Florida Senate. Ms. Whitfield has an excellent attendance record and she has been an enthusiastic participant, bringing her perspective as a member of the School Board of Palm Beach County to Council’s discussions. It is worth noting that Ms. Whitfield’s presence on the Council also fulfills the requirement in Florida Statues that there be a representative of the school boards in the Region on the Council.

It is my understanding that Ms. Whitfield will be submitting the required request for appointment shortly if she has not already done so. Please feel free to contact me at 772-221-4060 or tlanahan@tcrcp.org if you have any questions or if I can provide any more input on Ms. Whitfield’s value to the Council.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas J. Lanahan
Executive Director
March 8, 2019

Makenzi Mahler, Director
Governor’s Appointments Office
The Capitol Building
Lower Level, Suite LL-10
Tallahassee FL 32399-0001

Subject: Robert Lowe, Sr. – Gubernatorial Appointee
Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

Dear Ms. Mahler:

Please allow this letter to serve as my recommendation that Governor DeSantis appoint Robert Lowe, Sr. to the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council. Mr. Lowe was previously appointed by Governor Rick Scott in August of 2018 and has served on the Council while awaiting ratification by the Florida Senate. Mr. Lowe has an excellent attendance record and he eagerly participated in Council’s meetings and also volunteered to serve on Council’s standing committees. Mr. Lowe brings decades of real estate experience to Council’s discussions.

It is my understanding that Mr. Lowe will be submitting the required request for appointment shortly if he has not already done so. Please feel free to contact me at 772-221-4060 or tlanahan@tcrcr.org if you have any questions or if I can provide any more input on Mr. Lowe’s value to the Council.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas J. Lanahan
Executive Director
MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT: February 2019

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING and OUTREACH

- Organized and distributed the January 2019 Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) Newsletter, *FRCA Forward*. Began collecting articles and formatting the February 2019 Newsletter. Continued to update the FRCA Facebook page.
- Worked with the Florida Association of Counties to update the email lists for newly elected local officials and maintain the email listserv for approximately 2,400 individuals who receive *FRCA Forward*.
- Continued to work with the Florida Association of Counties to maintain and enhance the FRCA website: www.firegionalcouncils.org.
- Participating with the legislative process to secure funding so that regional planning councils can update the Statewide Regional Evacuation Study.
- To enhance partnerships and strengthen the relationship between regional planning councils and their state and federal partners, participated in or attended the following meetings shared information:
  o Florida Chapter American Planning Association Policy and Planning Workshop
  o Rural Economic Development Summit
  o Met with Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
- Working with the Economic Development Administration and the regional planning councils to develop presentation ideas for the American Planning Association Florida Annual Conference being held in Destin, September 10 – 13th.

ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

- Participated with the February Executive Directors Advisory Committee (EDAC) and Partners meetings held in Tallahassee.
- Prepared for the March EDAC and Partners Meetings.
- Distributed 2019 Legislative bill tracking report.
- Continued to coordinate logistics for the 2019 meeting and conference schedule.
- Distributed grant opportunities and information of interest from local, state and national organizations.
A bill to be entitled
An act relating to biosolids management; creating s. 403.0855, F.S.; providing legislative findings and intent; defining the term "biosolids"; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to adopt rules for biosolids management which meet certain requirements; exempting the rulemaking from specified requirements; providing applicability; providing that certain ordinances, moratoriums, or regulations remain in effect until they are repealed or expire; defining the term "biosolids"; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
Section 1. Section 403.0855, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

403.0855 Biosolids management.—
(1) The Legislature finds that it is in the best interest of this state to regulate biosolids management in order to minimize the migration of nutrients that impair waterbodies. The Legislature further finds that the expedited implementation of the recommendations of the Biosolids Technical Advisory Committee, including permitting according to site-specific application conditions, an increased inspection rate, groundwater and surface water monitoring protocols, and nutrient management research, will improve biosolids management and assist in protecting this state's water resources and water quality. The Legislature intends for innovative technologies in biosolids processing to be implemented as a means to improve
biosolids management and to protect this state's water resources
and water quality.

(2) As used in this section, the term "biosolids" has the
same meaning as in s. 373.4595(2).

(3) The department shall adopt rules for biosolids
management which include, but are not limited to, the following:
(a) Biosolids land application rates that ensure that
nitrogen and phosphorus do not impair surface water quality or
groundwater quality in nearby or downstream waterbodies;
(b) Site-specific land application criteria; and
(c) Monitoring requirements.

(4) Rules adopted pursuant to this section are not subject
to ss. 120.541(3) and 403.804(2).

(5) Nothing herein shall be construed to conflict with or
supersede s. 373.4595.

Section 2. An ordinance, moratorium, or regulation relating
to the land application of Class B biosolids adopted by a county
or municipality shall remain in effect until the county or
municipality repeals or lets expire the ordinance, moratorium,
or regulation. Nothing herein prohibits a county or municipality
from extending an existing ordinance, moratorium, or regulation.
The term "biosolids" has the same meaning as in s. 373.4595(2),
Florida Statutes.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.
A Ray of Sunshine?

A property-value boost from SunRail offers hope for the commuter line.

SunRail, metro Orlando's 4-year-old commuter train, faces an uncertain future. Ridership has failed to meet initial projections. And with only two years until the Florida Department of Transportation turns over financial responsibility for SunRail to the region's local governments, city and county leaders have no plan for paying the line's nearly $60-million-a-year operating tab.

