



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

WALK OF
FAME

2023
NOMINATIONS

2023 WALK OF FAME COMMITTEE
Friday, February 24, 2023, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
CITY HALL – 8TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

Attendance in person is required to speak on an item.
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AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Call Meeting to Order
- III. Approval of February 28, 2022, Minutes
- IV. Selection of Chair for 2023
- V. Discussion of 2023 Walk of Fame Nominations
- VI. 2023 Walk of Fame Selections
- VII. Other Matters of Interest or Concern
- VIII. Adjourn

Committee Members:

Lillian Small
Robert Lochrie
Genia Ellis
George Hanbury
Alex Bagwell (O'Connor)
Patrick Shavloske
Gale Butler

Purpose: The purpose of the Walk of Fame Committee is to review nominations for the award and to provide a recommendation to the City Commission for winners to be selected

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CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
2022 WALK OF FAME COMMITTEE
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2022, 2:00 PM TO 4:00 PM
CITY HALL – 8TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

Committee Members Present

Lillian Small
Robert Lochrie
Genia Ellis
George Hanbury [Arrived 2:17 PM]
Gale Butler
Denyse Cunningham

Staff Present

Sarah Hannah-Spurlock, Nighttime Economy Manager

Also Present

Ina Lee
John Burns
Michelle Dallas
Steve Buckley
Carla Blair, Recording Secretary, Prototype Inc.

I. Welcome and Introductions

Sarah Hannah-Spurlock introduced herself as Staff Liaison. She works for the city of Fort Lauderdale in the City Manager's Office as the Nighttime Economy Manager.

II. Call Meeting to Order

Ms. Spurlock called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM.

She informed the Committee that Bennie Lynch did not appear in their PDF documents, but he did appear in the hard copy booklet they were handed. She gave them a few minutes to review Mr. Lynch's document.

III. Approval of the March 30, 2021 Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Lochrie, seconded by Ms. Small to approve the March 30, 2021, minutes. In a voice vote, the **motion passed** unanimously.

IV. Selection of Chair for 2022

Motion made by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Ms. Butler to nominate Robert Lochrie as Chair. In a voice vote, the **motion passed** unanimously.

V. Discussion of 2022 Walk of Fame Nominations

Chair Lochrie noted there are a lot of nominations from different sources. He asked how many recipients they will be selecting.

Ms. Spurlock answered that they can recommend up to four (4) recipients but are not required to pick four (4). She sent a tally sheet on Friday and asked each committee member to select their Top 8. She will record scores on a tally sheet in an effort to create a shortlist for the committee to discuss. She said last year's committee asked her to let nominators know when the meeting is held. She noted the application process and the procedures in the past are based on applications submitted and not the people who come to speak on their behalf. She said it is up to Board if they want to hear from audience. She recommended the committee make their choices based on the materials submitted.

Ms. Ellis asked for clarification on what the intent is for the Walk of Fame and criteria.

Ms. Spurlock provided the background on the Walk of Fame, which began in 2010. She reviewed the criteria for the honorees. She noted the City Commission makes the final decision at their March 15 meeting.

Chair Lochrie asked about the two other City Other two recognition opportunities.

Ms. Ellis replied that the other opportunities for recognition are:

- Distinguished Citizen
- Citizen of the Year
- Former City Employee
- Honor Founder

Chair Lochrie suggested the Committee allow the public audience to speak. Consensus was reached to allow the public to speak on their nominees.

Ina Lee nominated Bill Walker. She spoke on his accomplishments with water taxi and his volunteerism.

John Burns nominated both Jerry Taylor and Nancy Bryant. He spoke on their careers, philanthropy, and commitment to the arts. He presented two letters to support his nomination.

Michelle Dallas nominated James Dallas. She spoke on the impact of his musical entertainment career. She shared a photo of her father, Leonce Picot and Count Basey.

Steve Buckley nominated Ivy Stranahan. He spoke on her educational career as the first schoolteacher in Fort Lauderdale and her volunteerism.

Ms. Spurlock said to rank in order 1-8, with one being most preferred down to eight.

VI. 2022 Walk of Fame Selections

Committee members listed their top eight choices and Ms. Spurlock tallied the votes. The top four vote getters were: Ivy Cromatie Stranahan, James Dallas, William Walker, and Lisa Scott Founds.

MOTION made by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Ms. Butler to recognize the following people as 2022 Walk of Fame Honorees: Ivy Cromatie Stranahan, James Dallas, William Walker, and Lisa Scott Founds. In a voice vote, the **motion passed** unanimously.

Ms. Ellis asked if they could make recommendations for remaining nominees for other City recognition. She recommended Hal Barnes and Bennie Lynch be considered for Former City Employee.

Chair Lochrie encouraged anyone who submitted this year to resubmit a nomination next year.

VII. Other Matters of Interest or Concern

Ina Lee mentioned that the current pavers were difficult to read and asked that the City address the issue. The committee members agreed to note the issue in the minutes.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:42 PM.

[Minutes prepared by TBaclawski, Prototype Inc.]

City of Fort Lauderdale Walk of Fame Honorees (2010 – 2022)

2022

Ivy Cromatie Stranahan
Mother of Fort Lauderdale

James A. Dallas, Sr.
Businessman, Educator, and Musician

William Walker
President, Water Taxi of Fort Lauderdale

Lisa Scott-Founds
President and CEO, Winterfest, Inc.

2021

Sylvia Aldridge
Guardian Champion

Eugenia Duncan Ellis
President and CEO, Riverwalk

Michael E. Hurst
Restaurateur, Educator and Hospitality Legend

John D. MacDonald
Author and Environmentalist

2019

Walter Banks
President, Lago Mar Beach Resort and Club

Levi Henry
Founder, Westside Gazette Newspaper

The Perry Family
Building a Beach Legacy

Stan Smoker
Visionary, Developer and Preservationist

2018

Evelyn Fortune Bartlett
Artist and Patron of Art and Ornament

Beauregard Cummings
Civic Leader, Mentor and Community Organizer

Elliott Miley Hendricks, M.D.
Pioneer, Physician, and Humanitarian

Robert B. "Buddy" Lochrie Jr.
Fort Lauderdale Native, Banker and Civic Leader

2017

Dr. George L. Hanbury, II
Fort Lauderdale City Manager
President Nova Southeastern University

Kaye Pearson
Marine Industry Icon and Founder of Show Management

The Motwani Family
Ramesh "Bob," Ramola, Dev and Nitin
Fort Lauderdale Beach Visionaries

The Zloch Brothers
Bill, Chuck, and Jim
Brothers Dedicated to the City through Sports, Law, Finance, and Community Service

2016

George L. Burrows, Sr.
Founder of Burrows Electric Company

Fort Lauderdale Ocean Rescue
A Tradition of Excellence for 90 Years, 1926-2016

Nicki Englander Grossman
Tourism Czar

Rev. Monsignor Vincent T. Kelly
Pastor, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
Supervising Principal, St. Thomas Aquinas and Cardinal Gibbons High Schools

2015

Hugh Taylor Birch
Father of Fort Lauderdale Beach

Ina Lee
Tourism Icon

Dr. Ron O'Brien
8-Time U.S.A. Olympic Diving Coach

Tim Schiavone
Owner, World Famous Parrot Lounge

2014

"Crazy" Gregg Newell
Father of Spring Break

Jerome "Jerry" Faber
Tourism Pioneer

John Amodeo
Legendary Restaurateur

2013

W. George Allen
Attorney and Civil Rights Advocate

The Gill Family
Fort Lauderdale's First Family of Tourism

Jack Drury
Public Relations Executive and Goodwill Ambassador

2012

H. Wayne Huizenga
Entrepreneur and Philanthropist

Jimmy Evert
The Patriarch of Tennis in Fort Lauderdale

Chris Evert
Hall of Fame Tennis Professional

Woody Woodbury
Comedian, Actor and Television Personality

2011

City of Fort Lauderdale
Commemorating the City's Centennial (1911 – 2011)

Louise Crocco
Legendary Cardinal Gibbons High School Girls' Volleyball Coach

Brent Jett
Astronaut and Space Shuttle Commander

Marcia Pinder
Award-winning Dillard High School Girls' Basketball Coach

Rick Shaw
Radio Broadcasting Legend

George Smith
Legendary St. Thomas Aquinas High School Football Coach

2010

Connie Francis
Singer, Actress, Entertainer
Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of "Where the Boys Are"

**City of Fort Lauderdale
2023 Walk of Fame Nominations**

Frank Adderley

C. A. Chuck Black

Michael S. Egan

Bill Feinberg

Arianne Glassman

Eileen G. Helfer

Eula Johnson

William (Bill) Kent, Dr

Henry E. Kinney

Phillip McDonald

Carolyn Michaels

Tim O'Brien

Vanessa N. Perez

Jared Postal

Stacy J. Ritter

Steve Shapiro

Shane Strum (1 of 2)

Shane Strum (2 of 2)

From: fortlauderdale@enotify.visioninternet.com <fortlauderdale@enotify.visioninternet.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2022 10:39 AM
To: Sarah Spurlock <SSpurlock@FortLauderdale.gov>
Subject: [-EXTERNAL-] Walk of Fame Application

A new entry to a form/survey has been submitted.

Form Name: 2023 Walk of Fame Honoree Nomination Form
Date & Time: November 30, 2022 10:38 AM
Response #: 41
Submitter ID: 72393
IP address: 170.55.89.242
Time to complete: 30 min. , 9 sec.

Survey Details

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1. Nominated Honoree information:

Name of Nominated Honoree: Frank Adderley
Address: 525 NW 15th Way
City: Fort Lauderdale
State: Florida
Zip Code: 33311
Home Phone: (954) 931-3898
Work Phone: Not answered
Cell Phone: (954) 931-3898
Email Address: fa851@hotmail.com

2. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements.

Frank worked 36 years for the City 10/20/1980-12/31/2016 starting as a police officer and ending his City service as both the first black Police Chief and the longest serving Police Chief. During Frank's 7 years as Chief, he brought stability and integrity to the FLPD that is unmatched before and after his tenure.

3. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

Frank's commitment to the City, its' residents, and visitors are really extraordinary in the many years of service along with the level of service that he has provided especially through many troubling years that the US has experienced with law enforcement issues. Although Frank moved along in his career to the Broward Sheriff's Office and ultimately the City of West Palm Beach as their Police Chief, Frank continues to maintain his primary residence within the City of Fort Lauderdale's Sistrunk neighborhood in the home in which he grew up and hopes to retire into one day.

4. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.