There are reasons for optimism. Last summer, SunRail expanded into Osceola County — growing from 12 to 16 stations and from 32 to 49 miles. Ridership jumped from fewer than 80,000 a month on average to roughly 121,000 a month.

What's more, a new FDOT study finds that while SunRail hasn't spurred many commuters to give up their cars, it has spurred something else: Property values. The study, written by faculty and students at Florida State University and published in December, found that the property values for the areas around SunRail's original 12 stations grew a combined 62.8% between 2011 and 2017, nearly three times as fast as the property values in the study's control areas.

Altogether, the areas around the stations added a combined $2.4 billion in property value — half of which is directly attributable to SunRail.

But property values haven't climbed uniformly across the system. Growth rates around individual stations ranged from 125.4% near the Church Street station in downtown Orlando to a 0.3% decline at the Altamonte Springs station in Seminole County, the only station to see a decline.

And the actual property tax revenue generated by the land around the stations grew at a much slower pace, 41.5%, than the property values. That's because a significant portion of the growth occurred around the stations serving AdventHealth Orlando and Orlando Health, where property values grew 98.6% and 30.9%, respectively. Much of the land around those stations is owned by the two non-profit hospital giants and therefore tax-exempt. Tax revenue at those stations rose 43.4% and 28.1% respectively.

Still, the report was greeted as a needed jolt of good news. "SunRail has proven to be a catalyst for positive property value growth," the FSU team concluded.
STATE OF FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 19-31
(Charting a Course for Florida to Become Number 1 in the Nation in Workforce Education by 2030 and Ensuring Florida Students are Prepared for the Jobs of the Future)

WHEREAS, our State Constitution, pursuant to Article IX, section (1)(a), provides that the education of children is a fundamental value of the people of the State of Florida and that it is the paramount duty of the state to make adequate provision for the education of children residing within its borders;

WHEREAS, Florida is currently ranked 24th in the nation of people age 25-64 with an associate in arts degree or higher or with a high-quality workforce relevant certificate; and

WHEREAS, students must acquire advanced knowledge and skills to find meaningful work and enjoy productive careers; and

WHEREAS, a knowledgeable and skilled workforce is essential for future economic growth and expanded opportunity; to wit:

Florida’s economy will need a skilled labor force for opportunities in health services, education, transportation, trade, utilities, computing, as well as for jobs that require an industry certification or license; and

WHEREAS, enhancing Florida’s workforce education will provide more economic opportunities for our graduates and support further diversification of Florida’s economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I RON DESANTIS, as Governor of Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article IV, Section (1)(a) of the Florida Constitution, and all other applicable laws, do hereby issue the following Executive Order, to take immediate effect:

Section 1: I hereby direct the Commissioner of Education to ensure the following objectives are completed:
A. An audit of the course offerings in the state CTE system is completed and a methodology to audit and review the offerings annually is developed. The audit should include:

a. An analysis of alignment with certificate or degree programs offered at the K-12 and postsecondary levels;

b. An analysis of alignment with professional level industry certifications;

c. An analysis of alignment with high-growth, high-demand and high-wage employment opportunities; and

d. A review of student outcomes such as academic achievement, college readiness, postsecondary enrollment, credential attainment and attainment of industry certifications;

B. The Department of Education works with and utilizes the expertise of the following stakeholders: CareerSource Florida, the Department of Economic Opportunity, the Board of Governors, the State College System, school districts and business and industry leaders to ensure CTE course offerings are aligned with market demands;

C. The Department of Education develops CTE best practices for partnerships between high schools, postsecondary institutions, and businesses; and

D. The Department of Education makes recommendations to the Governor on an annual basis to eliminate course offerings that are not aligned to market demands, to create new offerings that are aligned to market demands and to strengthen existing programs as needed.

Section 2: I hereby direct the Commissioner of Education to ensure the Department of Education’s 2019 legislative priorities include the following:
A. Securing $10 million in funding for FY 2019-2020 to seed high quality workforce apprenticeships and other industry specific learning opportunities for students;

B. Securing $26 million in funding for FY 2019-2020 for workforce programs, within Florida College System institutions, that lead to jobs;

C. Adopting a “reverse transfer” policy within universities and state colleges, whereby state colleges issue associates’ degrees to students who began their higher education at a state college and transferred to a university prior to completing the necessary credits for an associate’s degree, but did not complete their bachelors’ degrees at the university. This would be accomplished by having the university transfer back any credits completed by the student to the state college where they started, allowing those who have completed the necessary credits across the system to be awarded an associate’s degree from the state college at which they started;

D. Requiring all four-year colleges to proactively offer associate’s degrees to students who have completed the required 60 hours immediately upon completion of those hours;

E. Creating the “Last Mile College Completion” funding incentive to provide tuition waivers for online and state college course completion for identified former students who are within 10 percent of degree completion by credit hours;

F. Securing $10 million in funding for the implementation of 2018 House Bill 495, requiring middle and high schools to offer courses in computer science. This funding is intended to establish a program for teacher professional development to earn educator certificates or industry certifications in computer science; and

G. Allowing computer science to count as a science credit towards graduation.
These actions will begin the process of ensuring that Florida has the strongest CTE system in the country, aligned to market demand, and that Florida students are prepared to fill the high-demand, high-wage jobs of today and the future.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 30th day of January, 2019.

[Signature]
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

[Signature]
SECRETARY OF STATE