Work Experience
Chief Of Police
West Palm Beach Police Department · Jun 2019 - Present

Chief of Police
Fort Lauderdale Police Department Oct 1980 - Dec 2016 · 36 yrs 3 months

5. This nomination was submitted by:

Name: Stephen McWilliam
Phone number: (954) 931-3898
Email Address: sbmcwilliam@gmail.com

6. You may submit additional background material such as media copy. Please limit to a total of 10 pages. Maximum size per file upload is 5 MB.

Thank you,
City of Fort Lauderdale, FL

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2023 WALK OF FAME HONOREE NOMINATION FORM

The City established the Walk of Fame in 2010 at the inaugural Great American Beach Party to pay tribute to the legendary Connie Francis on the 50th Anniversary of "Where the Boys Are," the 1960 film which made Fort Lauderdale an overnight sensation and a "must see" destination for visitors.

Walk of Fame Honorees are recognized by making sustained, positive impacts in one or more of the areas listed below but not limited to:

- Providing a positive outlook for the future of our youth,
- Contributing to the quality of life for our citizens,
- Fostering the spirit of our community,
- Bringing positive recognition to the City, locally or nationally,
- Making Fort Lauderdale a place to live, work, or play,
- Encouraging people to visit Fort Lauderdale as a destination of choice.

As part of the awards program, each honoree receives a commemorative paver that is placed in the Walk of Fame to memorialize their outstanding accomplishments. The Fort Lauderdale Walk of Fame is located on the beach along the east side of A1A at Las Olas Boulevard. Walk of Fame Honorees are announced at the Great American Beach Party, which is tentatively scheduled to take place on the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend.

If you would like to submit a nomination for the 2023 Great American Beach Party Walk of Fame, please complete the information below. Please feel free to attach additional sheets or submit your responses via email to sspurlock@fortlauderdale.gov. The deadline for the 2023 Great American Beach Party Walk of Fame nomination is **Friday, December 30, 2022**.

Nominated Honoree information:

Name of nominated honoree: C. A. "Chuck" Black

Address: deceased

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Office: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

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1. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements.

See Attached write up.

2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

See Attached write up.

3. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.

See Attached write up.

Submitted by: Michael Albetta and Juliette Rocque (954.540.9348 & luze052@gmail.com)

Phone number: 954.560.8649 (M Albetta) Email: albettam@icloud.com

Background material such as nominee biography, resume, media copy, etc. is highly recommended.

All nominations must be received by December 30, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Nominations and background materials submitted after Friday, December 30, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. will not be accepted. **Incomplete nominations will not be considered.** If you have any questions, please call 954-828-5085 or email sspurlock@fortlauderdale.gov.

Mail your submission to:

Sarah Spurlock
City of Fort Lauderdale
300 SW 2nd Street, Suite 5
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

E-mail your submission to:

sspurlock@fortlauderdale.gov

2023 Walk of Fame Nomination – C. A. “Chuck” Black

1. Please describe the nominee’s accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements.

We nominate C. A. “Chuck” Black (1952 – 2016) for consideration as a 2023 Walk of Fame Honoree at the Great American Beach Party. Without Chuck’s passionate pursuit of his dream for the city, we would not have a USS Fort Lauderdale (LPD 28).

On July 30, 2022, USS Fort Lauderdale (LPD 28), a U.S. Navy amphibious transport dock ship, was commissioned at Port Everglades. The *Fort Lauderdale* and her crew are now stationed in Norfolk, VA. This namesake ship will be in service to our country for 40 years giving our city local, national, and international recognition for years to come.

To quote from the Sun Sentinel’s August 3, 2022 Editorial¹, “Namesake ship tightens bond between proud city and the Navy”:

“There are too few moments in Broward that truly unite us as one community. This was a notable exception, as people from every walk of life were at Port Everglades to witness one of the proudest moments in the city’s history.”

Navy ship names are chosen by the Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV). Naming a ship after our city was the culmination of a multi-year effort spearheaded by Chuck Black.

In 2010, Chuck Black began his pursuit to have a ship named after Fort Lauderdale. For the next five years Chuck enlisted the support of everyday citizens, military personnel, city and county leaders, businesspeople, and politicians. He conducted research supporting the city’s rich history with our military and the U.S. Navy. He was instrumental in gaining an appointment with Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus (SECNAV) where he and Mayor Jack Seiler presented a compelling case on behalf of the city. The meeting was held September 6, 2011, at the Pentagon; an invitation was extended to Mayor Jack Seiler and citizen Chuck Black July 2011 by Congressman Allen West². After Allen West left Congress in 2012, Chuck partnered with Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz and Congresswoman Lois Frankel. Congresswoman Schultz gained the support of the 6 South Florida Congressional Representatives with 2 letters of request to SECNAV (2013³ & 2015). He urged city leadership, and others, to write letters to SECNAV as well⁴. His dogged determination to leave no stone unturned led to the March 2016 announcement that the City of Fort Lauderdale would be honored with a namesake ship⁵.

A few short months after the naming announcement, Chuck Black, who was to be the Commissioning Committee Chair, unexpectedly passed away. On July 11, 2016, at an event on the Naming of the USS Fort Lauderdale (LPD 28), Mayor Jack Seiler named Chuck Honorary Chair of the Commissioning Committee. At the *Fort Lauderdale* christening in August 2021, the Chief’s anchors from Chuck’s U.S. Navy uniform were encased in the ship’s mast.

The Commissioning Committee of over 150 patriotic citizens, representatives from the ship, employees at Port Everglades and the City of Fort Lauderdale collaborated to make this celebration one that unified and energized residents in Fort Lauderdale and across South Florida. The community was brought together over many months to honor and celebrate this namesake ship. A series of community outreach events began September 2021, continued in 2022 culminating in Commissioning Ceremony July 30, 2022, when the ship was placed into service and joined the U.S. Navy Fleet.

While his crowning achievement was the naming of USS Fort Lauderdale, Chuck was dedicated to his community and served in leadership positions and volunteer roles on many fronts.

2023 Walk of Fame Nomination (continued)

In 2010, Chuck served as the Commissioning Chair of USS Jason Dunham (DDG 109) which brought the Commandant of the Marine Corps, dignitaries of governmental agencies as well as Corporal Jason Dunham's family to Fort Lauderdale for the commissioning. Cpl Jason Dunham was a U.S. Marine who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor. Chuck coordinated a committee of 50+ citizens who conducted 10 days of celebrations, and community service projects. These events fostered the spirit of our community while showering the city with positive recognition both locally and nationally. The ship's commissioning brought thousands of visitors to the area.

In 2012, Chuck Black served as the Commissioning Chair for USCGC Richard Etheridge (WPC 1102), also commissioned at Port Everglades. The *Richard Etheridge* was named after the first African American to command a Life Saving Station, the precursor to the U.S. Coast Guard. This commissioning brought the Commandant of the Coast Guard to Fort Lauderdale along with distinguished guests.

Chuck volunteered as a Great American Beach Party (GABP) committee member from its 2010 inception until his passing in July 2016. Among other roles, each year he contacted the SOCOM Para-Commandos Skydivers who jumped from planes and landed on their target along Fort Lauderdale Beach shoreline at A1A and Las Olas Boulevard. The crowd-pleasing skydiving event has become a staple of the Great American Beach Party due to his coordination efforts.

In 2011, Chuck Black enlisted the support of Chris Wren, head of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), to initiate a traffic signal box wrap program to enhance the city's streets. Chuck worked with the DDA to wrap eleven traffic signal utility boxes in Downtown Fort Lauderdale with historical photos and graphics to beautify the street corners downtown. Broward County supported the box wrap program under its "Art in Public Places" umbrella. Chuck worked with the City of Fort Lauderdale to expand this program over multiple years. Dozens of traffic signal box wraps revitalized city street corners beyond downtown, enhancing life for residents and tourists. He coordinated with neighboring cities to expand the "Art in Public Places" box wrap program to other areas in Broward County.

Chuck Black's involvement in youth programs included volunteering with the local Spruance Division Sea Cadets, re-named Fort Lauderdale Sea Cadets in July 2022 when the *Fort Lauderdale* was commissioned. He also worked with the L.A. Lee Family YMCA, served on the Board of Florida Children's Theater (FLCT), and performed at the Children's Theater. He mentored youth and wrote multiple letters of recommendations for high school students applying to colleges and military, coast guard, and maritime academies.

Chuck Black's contributions to the Greater Fort Lauderdale community were extensive. Over many years, he showed his passion for this city through his actions. Chuck was a leader in our community, leading by example. He influenced others to volunteer and serve the community to make a difference, helping to make Fort Lauderdale a great place to live, work, and play.

Chuck's public service included local and national level leadership positions:

- Founding committee member of city events including the Great American Beach Party, Saint Patrick's Day Parade, Light Up Sistrunk and the Midtown Summerfest; Contributed "in-kind" sponsorships and arranged for military skydivers and airplanes for city events
- Sponsor, Winterfest Boat Parade; Contributed "in-kind" sponsorships
- Founding Sponsor, Day of the Dead Parade & Celebration; Contributed "in-kind" sponsorships
- Board of Directors and Executive Committee, Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale; Contributed "in-kind" sponsorships
- Board of Directors, National Navy League of the U.S. (10 years)
- South Florida Area President, Navy League of the U.S. (3 years)
- President, Fort Lauderdale Council, Navy League of the U.S. (3 years)

2023 Walk of Fame Nomination (continued)

- Scholarship Selection Committee, Navy League of the U.S. Foundation
- Steering Committee, Fort Lauderdale Fleet Week
- Commissioning Committee member, USS Bainbridge (DDG 96), USS Spruance (DDG 111) as well as 4 Coast Guard Cutter Commissioning Committees
- Commissioning Committee Chair, USS Jason Dunham (DDG 109)
- Commissioning Committee Chair, USCGC Richard Etheridge (WPC 1102)
- Honorary Chair, USS Fort Lauderdale (LPD 28)
- Volunteer, Sea Cadet Youth Program, Spruance Division now the Fort Lauderdale Division due to our namesake ship
- Board of Directors, Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce (10 years). Donated interior graphics for Chamber's renovation project for Project 100 and numerous "in-kind" sponsorships
- Board member, Downtown Council; was slated to be incoming Chair of the Downtown Council, Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce at his passing
- Chair, Uptown Council, Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce
- Committee member, "Salute to Business" (5 years), Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce
- Graduate, Leadership Fort Lauderdale (Class XIII), Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce
- Curriculum Development Chair, Leadership Fort Lauderdale (Class XV), Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce
- Member, Marine Advisory Board, City of Fort Lauderdale
- District 2 Representative, Council of Civic Associations, City of Fort Lauderdale
- President, Lake Ridge Civic Association (LRCA). Chaired the LRCA Monument Committee
- Advisory Board Member, Mission United, United Way Broward County
- Board of Directors, Florida Children's Theatre
- Advisory Board, Transportation Management Agency
- Board of Directors, L. A. Lee Family YMCA
- Actor & mentor, productions at Florida Children's Theater and at Andrews Living Arts Theater in FATVillage

Chuck was recognized for his business acumen and community leadership with the following awards:

- 2008 Small Business of the Year, New Business Category, Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce
- 2014 Small Business of the Year, Established Business Category, Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce
- 2014 Small Businessperson of the Year, Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce
- 2014 Project of the Year, Alliance Franchise Brands and Wide Format Magazine; project completed at Miami Dolphins training facility at Nova Southeastern University
- 2016 Citizen of the Year, City of Fort Lauderdale

2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

Chuck Black - friend, citizen, volunteer, businessman, patriot - left a wonderful legacy for our city with the naming of a ship USS Fort Lauderdale (LPD 28). Without Chuck's continued leadership, Fort Lauderdale would not have a namesake ship. This tribute to Fort Lauderdale's rich history with the U.S. Navy is an honor all our citizens can embrace.

2023 Walk of Fame Nomination (continued)

The *Fort Lauderdale* is the twelfth in the San Antonio Class of amphibious transport dock ships. The ship is 684 feet long with a crew of 350 officers and enlisted sailors, When the ship deploys it will transport a Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) of 650 marines and all their equipment.

For decades to come USS Fort Lauderdale (LPD 28) will shine a spotlight on Fort Lauderdale whenever it pulls into port in the U.S. or abroad. All crew wear the name *Fort Lauderdale* on their uniform¹ promoting the city wherever they go.

Chuck always had a passion for the sea services. He worked with the Navy League of the U.S. in leadership roles to educate the community on the commitment men and women in uniform make on behalf of all of us. Chairing the respective Commissioning Committees for USS Jason Dunham (DDG 109) and USCGC Richard Etheridge (WPC 1102) are noteworthy; paying tribute to Medal of Honor recipient Corporal Jason Dunham and honoring Richard Etheridge, a man who was born a slave and fought in the Civil War.

Chuck served as a dedicated and active committee member for many city-led initiatives including The Great American Beach Party, the Saint Patrick's Day Parade, Military Appreciation Day, Light Up Sistrunk, and Summerfest. He gave both his time and "in-kind" contributions to these events.

He made contributions to the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce. He served on the Board of Directors and committees such as "Salute to Business," Government Affairs, and the Downtown Council. He was a past Curriculum Development Chair for the Leadership Fort Lauderdale Program.

The traffic signal box wrap project he developed with DDA has spread throughout South Florida, beautifying Fort Lauderdale and neighboring communities. The program is part of Broward County's "Art in Public Places." This innovative project "dresses up" a mundane silver box on the corner fostering the community's artistic spirit.

Through his involvement with the Florida Children's Theater and the Fort Lauderdale Sea Cadets, Chuck demonstrated his passion for mentoring youth. He helped high school students navigate their way to higher education by writing letters of recommendation to colleges and military academies.

3. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.

Chuck Black was CEO/Owner of Image360 Fort Lauderdale, a graphics, signage and displays company in the FATVillage Arts District. He was a strong voice in the Fort Lauderdale community and held leadership roles on numerous boards and committees (listed in Section 1 above). For these and other efforts, he had the great honor of being named the City of Fort Lauderdale's 2016 Citizen of the Year. Chuck was a yacht broker for 10 years in Annapolis, Maryland prior to moving to Fort Lauderdale in 2003. Extremely well rounded, Chuck was relentless in pursuit of his dreams.

Chuck Black, born in Spartanburg, South Carolina, was from a broken home and did not receive much guidance or direction as a child. In his early 20's, thanks to mentoring from his "adopted" dad, Chuck embraced a strong set of core values. This "father figure" encouraged Chuck to join the armed services to further his education, his "sense of self," and to help build strong character traits. Chuck Black enlisted in the U.S. Navy, completed a 20-year career with distinction, retiring as a Senior Chief Petty Officer. During his Naval career, and for the rest of his life, Chuck embraced the U.S. Navy's core values - Honor, Courage, and Commitment. Those 3 words became his guiding principles. His U.S. Navy awards included two Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, three Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, four Good Conduct Medals, and various campaign, unit, and service awards. He was selected as "Sailor of the Year" from two different commands. He served on 5

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different types of ships and was appointed as a Navy Recruiter in Europe, living in Frankfurt, Germany while covering thirteen countries and 55 DOD high schools.

Chuck earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Maryland and a Diploma in Acting from the National Conservatory of Dramatic Arts, Washington, DC. He performed at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC and in New York, Annapolis, and Fort Lauderdale. He was an actor, clown, stilt walker, fire eater, and balloon sculptor.

Chuck passed away unexpectedly July 11, 2016. His passing was a major loss to our community; the community grieved⁶ along with his family. He is survived by his spouse of 21 years, Lynn Elsasser who served as 1st Vice Chair, USS Fort Lauderdale (LPD 28) Commissioning Committee. He is also survived by son, Jonathan - USS Fort Lauderdale Commissioning Committee member, daughter-in-law Chan, and grandson Andrew. Chuck Black is interred in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA.

Chuck Black's positive attitude, optimism and "joie de vivre" were infectious; influencing many around him to step up and make our city and county a better place to live, work, and play.

Attachments:

1. *Sun Sentinel* Editorial August 3, 2022, "Namesake ship tightens bond between proud city and the Navy"
2. Congressman Allen West letter, July 11, 2011 – invitation to meeting with SECNAV
3. October 23, 2013, Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz letter to SECNAV (signed by South Florida Congressmen and women)
4. C Black email to Seiler and Feldman requesting they write SECNAV, September 4, 2015
5. Press Release, March 9, 2016 – "United States Navy to Designate USS FORT LAUDERDALE (LPD 28) as Amphibious Transport Dock Ship"
6. Trent Gibson, USMC Lieutenant Colonel, retired, tribute to Chuck, July 12, 2016

Namesake ship tightens bond between a proud city and the Navy | Editorial

By [Sun Sentinel Editorial Board](#)

South Florida Sun-Sentinel

Aug 03, 2022 at 1:20 pm



The USS Fort Lauderdale at Port Everglades, with the city's skyline in the background. (U.S. Navy)

Fort Lauderdale's ship has finally come in.

The commissioning of the USS Fort Lauderdale is the biggest and boldest affirmation yet of the decades-long love affair between the city and the Navy — one that's mutually beneficial for both.

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The dockside ceremony at Port Everglades last Saturday culminated years of effort that started with a suggestion from a city [resident, Chuck Black](#), who began promoting the idea more than a decade ago.

[Black, a decorated 20-year Navy veteran](#), and other ship supporters have added another colorful chapter to the rich naval history of a city that was home to a flight training school in World War II, where one rookie pilot was a young George Herbert Walker Bush.

The special day of the commissioning was one of those glorious midsummer mornings with just enough of a breeze to keep all the humid air moving. When the clouds inevitably rolled in and the rains came — twice, in fact — nobody seemed to care because they were all too busy beaming. The civic pride was etched on the faces of thousands who admired the monstrous ship, such as Marilyn Johansen, a Lauderdale-By-The-Sea watercolor artist.

Her many works include military portraits and scenes that were exhibited to attract attention to the ship. Her father, a veteran of World War II and Korea, was a fighter pilot and POW, and her husband was a Marine combat veteran in Vietnam.

The 25,000-ton amphibious transport dock ship with the motto "Together we fight" is not just a symbol of American military power.

A welcoming spirit

It's a tribute to Fort Lauderdale's welcoming spirit. Naturally there have been a few yuks, ribbing the city's freewheeling

image: "The USS Fort Lauderdale? Does it have an open bar?"

Don't laugh. The party-town image is partly why Fort Lauderdale has been a popular liberty port for generations. Yes, our men and women in uniform are defending freedom and their country — but when they're here, they're tourists, too.

After all these years, it's especially fitting to see sailors with the legend "USS Ft Lauderdale" etched onto the shoulders of their crisp dress whites.



Sailors wear "USS Ft Lauderdale" emblazoned on their Navy uniforms. (Steve Bousquet)

"It's a floating billboard, advertising Fort Lauderdale," said a beaming Thomas Wenski, the archbishop of Miami. "It's also a tribute to Fort Lauderdale's tradition of hospitality to the Navy."

'You have a call ...'

Former Mayor Jack Seiler recalled a pivotal moment in the USS Fort Lauderdale's evolution.

As mayor, Seiler was running a city commission meeting when an aide told him he had to take an urgent call. That happens very rarely, and it can be very bad news. Not this time.

On the phone, calling from the Pentagon, was Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus, who happily told Seiler: "I've got my Fort Lauderdale hat on."

The Navy boss told the mayor to keep the news under his hat for a few days, because the decision had to clear routine bureaucratic channels.

[[WATCH: The commissioning of the USS Fort Lauderdale, July 30, 2022](#)]

Seiler and other city leaders [had gone to D.C.](#) and met with Mabus to lobby for a ship. "They made a pretty good case," Mabus recalled.

Mabus, who also attended the commissioning at the port, said one of the perks of being Navy secretary is to name ships. It doesn't require approval of anyone in the vast Pentagon bureaucracy.

'Name it what you want'

"You just name it what you want to name it," said Mabus, a former congressman, governor of Mississippi and U.S. ambassador to Saudi Arabia, who also served in the Navy on the cruiser USS Little Rock.

On stage were Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro; U.S. Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, D-Weston, who chairs the House appropriations subcommittee for military construction; Fort Lauderdale Mayor Dean Trantalis; and Chuck Black's widow, Lynn Elsasser. (Black died in 2016.)

The ship's sponsor or advocate, who had the prestigious role of bringing the ship "to life" to the strains of "Anchors Aweigh," was Meredith Berger, the assistant secretary of the Navy for Energy, Installations and the Environment. A Broward native, she's the daughter of long-time political activist Mitchell Berger. "It is one of the greatest honors for this hometown girl," Berger told the crowd.

There are too few moments in Broward that truly unite us as one community. This was a notable exception, as people from every walk of life were at Port Everglades to witness one of the proudest moments in the city's history.

The USS Fort Lauderdale has departed for Norfolk, Va., to await its next assignment, and the bond between the Navy and its namesake city is stronger than ever.

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Mr. Chuck Black
Navy League National Board of Directors
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Dear Mr. Black:

I am writing to you to invite you to an important meeting with the Secretary of the Navy, Ray Mabus to discuss the naming of a United States Navy vessel the USS Fort Lauderdale.

This meeting will take place at the Secretary of the Navy's Office in the Pentagon on September 6, 2011 at 3:00 pm. I would like to meet in our Congressional office in the Longworth Building at 1:30 pm to discuss our presentation and proceed over to the Pentagon as a delegation.

As you may be aware, since 1819, naming U.S. Navy vessels has been the responsibility of the Secretary of the Navy. The Secretary's primary source is a list of recommendations compiled by the Naval Historical Center, which is the result of research into the history of the Navy and suggestions from service members, veterans and the public. Recent recommendations have depended on several factors, including what category the ship is, the geographical distribution of other ships in the fleet; names of ships which have previously distinguished themselves in service; names recommended by individuals and groups; and the names of naval leaders, national figures who have been honored for their heroism.

Some popular sources for ship names have been: States of the Union; cities and towns; rivers; naval leaders, pioneers and famous Americans. The Secretary receives an approved list of recommendations from the Chief of Naval Operations and he considers these suggestions, along with his own thoughts, and at appropriate times selects names for ships and announces them. There is no time frame, but it is customarily done before the ship is christened.

Fort Lauderdale has a long United States Navy heritage. Besides the strong Navy League in Broward County and the thousands of retired individuals who served in the United States Navy. Each year Fort Lauderdale hosts Broward Navy Days where the US Navy arrives to celebrate the sea services at Port Everglades. In addition, the city of Fort Lauderdale has hosted five ship commissionings - the USS Leyte Gulf in 1987, the USS Cole in 1996, the USS Higgins in 2000, the USS Bainbridge in 2005, and the USS Jason Dunham in 2010.

In 2010, the Commissioning of the USS Jason Dunham was attended by more than 6,000 individuals and there were over 100 positive news stories in South Florida and New York State, as well as national coverage.

It is my goal to present to the Secretary of the Navy the numerous reasons why the United States Navy should name either an Amphibious Assault or a Littoral Combat ship the USS Fort Lauderdale. Further, to demonstrate that the entire Broward County community will support the USS Fort Lauderdale from the keel laying, to the christening, to the commissioning through the entire life of ship. Finally, to show the Secretary the citizens of South Florida will adopt both the ship and the men and women who will serve aboard it.

If you should have any questions please feel free to contact me or my Chief of Staff, Jonathan Blyth, at 02-225-3026.

Steadfast and Loyal,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Allen B. West". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Allen B. West
Member of Congress

AW/AZ

CC: Mayor John P. Seiler, Fort Lauderdale, FL

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October 23, 2013

The Honorable Ray Mabus
Secretary of the Navy
1000 Navy Pentagon
Washington, DC 20350-1000

Dear Secretary Mabus:

As Members of Congress from South Florida who have the honor of representing Broward County, we are writing in support of naming a littoral combat ship (LCS) the USS *Fort Lauderdale*.

Two years ago, City of Fort Lauderdale Mayor Jack Seiler and a group of local business leaders met with you to discuss naming an LCS the USS *Fort Lauderdale*. As Mayor Seiler explained, Fort Lauderdale has a rich history involving the United States Navy that would be duly recognized by naming an LCS after our distinguished city.

Historically, Fort Lauderdale's ties to the United States Navy date back to the early 1830s when Navy Lieutenant Levin Powell commanded the "swamp sailors" during the Second Seminole War. Powell's contingency reinforced Major William Lauderdale's troops who were stationed along the north bank of the New River where they constructed the first "Fort Lauderdale."

The City of Fort Lauderdale was an important Naval training center during World War II. Radar, gunnery, and parachuting schools were operated at the Naval Air Station Fort Lauderdale, which today serves as Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport. In addition, West Prospect Airfield, known today as Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport, served as an important training facility for Naval Aviators, including former President George H.W. Bush.

The Fort Lauderdale Council, Navy League of the United States was established in 1959 with Admiral Claude V. Ricketts serving as the organization's first guest speaker. In 1988, the Council established Fort Lauderdale's first Fleet Appreciation Week. Broward Navy Days was formed in 1990 and the annual Fleet Week celebration was expanded to provide a one-of-a-kind experience to visiting U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard ships and personnel.

In 2006, the Navy League dedicated the patriotic Lone Sailor Statue at Esplanade Park along Fort Lauderdale's New River. The statue, one of only 11 in the United States, honors the contributions of sea service men and women and their families past, present, and future.

Our storied history with the U.S. Navy also includes having the distinct honor of commissioning five vessels in Port Everglades: the USS *Leyte Gulf* in 1987; USS *Cole* in 1996; USS *Higgins* in 1999; USS *Bainbridge* in 2004; and the USS *Jason Dunham* in 2010.

The naming would recognize Fort Lauderdale's longtime Fleet Week / Navy Days program which has occurred at Port Everglades for over two decades and the five commissions of Navy vessels. It would also recognize the hundreds of sailors and thousands of retired Navy sailors who call Fort Lauderdale and the surrounding areas their home.

We look forward to the opportunity to build upon the unique history, tradition, friendship, and respect we have established with the Navy, while showing our appreciation to the men and women who serve our country, protect our shores, ensure our safety, and preserve our freedom.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ian Rayder in Congresswoman Wasserman Schultz's Washington, D.C. office at 202-225-7931. Thank you in advance of your consideration.

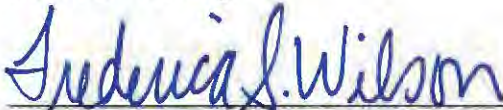
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USS FORT LAUDERDALE Request

From: Chuck - Image360 Fort Lauderdale [mailto:cblack@image360ftl.com]

Sent: Friday, September 04, 2015 4:28 PM

To: 'jack.seiler@fortlauderdale.gov' <jack.seiler@fortlauderdale.gov>; 'Lee Feldman' <lfeldman33305@gmail.com> Subject: USS FORT LAUDERDALE Request

Good afternoon!

As you recall, we visited the SECNAV's office on 6 September 2011. The presentation was well received and our belief from the meeting was that we would be favorably considered.

I have been contacting Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz (see attachment for letter to Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz) and Congresswoman Lois Frankel for quite some time for support for USS FORT LAUDERDALE as a follow up mostly by email and phone calls. In October 2013, a letter of endorsement was submitted to Mr. Ray Mabus, Secretary of the Navy for the naming of a Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) signed by our 6 South Florida Congressional Representatives (Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Congresswoman Lois Frankel, Congresswoman Frederica Wilson, Congressman Alcee Hastings, Congressman Ted Deutsch, and Congressman Mario Diaz Balart (see attachment)

The most recent conversations have resulted in the Secretary of the Navy's office telling us that we need to submit a new letter to the Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) requesting him to name a Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) the USS FORT LAUDERDALE and they would like the request to come from our city representatives.

Officially, I'm requesting a letter to be submitted from the Mayor and City Manager of Fort Lauderdale to Mr. Ray Mabus, Secretary of the Navy (address below) requesting that he name a U. S. Navy ship USS FORT LAUDERDALE.

I really appreciate your assistance with this matter.

Very Respectfully,

Chuck

National Director, Navy League of the U. S.

Immediate Past President of South Florida, Navy League of the U. S.

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United States Navy to Designate USS FORT LAUDERDALE as Amphibious Transport Dock Ship (LPD-28)

High Tech Warship to Focus on Expeditionary Warfare Missions

Fort Lauderdale (March 9, 2016) – The Office of the United States Secretary of the Navy has confirmed that the USS FORT LAUDERDALE will be designated as an amphibious transport dock ship (LPD-28).

As the 12th San Antonio-class amphibious transport dock ship of the United States Navy, the USS FORT LAUDERDALE will feature a high-tech, sea-based platform that is networked, survivable, and built to operate with and accommodate a variety of military landing craft and assault vehicles.

According to the Navy, the USS FORT LAUDERDALE will have the capacity to deliver a fully equipped battalion of more than 700 Marines, along with gear and supplies, by embarked Landing Craft, Air Cushion (LCAC) or conventional landing craft and Amphibious Assault Vehicles (AAV) augmented by helicopters or vertical take-off and landing aircraft, including the MV-22 Osprey. The ship will support amphibious assault, special operations and expeditionary warfare missions and can serve as secondary aviation platform for amphibious ready groups.

“It is an honor and a privilege to have an amphibious transport dock ship named in our City’s honor,” said Fort Lauderdale Mayor John P. “Jack” Seiler. “The important role this vessel will play in amphibious operations and expeditionary warfare missions reflects the Navy’s transformative and highly advanced strategy to protect our shores and safeguard our interests around the globe. We look forward to welcoming the brave men and women who will serve our country aboard the USS FORT LAUDERDALE.”

Displacing more than 25,000 tons at full load, the USS FORT LAUDERDALE will be equipped with Rolling Airframe Missile (RAM) launchers to protect it from air threats, Radar Cross-Section (RCS) reduction techniques to make the ship more difficult to locate and target, along with enhanced survivability features that will include improved nuclear blast and fragmentation protection and a shock-hardened structure. The ship will also employ extensive communications, command, control and intelligence systems to support current and projected expeditionary warfare missions.

The Navy’s designation of the USS FORT LAUDERDALE as an amphibious transport dock ship (LPD-28) comes after years of planning and coordination by Chuck Black, a Fort Lauderdale business owner and Veteran who served 20 years in the Navy. As an active member of the National Board of Directors and Immediate Past South Florida Area President of the Navy League of the U.S., Black spearheaded the effort at the local level and will serve as Chair of the City’s future planning efforts related to the christening and commissioning of the ship.

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“Having served as Chair of the commissioning of USS JASON DUNHAM (DDG 109) and USCG Cutter RICHARD ETHERIDGE (WPC 1102), I am privileged to lend my experience, expertise and support to this extraordinary project,” said Black. “This historic initiative will strengthen the City’s strong bond with the Navy and leave an indelible legacy for generations to come as our service men and women defend our freedom and protect our shores aboard the USS FORT LAUDERDALE.”

Other San Antonio-class amphibious transport dock ships in the U.S. Navy include the USS NEW YORK (LPD-21), which honors the victims of the 9/11 tragedy and was constructed using 7.5 tons of steel salvaged from the World Trade Center. In addition the USS ARLINGTON (LPD-24) and USS SOMERSET (LPD-25) honor of the victims of the attacks on the Pentagon and United Airlines Flight 93, respectively. Materials from each of those sites were also incorporated into the construction of the ships.

The decision to honor Fort Lauderdale with the naming of a naval vessel underscores the City’s historic ties to U.S. Navy which date back to the 1830s. It was then, during the Second Seminole War, that Navy Lieutenant Levin Powell commanded the “swamp sailors,” a contingency that reinforced Major William Lauderdale’s troops who were stationed along the north bank of the New River constructing the first of three “Fort Lauderdals.”

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A San Antonio-class amphibious transport dock ship (LPD).

Fort Lauderdale’s storied history with the U.S. Navy also includes having the distinct honor of commissioning six vessels in Port Everglades: the USS LEYTE GULF (CG 55) 1987; USS COLE (DDG 67) 1996; USS HIGGINS (DDG 76) 1999; USS BAINBRIDGE (DDG 96) 2004; USS JASON DUNHAM (DDG 109) 2010; and USCGC RICHARD ETHERIDGE (WPC-1102) in 2012.

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Trent A. Gibson Chuck Black

July 12 ·

Chuck Black. Retired Navy Senior Chief. Tireless Entrepreneur. Engaged Citizen. Stalwart Patriot. Yes, a Patriot Citizen. The kind of man whose boundless energy and enthusiasm for doing things that matter continuously humbled and inspired those fortunate enough to know him, and those blessed to call him a friend.

I was shocked to receive news yesterday afternoon of Chuck's passing, I stopped work immediately, poured a beer, grabbed a cigar, and walked down to the sea. It seemed the most appropriate thing to do: Toast a Sailor, a Friend, an Inspiration, and a Patriot Citizen. The sun was low and the tide was high. Offshore, harbor seals coughed in search of fish that had followed the tide, and just past the rocks at my feet, the water virtually boiled as baitfish fed on even smaller minnows who now found themselves trapped at the conclusion of that same tide. The cycle of life - which includes death, at some point, for us all - continues, unabated.

The most upsetting thing about this - eclipsed only by the tragedy of Lynn's sudden and unexpected loss of her husband, friend, and partner - is the unfillable void in our world left by his passing. Chuck was the kind of man who made our world better by virtue of his active and tireless engagement in his community. But moreover, he made our world better through the inspiration he provided to those who knew him, simply by example - making those around him want to be more LIKE him. We need more people like Chuck, true Citizens, who understand that the measure of the man is not what he HAS, but rather what he GIVES.

Lynn, you have my deepest and most sincere condolences. I won't pretend to know the depth of your grief at Chuck's loss; I can only reassure you with the knowledge that you were blessed with partnering with one of our Nation's great citizens, and that he has touched the lives of countless others in a way that ensures his memory and his beliefs will live on. Thank you for all of your patience, understanding, and unconditional love in sharing such a man with the world. It takes a special woman to be with such a special man, and for that, you have my greatest respect.

Semper Fidelis. Fair Winds & Following Seas...





2023 WALK OF FAME HONOREE NOMINATION FORM

The City established the Walk of Fame in 2010 at the inaugural Great American Beach Party to pay tribute to the legendary Connie Francis on the 50th Anniversary of “Where the Boys Are,” the 1960 film which made Fort Lauderdale an overnight sensation and a “must see” destination for visitors.

Walk of Fame Honorees are recognized by making sustained, positive impacts in one or more of the areas listed below but not limited to:

- Providing a positive outlook for the future of our youth,
- Contributing to the quality of life for our citizens,
- Fostering the spirit of our community,
- Bringing positive recognition to the City, locally or nationally,
- Making Fort Lauderdale a place to live, work, or play,
- Encouraging people to visit Fort Lauderdale as a destination of choice.

As part of the awards program, each honoree receives a commemorative paver that is placed in the Walk of Fame to memorialize their outstanding accomplishments. The Fort Lauderdale Walk of Fame is located on the beach along the east side of A1A at Las Olas Boulevard. Walk of Fame Honorees are announced at the Great American Beach Party, which is tentatively scheduled to take place on the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend.

If you would like to submit a nomination for the 2023 Great American Beach Party Walk of Fame, please complete the information below. You may also submit additional background material such as media copy. Please limit to 10 additional pages. The deadline for the 2023 Great American Beach Party Walk of Fame nomination is **Friday, December 30, 2022.**

Nominated Honoree information:

Name of nominated honoree: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Office: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

2023 Walk of Fame Honoree Nomination Form – Page 2/2

1. Please describe the nominee’s accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements. (Please do not include website links)

2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award? (Please do not include website links)

3. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee. (Please do not include website links)

Submitted by: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

You may also submit additional background material such as media copy. Please limit to 10 additional pages.

All nominations must be received by December 30, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Nominations and background materials submitted after Friday, December 30, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. will not be accepted. **Incomplete nominations will not be considered.** If you have any questions, please call 954-828-5085 or email sspurlock@fortlauderdale.gov.

Mail your submission to:
Sarah Spurlock
City of Fort Lauderdale
300 SW 2nd Street, Suite 5
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

E-mail your submission to:
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To: Sarah Spurlock <SSpurlock@FortLauderdale.gov>
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A new entry to a form/survey has been submitted.

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1. Nominated Honoree information:

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Work Phone:	(954) 564-1611
Cell Phone:	(954) 868-1819
Email Address:	bill@alliedkb.com

2. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements. (Please do not include website links)

Bill Feinberg is a Leader and a Giver.
His culture as a businessman and resident in Fort Lauderdale is to Give Back and Pay it Forward.

With his showroom as the venue, Bill underwrites, and hosts hundreds of charity events and it makes Bill proud to be able to help so many different charities and those they serve He does it from his deep heart and his core values.

As an example, 25 years ago Bill started donating gently used cabinetry from kitchen and bath remodels to Habitat for Humanity and he's proud to say he is still very much involved and presently sits on the Habitat for Humanity National Board. These donations over the years have made it possible to build homes and offer home ownership to deserving families.

The US Navy was commissioning a new Navy fighter ship, the USS Fort Lauderdale in 2022, and the community knew they needed someone strong to present and lead this project and Bill Feinberg along with several others in the community launched the fundraiser and coordinated with the US Navy and it resulted in a successful, memorable commissioning event with over 1000 in attendance. Welcoming the

ship at Port Everglades, Summer 2022.

Bill's giving is not just limited to what goes on at the showroom. He's out in the city, at trade events as well as civically, making decisions as Chairman of the Board of the Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce and presently he is on the Broward County Economic Advisory Board.

In times of community need, you can be sure to count on Bill. After Hurricane Ian Bill was sending Allied trucks across the state full of supplies for those affected by the storm.

Helping our local youth and collaborating with a Junior Achievement mentoring program was an opportunity for Jayden, a high school student to have a paid internship and be mentored by company executives at Allied Kitchen and Bath.

We would define it as a life changing experience for Jayden.

Bill and others at the firm showed Jayden how we do business in "real time" and created greater communication and self-esteem for the student.

Very heartwarming for Bill to see the newly gained confidence in Jayden.

His family and Junior Achievement were very grateful to Bill Feinberg for participating.

3. Why is the nominee deserving of this award? (Please do not include website links)

Bill Feinberg is passionate about Fort Lauderdale, and it shows in all he does.

Bill Feinberg "lights up" Fort Lauderdale. He is congenial and so sincere; he makes you feel like you've known him forever.

He is the founder and CEO of Allied Kitchen and Bath. He has been doing business for 39 years in the same spot he started when he came here from Philadelphia, right on Oakland Park Boulevard.

On any given day you'll hear Bill "sweetly" boasting how Fort Lauderdale is the best place in the USA to live and do business. Whether he's with clients in the showroom, at local board meetings, or out with friends at dinner, He doesn't just talk - he walks the walk.

He raises funds for grassroots charities right here in town, over 1 million dollars in the last 10 Years, he will step up and participate in the chamber, meet with elected officials and speaks on causes and issues that affect the city. He has enjoyed a great rapport with local business owners, trade partners, political leaders, and the marine and hospitality industry executives just to list a few.

Bill supports the 65 team members who make up his firm. He always has an open door for any of his staff and through the 39 years has helped so many, financially, emotionally and always cheering his team on. Relationships with clients, business colleagues and his family are paramount.

4. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee. (Please do not include website links)

Bill Feinberg is the President of Allied Kitchen and Bath in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Bill and his brother Joe Feinberg founded the company in 1984.

A self-made man with his roots in Philadelphia, Bill had a vision for the design and remodeling business. He successfully brought that vision to South Florida and has been reshaping the community for the last 37 years.

Bill has re-built and beautified Oakland Park Boulevard with his 15,000 square foot showroom. And more recently, just opened their 2nd Allied Design Center & Showroom in the Downtown Oakland Park, Culinary & Arts District, also changing the dynamics of this South Florida Community, making it the new, hip area to be. Here we are featuring the latest in the most Contemporary Kitchens and Appliances, along with the finest in Outdoor Kitchens as well. This showroom was designed with our charity partners in mind.

Bill is known as a man who lives by the motto "Pay it Forward". And we believe that "the more you give, the more you get".

Bill has transformed the South Florida non-profit community by hosting numerous events in the Allied showrooms, allowing these charities to raise unprecedented donations.

100% of all funds raised in our showrooms go directly to the charity, often raising between \$10-20,000 in just a few hours.

Together with his family and staff Bill has hosted more than 100 charitable events just in the past few years alone.

Bill leads by example and has shared his philosophy of service with many colleagues and friends creating a makeable impact in our local community.

Bill has won The Sun Sentinel's Excalibur Award, South Florida's most prestigious honor, and just last year he received the prestigious Heart of Humanity Award from Habitat for Humanity of Broward County. Bill's company has been recognized both locally and nationally for all the great work it does and for the involvement within the community.

Bill spends his days serving clients in the showroom where it's all about the customer experience, providing "Concierge Service". After more than 38 years in Fort Lauderdale, referrals are still his main source of business, and the company maintains an impeccable reputation in the remodeling industry and throughout South Florida. His goal is to create lasting relationships with his clients and make them part of the Allied family. It's all about our TEAM = Together Everyone Achieves More. Our Core values include a strong work ethic, where honesty & integrity come first, and every team member is encouraged "family first" along with a solid work-life balance.

Bill is involved in many trade organizations for the Kitchen, Bath and Construction Industry, and has served on numerous committees and Boards within the Industry as well.

He currently serves on the boards of Habitat for Humanity of Florida, The Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, US Army Advisory Council of Broward County and The Economic Advisory Council of Broward County which works closely with The Federal Reserve Board.

Bill is the past President of The South Fla Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, past chair of the board of Habitat for Humanity and is the immediate past Chair of the board for The Greater Ft. Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce.

5. This nomination was submitted by:

Name: Pam Moskowitz
Phone number: (954) 257-9196
Email Address: pam@alliedkb.com

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From: fortlauderdale@enotify.visioninternet.com <fortlauderdale@enotify.visioninternet.com>
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To: Sarah Spurlock <SSpurlock@FortLauderdale.gov>
Subject: [-EXTERNAL-] Walk of Fame Application

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1. Nominated Honoree information:

Name of Nominated Honoree: Arianne Glassman
Address: 1518 Garfield Street
City: Hollywood
State: Florida
Zip Code: 33020
Home Phone: (954) 205-8754
Work Phone: (954) 205-8754
Cell Phone: (954) 205-8754
Email Address: ari@ravcommunications.com

2. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements. (Please do not include website links)

Arianne Glassman has worked with the City of Ft Lauderdale since 2005. Her first project was Savor Greater Ft. Lauderdale. This project was to promote the City's Restaurants during their summer (slow season) and introduce them to new clientele.

Through working with the Beach Restaurants, doing promoting and rebranding, her love for the community of Ft. Lauderdale lead her to create Friday Night Soundwaves in the fall of 2015. Turning the

Beach entrance at Las Olas and A1A into what it became known as "The Hub"! Every Friday night you could come to the beach for a

Free Concert. Dine at the many restaurants, come dance, or just

listen to the music at the beach, then head out for a night cap or dessert.

On December 28th 2016, Ari introduced Rooftop Rendezvou. A live Facebook Broadcast every Wednesday @ 12:45 p.m. "A 15 minute Beach Break Escape as our New Year's Gift to you". From 2016 to spring of 2021 viewers were able to see all that Ft Lauderdale had to offer. A peek into every Restaurant, Business, Hotel and Event in our Backyard.

Ari always looked at her project for the Beach as a way of creating community. A place where people can live, work and Play. Also, a place where visitors can feel welcome and safe. In her position with the City Parks and Recreation Dept. as coordinator of Programming and management she has brought her vision to a whole new level. During the last 2 years Ari has brought to Las Olas Oceanside Park (Dubbed The LOOP):

1- Raised in the 954, the only Super Bowl Host Sanctioned event in Broward County. A 2 day event, starting with Honoring St Thomas Aquarius Coach and football Team on winning the National Championship

2- Spring Fling Eggstravaganza, family friendly event. Hiring 8 teens to oversee games, egg hunt and art projects.

3- Navy Day and Fleet Week event

4- Celebrating Fall event "Pumpkins and Palms Trees, free and family friendly

5- A Maker's Market and Farmers Market

6- Movies by Moonlight, always family and pet friendly

7- For the holiday "Wonderland", starting the first weekend of December. Includes a holiday market on Sundays, special concerts, Chanukah festival and candle lighting, Christmas movies and what would become an annual Sinatra Concert on Christmas eve.

She is very humble and proud individual who really cares of the City of Fort Lauderdale Business Improvement District, she is always marketing them with visuals and the voice of the Fort Lauderdale Beach destination through the portal website, www.MyFortLauderdaleBeach.com, affiliated social channels, community building and experiential activation.

3. Why is the nominee deserving of this award? (Please do not include website links)

Arienne Glassman ignites the concept and design direction for all client campaigns and members of the creative team. She has varied background in sales, marketing, branding, event planning, public relations, social media and experiential design, clients receive valuable counsel on how to best synergize their organization's culture, message, and outcome. In addition, she brings contagious enthusiasm, energy, and creative problem-solving to every situation. Her clients range from single independently owned to multi-national corporations, government agencies and nonprofits including those within hospitality and events.

Every event that Ari has created is meant to entertain, from the young to the young at heart. When you participate you can't help but leave with a smile and a happy heart. The people you meet, and the Team that Ari employs become a friend.

Ari connects with Companies in Broward and around the Country to Sponsor her events. She brings in Florida's Musicians. She supports the Arts, bringing "Broadway to the Beach", through the BCPA and

Dancing schools.

Ari is always ready to help a charity. You'll find her event's Sponsor Fundraisers and Drives ie. Hurricane relief, Stoked on Salt, FLIPANY, 100+ Abandoned Dogs Everglades Florida Rescue and The Wheelchair Foundation to name a few.

Arienne Glassman has made Ft. Lauderdale Beach a destination and a community for all to come and enjoy! As noted, a New Book by Christiana Lilly, 100 Things to do in Ft Lauderdale Before You Die! (note chapter: Music and Entertainment # 41 and # 53)

Arienne brings contagious enthusiasm, energy, and creative problem-solving to every situation. With tireless efforts her most accomplished event is "Friday Night Sound Waves (The Hub) and The Loop" which are family friendly places to celebrate holidays, enjoy entertainment, sports, and community markets, all for free for the people to attend. My mom and I have been attending these events for over 8 years now and not missing one of them. We have met some wonderful friends who we look forward to making plans to go to the events especially on Fridays to begin the weekend with great music and good food from the local vendors. Best part of this is all the beautiful and fun memories with photos from her photographer to view on her Facebook page we made along the years with Arienne and her staff.

This event is a vision to bring locals and visitors together to celebrate the diversity of our community and the carefree nature of the Fort Lauderdale Beach destination - as music, art and entertainment connect all ages and demographics, and speak a global language.

My friends and I always slide off our shoes, dancing all night long, and slip into the weekend to the sounds of local and regional musicians in the genres of Blues, Classic Rock, Country, Latin, Indie, Jazz, and Oldies - to mention a few. not forget the dancers and photographer who put the make night complete. Let's not forget the beautiful talented dancers and handsome photographer who make the night complete with their specialties. We are always treated like VIP's when we attend the events by Arienne with a friendly smile and nice conversation to begin our weekend party.

4. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee. (Please do not include website links)

Please see attached

5. This nomination was submitted by:

Name: Dawn Palughi
Phone number: (954) 648-5127
Email Address: dawn.palughi@gmail.com

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Survey Details

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1. Nominated Honoree information:

Name of Nominated Honoree:	Eileen G. Helfer
Address:	95 N Birch Road Apt 605
City	Ft. Lauderdale
State	Florida
Zip Code:	33304
Home Phone:	(614) 209-1455
Work Phone:	Not answered
Cell Phone:	(614) 209-1455
Email Address:	magraf4@gmail.com

2. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements. (Please do not include website links)

This would be posthumous award. Eileen passed away April 12, 2021

Eileen G. Helfer was called to service as a respected Ft. Lauderdale community activist. In May 2020, Ft. Lauderdale former Mayor Jack Seiler thanked Eileen for her 27 years of civic engagement with a Letter of Commendation thanking her and declaring that day, Eileen Helfer Day.

In 1997, Eileen co-founded the Central Beach Alliance neighborhood board. She, along with the co-founder, garnered support from City officials to pass an ordinance protecting the adjacent residential properties.

In the late 1990s, she was appointed to Ft. Lauderdale's Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board. She was instrumental in helping shape the City's transformation of the Central Beach Area from Spring Break college kids mecca, to family-orientated destination. Next the Mayor appointed her to the City of Ft. Lauderdale's Citizens Police Review Board. Her service on that board brought fairness, balance, and objectivity to each Review Board case.

She was a Parish Council member at St Pius X Catholic Church and lived her Catholic faith through boundless kindness shared with all. Her respected perspective was sought by Parish staff and members.

She utilized her leadership skills by serving on the Condominium Board of Harbor Haven, as secretary and then onto President. She was fiercely proud of her neighborhood and fought to protect this paradise.

3. Why is the nominee deserving of this award? (Please do not include website links)

Eileen is deserving of this award because of her rugged determination to improve Ft. Lauderdale. She worked tirelessly to protect and promote the neighborhood, the beach and the city. She was the pebble thrown into the water, creating ripples of activism, service & beauty. As her family, we were proud of her accomplishments. We agree with Jack Seiler when he stated on her proclamation day, she was a "force of nature". We reveled in stories of sidewalks, fire codes, street lights and turtles. Ft. Lauderdale was her home, she loved looking at the ocean every day from her balcony. Eileen embodied Ft. Lauderdale.

4. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee. (Please do not include website links)

Eileen was born in 1939 in Wheeling, WV. She grew up with three sisters and two brothers. Her childhood years were spent in Columbus, OH after her family relocated. She was an avid roller skater and participated in local competitions. Her artistic abilities flourished as she designed and created her own costumes.

After graduating from high school, she began working at The Ohio State University. This prestigious campus expanded her views and knowledge base. After 32 years as secretary, she retired to spend more time at her condominium in Florida and officially become a snowbird.

She was dedicated to her parish and worked on weekly bulletins. She often had a niece or nephew tagging along to "assist" her. We all remember special times with our Auntie.

The ocean continued to call her and she shifted her full time living arrangement to Ft. Lauderdale. She remained in the "Venice of America" and experienced the events, arts and culture. Through these she networked to continue her life of service.

5. This nomination was submitted by:

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Eileen Genevieve Helfer

EILEEN HELFER OBITUARY

Eileen G. Helfer, 83, died (non-COVID-19) in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, April 12, 2021, born in Wheeling, West Virginia, but raised in Columbus, Ohio, and graduated Columbus North High School.

Her interests included: collecting Christmas village decorations; boating on Central Ohio's Buckeye Lake; figure skating on roller skates winning the 1986 South Florida Regional Sunshine Games duo dance title; designing dazzling skating costumes; insatiable reading of newspapers and romance novels; travel and word puzzles. She lived her Catholic faith through boundless kindness shared with all.

She worked on the Administrative staff at Ohio State University (1955-1975) as a secretary for Dean of Women, Christina Conaway (a role model and path breaker to the female students) and secretary for the Dean of Students, Ruth Weimer Mount, an education innovator. In May 1970, Ohio State closed its campus after the tragic shooting at Kent State University of unarmed students protesting the Vietnam War. Though the University closed for two weeks, Eileen continued her work at the Dean's Office with an assigned security escort upon arrival and departures. In that tumultuous spring 1970, her empathy for the Kent State students and Ohio State's racial and gender inequity student protests grew and planted the seed for her future civic engagement. Those experiences sharpened her collaboration skills and detail-oriented sensibility...key skills for the life she'd lead after retiring and relocating to Ft. Lauderdale.

Eileen's "second act" was her call-to-service as a respected Ft. Lauderdale community activist. Her strong intention to serve revolved around relationships, the importance of which Eileen felt could not be overstated. And Eileen was limitless in building on relationships to advance civic efforts to improve the lives of Ft. Lauderdale families. In May 2020, Ft. Lauderdale former Mayor Jack Seiler thanked Eileen for her 27 years of civic engagement and exemplary Harbor Haven Condo Board service in a Congratulatory Letter thanking her: "your selfless service truly impressed and motivated me...while pursued with courage, conviction, and concern for the citizens of our great city." Eileen, he wrote, was a "force of nature."

In 1997, Eileen and co-founder Alyson Child of Portofino Condo, formed the Central Beach Alliance neighborhood board in response to the nuisance generated by the opening of Beach Place. Together they garnered support from City officials to pass an ordinance protecting the adjacent residential properties.

In the late 1990s, after appointment to Ft. Lauderdale's Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board, she was instrumental in helping shape the City's transformation of the Central Beach Area from Spring Break college kids mecca, to family-orientated destination. Next the Mayor appointed her to the City of Ft. Lauderdale's Citizens Police Review Board. Her service on that board brought fairness, balance, and objectivity to each Review Board case. She was a natural advocate and vigorous watchdog for police accountability and equitable policing across all neighborhoods.

While a Parish Council member at St Pius X Catholic Church, she led Christmas lights riverfront cruises, homeless hosting initiatives, knitted blankets for disabled veterans, organized BBQ fundraisers and themed gatherings to develop parishioner connections. Her insightful perspective was sought by Parish staff.

Survived by sisters Patricia Helfer Poppe (Jack) of Columbus, Ohio, and Kathleen Helfer Kesterson (Richard) of Newark, Ohio, nieces, and nephews, Eileen will be missed dearly.

She is predeceased by parents, Elmer Daniel, and Genevieve Marie (Hicks) Helfer of Columbus, Ohio; brothers Daniel (with whom she shared enthusiasm for boating and South Florida) and Fred Helfer; sister Rosemary Helfer Gordon; and cherished best friend and travel companion Roy E. Brinkman, whose Sept 5, 2017 passing in Ft. Lauderdale, she felt deeply.

Memorial donations: Catholic Charities USA

<https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org>

Memorial pending in Ohio with interment at Saint Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in Columbus.

Published by Sun-Sentinel on Apr. 18, 2021.

To plant trees in memory, please visit the [Sympathy Store](#).



2023 WALK OF FAME HONOREE NOMINATION FORM

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If you would like to submit a nomination for the 2023 Great American Beach Party Walk of Fame, please complete the information below. You may also submit additional background material such as media copy. Please limit to 10 additional pages. The deadline for the 2023 Great American Beach Party Walk of Fame nomination is **Friday, December 30, 2022.**

Nominated Honoree information:

Name of nominated honoree: The Late Eula Johnson

Address: n/a (deceased)

City, State, Zip Code: n/a

Home Phone: n/a Office: n/a Cell: n/a

Email: n/a

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1. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements. (Please do not include website links)

Eula Johnson was an African American activist in the civil rights movement. She moved to Ft. Lauderdale in the 1930's. She is known for her work to end Jim Crow segregation in public beaches, schools, restaurants in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. She was considered by many to be the "Rosa Parks of Fort Lauderdale." Her activism helped to launch the true spirit of inclusion for all citizens in our community and made Fort Lauderdale indeed a better a place to live, work, or play for all. In addition to her activism, she was a well-respected entrepreneur. Mrs. Johnson owned a small grocery store and two gas stations on Northwest Sixth Street, which is now Sistrunk Boulevard. One of the gas stations, located at 1100 Sistrunk Blvd. in Fort Lauderdale, shared the parcel of land where her home was located.

In 1959, she became the first woman president of the Fort Lauderdale NAACP. In her capacity as president, she filed several lawsuits against public schools to seek equality for black students, as well as fought against separation in public spaces like drive-in theaters

2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award? (Please do not include website links)

The fearless and steadfast work of Eula Johnson help to change the landscape of Ft. Lauderdale in a profound and historic way. Part of her activism work resulted in the end of segregation at Broward County beaches. Johnson, along with several NAACP members, organized "wade-ins" at the white only beaches in 1961. The city of Fort Lauderdale sued Johnson for being a public nuisance. After a judge refused the city's request to put a halt to the wade-ins, Broward County beaches became desegregated in 1962.

Three years after the beach wade-ins, Mrs. Johnson led pickets at the Thunderbird Drive-In in Fort Lauderdale. Mrs. Johnson was hauled off to jail but did not back off. After she was released, she and others picketed for 91 days. One night, during a hurricane, the wall that separated whites and blacks at the drive-in came down at the hands of a group of young men organized by Mrs. Johnson. " For years people thought it was the storm that blew that wall down. But it was Miss Eula," said W. George Allen, who would later join with Mrs. Johnson to lead the fight for school integration. Attorney Allen went on to say, "when she asked you to do something, you didn't say no to Miss Eula." Mrs. Johnson was relentless in in fight for equality and she knew that equal opportunity in education was essential to providing a positive outcome for the future of our youth.

3. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee. (Please do not include website links)

Eula Mae Gandy was born in 1906 in Statenville, Ga. She came to Broward County in the 1930s. She married John Wesley Johnson, and they had three children: daughter, Albertha Johnson and sons Council and Robert Johnson. Mrs. Johnson passed away in January 2001 at the age of 94. Her husband and both of her sons preceded her in death.

During her lifetime Mrs. Johnson was honored by the NAACP, The National Conference of Christians and Jews, and was given the Kathleen Wright Bridge Award by the Urban League of Broward County.

"Freedom is written in the hearts of black people," Mrs. Johnson said in a 1992 interview with The Miami Herald. "I had courage. But let's say this: When you are right and believe you are right, God gives you courage."

Submitted by: Judge Ilona Holmes, Retired

Phone number: (954) 562-3392

Email: judgeholmesret@gmail.com

You may also submit additional background material such as media copy. Please limit to 10 additional pages.

All nominations must be received by December 30, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Nominations and background materials submitted after Friday, December 30, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. will not be accepted. **Incomplete nominations will not be considered.** If you have any questions, please call 954-828-5085 or email sspurlock@fortlauderdale.gov.

Mail your submission to:

Sarah Spurlock
City of Fort Lauderdale
300 SW 2nd Street, Suite 5
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

E-mail your submission to:

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Mrs. Johnson



MAKING HER CASE: Civil rights pioneer Eula Johnson addresses the press during a civil rights controversy in the mid-1980s.

Mrs. Johnson speaking



BEACH BRAVERY: Eula Johnson participated in a protest on July 4, 1961, when it was unlawful for a person of color to bathe at Fort Lauderdale's oceanfront, by wading into the Atlantic. *File photos*

Mrs. Johnson at the beach



Mrs. Johnson being arrested

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IP address: 8.38.95.2
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1. Nominated Honoree information:

Name of Nominated Honoree: Dr. William [Bill] Kent
Address: Le Club International 2845 NE 9th St., Apt 1501
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State: Florida
Zip Code: 33304
Home Phone: (954) 673-2058
Work Phone: (954) 958-2571
Cell Phone: (954) 673-2058
Email Address: dbk@teamhorner.com

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Also See additional Information Attached:

Dr. Bill Kent's vision of creating Fort Lauderdale a wonderful place to live, work and play started back in 1972, when he took a small 3-person team in a warehouse in Fort Lauderdale to an over 570-member Team. Horner Equipment, now called Team Horner, started as a local swimming pool supply distributor and over the years through Bill's business acumen he searched and negotiated acquisitions and business line expansions to benefit the Team. His commitment to Fort Lauderdale didn't stop with his employees. He has been involved with the International Swimming Hall of Fame since 1988 through the years has been instrumental in the promotion of the venue throughout the world, celebrating its history of aquatics, promoting swimming as an essential life-skill, and developing educational programs and events related to water sports. Bill's passion to provide a safe and positive outlook for youth has driven him to work with the Florida State Legislature and in 2021 have a bill passed for Every Child a Swimmer...

3. Why is the nominee deserving of this award? (Please do not include website links)

See See Additional Information Attached:

Some might think Dr. Bill Kent's greatest legacy is the gift to the Team Horner Teammates of transferring ownership through an ESOP in 2015, in reality it is the invaluable Team Culture he has lived and cultivated through the past 48 years and continues to pass on every day to his Team. It is his passion for this Team Culture that convinced him the transferring of ownership to the Team was the clear and only plausible prudent long-term plan for the company. He has always believed Teammates should have a shared fate in the profitability of the Team. At Team Horner this is evident through the company which includes a discretionary Profit-Sharing Bonus, 401k Match and Profit-Sharing Contribution. This Team Culture of shared fate and working together for the greater good of not only the Team but also the community is something he wants to continue on even with the transfer of the Team's ownership.

To this end, Bill has created a charitable foundation which is being funded by the proceeds of the ESOP sale and intends to donate the entirety of those proceeds to charitable works. The Bill Kent Family Foundation has provided financial support to over 40 different charities.

4. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee. (Please do not include website links)

Please see Dr. Kent's biography, CV and additional support attached. The complete nomination packet will be emailed as well.

5. This nomination was submitted by:

Name: Michael Dooley
Phone number: (954) 958-2571
Email Address: mdooley@teamhorner.com

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Name of nominated honoree: Henry E. Kinney

Address: (Mr. Kinney is deceased As of this date, I have not been able to contact any living relatives, I am continuing the search))

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Office: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

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3. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee. (Please do not include website links)

Submitted by: Dennis Ulmer

Phone number: 954 763 1913 Email: dennisu512@aol.com

You may also submit additional background material such as media copy. Please limit to 10 additional pages.

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The New River Tunnel (Now the Henry E. Kinney Tunnel) History

A tunnel under U.S. 1 was discussed beginning in 1940. It was later mentioned in 1945 in a Report to the People of Fort Lauderdale by the Post War Planning Committee of the Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce that a tunnel would be the "Ideal Solution". The existing bridge was considered to be too low and too narrow to handle the traffic. This three-laned bridge had been termed by many visitors as the "worst bottleneck on U.S. 1 from Maine to Florida." The traffic was bottlenecking because of the boat traffic necessitating bridge openings, in addition to the volume of vehicular traffic. However, the expense was considered a factor by that Committee. In 1947 the Amended Master Plan of Fort Lauderdale contained a statement that a high-level bridge or tunnel was deemed to be very important to relieve the traffic jam on Federal Highway.

In 1948 a study was done as to a tunnel at either Southeast 17th Street, Federal Highway, or East Las Olas Boulevard. A tunnel was suggested at Federal Highway and East Las Olas Boulevard. Finally in 1951, the engineers at the State Road Department recommended a bridge at Southeast 17th Street and East Las Olas Boulevard, and a tunnel at Federal Highway.

The state would pay for the tunnel if the City of Fort Lauderdale would acquire the right of way. The allocation from the state was for \$4,044,000 but many people were opposed to tunnels. They felt a bridge would solve the problem at less cost. Even with the allocation from the state, the tunnel never progressed beyond the approval stage.

In 1955 the controversy of a tunnel on Federal Highway was revived. The traffic problem was becoming increasingly difficult. Every day the urgency to disentangle the ever-increasing mesh of traffic, due not only to the city's rapid growth, but also to the whole growth of the East Coast of Florida. The main route through Fort Lauderdale remained practically unchanged from 1920 boom time population of 17,000. The population in 1955 was 62,906, with a projected population by 1965 of 100,00.

As you can see from the tunnel history, the solution to the traffic mess on Federal Highway was put off until something FINALLY had to be done! Now with the Florida Department of Transportation renovation of the Henry E. Kinney Tunnel, a park will be located on top of the expanded tunnel entrance. Further enhancing the quality of life of Fort Lauderdale citizens. All because of Mr. Kinney and our tunnel under Federal Highway. Coming soon, Tunnel Tops Park!

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There was much back and forth to Tallahassee by Fort Lauderdale officials. Funding was secured by the state in the amount of \$4,500,000, but the city was required to secure the tunnel right of way, and the city would not secure that until plans for the tunnel were complete. The tunnel had been called the “impossible dream”, would it ever be a reality? The community appeared closely divided over the tunnel-vs-bridge question. Governor LeRoy Collins, running for a full four-year term that fall, did not take sides.

Fort Lauderdale officials, led by Mayor Porter Reynolds, decided to put the question to a citywide referendum which took place on November 20, 1956, to settle the problem of whether the people wanted a bridge or a tunnel.

The referendum began a great battle in the local newspapers. Thus began a colorful saga of politics, competition, and persuasion between Henry E. Kinney, the fiercely pro-tunnel editor of the Miami Herald’s Broward edition, and Jack Gore of the Fort Lauderdale Daily News (the forerunner of the Sun-Sentinel) who wanted a high-level fixed bridge. Mr. Gore was irritated that Wilbur Jones chairman of the State Road Board, who had a lot of clout in those days, supported the tunnel which gave the tunnel momentum.

The battle between the two men and the opinions they put forth in their respective newspapers was fierce. Mr. Gore wrote against the tunnel, in his “All Over Town” column Kinney consistently pushed back against critics who, he wrote doubted that Thomas Edison invented the light bulb, too, Gore fired back against the “wailings” of the Herald, a paper he noted, that didn’t pay property taxes in Broward County. It also ticked off Gore that tunnel backers enlisted cute-looking high school girls to wave signs in support of the referendum. Mr. Kinney campaigned so hard for passage of the referendum that he suffered a mild heart attack and developed an ulcer. His wife said after Mr. Kinney’s death that “He directed the last three weeks of the battle from his bed”.

The election results. The referendum was approved by a vote of 7,008 to 6,401! The New River Tunnel construction began October 13, 1958, and the tunnel opened on December 8, 1960.

2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

Mr. Henry E. Kinney is deserving of the Walk of Fame award for helping to convince the citizens of Fort Lauderdale to vote “YES” on the Tunnel Referendum of November 20, 1956, to support the tunnel at Federal Highway and East Las Olas Boulevard. Can you imagine the traffic today if there was a bridge instead of a tunnel? With the increase in development of our downtown? The boat traffic requiring bridge openings? The tunnel was the WAY to attack our traffic problem while adding to our economy too. The tunnel has also allowed the boating industry to prosper. His involvement with the tunnel in my opinion, meets the criteria of “Contributing to the quality of life for our citizens”, “Fostering the spirit of our community”, and “Making Fort Lauderdale a place to live, work, or play”.

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Mr. Kinney died July 21, 1985 at the age of 69. After his death, a move was begun to rename the tunnel in his honor. A Resolution of the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society calling for the tunnel to be named the Henry E, Kinney Tunnel states in one of its paragraph's, "WHEREAS, it is the belief of this Society that without Henry E. Kinney's dedication and determination, this tunnel would never have received Broward County voters approval." In another paragraph, WHEREAS it is the desire of this Society to petition the State of Florida and the United States Government to rename the tunnel the HENRY E. KINNEY TUNNEL as a memorial to HENRY E. KINNEY'S dedication and devotion to this community. The resolution was unanimously adopted on January 14, 1986. Scores of local residents visiting the Capitol for Broward Day in April 1986, watched from the gallery as a bill to rename the tunnel to the Henry E. Kinney Tunnel passed on a vote of 106-0. At the rededication of the tunnel to honor Kinney in October of 1986, the following was said, "Building it has proved to be one of the most farsighted things the city could have done" said Carol Weber an associate publisher of The Miami Herald who served as the master of ceremonies. "God help us with the traffic on Federal Highway if the tunnel had not been approved" said U.S. Rep. E. Clay Shaw.

Mr. Henry E. Kinney deserves to be recognized as a Walk of Fame Honoree for his lasting contribution to the quality of life for the citizens of Fort Lauderdale in his unending quest to secure the tunnel at Federal Highway and East Las Olas Boulevard. He bought a final solution to a growing traffic problem in our city after the tunnel was considered for almost 20 years before it was finally adopted as the long-term solution. He was instrumental in making the tunnel happen!

3. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.

Mr. Kinney came to South Florida from his native Hinton, West Virginia and worked at newspapers in Miami before joining the Fort Lauderdale News as a staff writer in 1950.

In two years at the paper, he won several awards, including one from the Associated Press for his reporting on the Kefauver Senate crime-investigating committee, which held hearings in Miami.

In 1952, he joined the Miami Herald and was the first editor of the newspaper's Broward edition. It was at the Miami Herald in the Broward Edition, he wrote in support of the tunnel at Federal Highway and East Las Olas Boulevard.

A free-lance writer and public relations consultant following a career as a daily journalist, Mr. Kinney wrote the weekly Man About Town column for the Shoreline magazine in the Fort Lauderdale News and Sun-Sentinel from the magazine's inception in October 1978. He was a frequent contributor to several other South Florida magazines and journals as well.

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Mr. Kinney also was involved in numerous community organizations, including several citizens groups. He was a founding trustee for Nova University. He also twice ran unsuccessfully for the Broward County School Board.

“He just believed in the community and the people in the community”, said Winifred Baker Kinney his wife of 33 years with whom he had a daughter Blaine.

After we were away for about five days on vacation, he would get anxious to get back and find out what was going on. He was basically a very, very dedicated man.”

I would like to acknowledge the Fort Lauderdale History Center for allowing me to research the New River Tunnel History and the renaming of the tunnel for Mr. Henry E. Kinney. I also used various articles from the Fort Lauderdale News, and the Miami Herald, and a column by Steve Bousquet of November 12, 2021, titled: “They laughed at Henry Kinney’s tunnel, too”

Media Attachments

“Kinney honored in rededication of river tunnel” Article is from the October 31, 1986, Fort Lauderdale News. Written by Jeffrey Moore Staff Writer.

“Foes Distort Tunnel Facts” Article from the Miami Herald, October 18, 1956. written by Henry Kinney.

“Tunnel Backers Say Foes Irrational and Hysterical” Article from the Miami Herald November 16, 1956 written by Henry Kinney.

“Tunnel-Bridge Fact Sheet” A paid political ad from the “Broward County City Affairs Committee”

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Kinney honored in rededication of river tunnel

By JEFFREY MOORE
Staff Writer

FORT LAUDERDALE — The late Henry E. Kinney was recognized Thursday evening in a dignified ceremony atop the tunnel he fought so hard to have built. Now, 26 years after it opened to Federal Highway traffic, it bears his name.

The only public tunnel in Florida, the New River tunnel was rededicated on Thursday as the Henry E. Kinney Tunnel in honor of the journalist and community leader.

"Building it has proved to be one

of the most farsighted things the city could have done," said Carol Weber, an associate publisher of *The Miami Herald* who served as master of ceremonies.

Kinney, 69 at his death in July 1983, was a reporter for the *Fort Lauderdale News* in 1950 and 1951 and Broward County bureau chief for *The Miami Herald* from 1951 to 1959.

He was instrumental in the controversial campaign to build the tunnel. In a November 1956 referendum, voters narrowly approved the project, 7,008 to 6,401, and the

tunnel was built to replace a two-lane drawbridge built in 1928.

His widow, Winifred, said Kinney campaigned so hard for passage of the referendum that he suffered a mild heart attack and developed an ulcer.

"He directed the last three weeks of the battle from bed," she said.

A group of about 150 people crowded onto a barricaded section of East Las Olas Boulevard for Thursday's dedication ceremonies as traffic roared through the tunnel beneath them. Among them was

state Rep. Anne Mackenzie, D-Fort Lauderdale, who sponsored legislation that changed the tunnel's name on May 8.

"God help us with the traffic on Federal Highway if the tunnel had not been approved," said U.S. Rep. E. Clay Shaw, R-Fort Lauderdale.

The tunnel now carries nearly 50,000 vehicles a day, according to state transportation officials.

Mary Jane Wilson, who knew Kinney in the 1940s, said he was a quiet man with strong convictions,

and seeing the tunnel built was one of them.

"The traffic used to back up to Pompano when a boat came through," Wilson said.

Kinney wrote the weekly *Mar About Town* column for *Shoreline Magazine* in the *Fort Lauderdale News* and *Sun-Sentinel* from the magazine's inception in 1978. He was a founding trustee of Nova University, a free-lance writer and public relations consultant. He twice ran unsuccessfully for the Broward County School Board.

Foes Distort Tunnel Facts

BEFORE NOV. 20, when the people of Fort Lauderdale will vote on whether they want an underpass or a high-level bridge on Federal highway at New River, a good many people no doubt will become thoroughly sick of the incessant discussion of the subject. Unfortunate as this discussion may be, it is necessary; after Nov. 20, perhaps we can all begin to think of other things and the State Road Department can go ahead, unhindered, to relieve the worst traffic bottleneck in South Florida.



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It is necessary to review the subject repeatedly in order to keep some of the facts straight. Some of the bridge supporters have a way of distorting the picture a bit.

Just as one example: They repeat again and again that the rights of way for an underpass will cost the taxpayers of Fort Lauderdale \$1,000,000. This is outright exaggeration. The figure which has been given to the city commission is approximately \$300,000, and that is the figure they are proceeding on.

The commissioners and most of Fort Lauderdale's taxpayers have taken the position that \$500,000 is a reasonable investment in view of the fact that it will bring us a \$5,000,000 crossing which will completely eliminate all bridge openings forever. It seems particularly reasonable when it is considered that the rights of way for a high-level bridge would cost some \$300,000 to \$400,000 more than the rights of way for an underpass.

ANOTHER EXAMPLE: The city commission is being reviled by the bridge supporters for having drawn up a clear-cut, yes-or-no question to go on the election ballot. The bridge people, judging from their reactions to this move by the commission, did not want a clear-cut question; they wanted a trick question that would have left the voter uncertain as to what kind of bridge he was voting on, and would have trapped many people into voting "no" on the tunnel when they meant "yes."

If the people who have been circulating petitions calling for a referendum had succeeded in getting the question which they proposed on the ballot, it would have been a reverse question. In order to vote "yes" for the tunnel, the citizen would have had to vote "no" on the ballot; and vice-versa. Obviously that is not the way to conduct an honest election.

The city commission simply phrased the question in a straightforward manner. It reads, "If you favor a tunnel instead of a high-level bridge, vote yes. If you favor a high-level bridge instead of a tunnel, vote no." It is difficult to see how anyone acting in good faith could quarrel with such a perfectly clear and easily understandable question.

Moreover, the bridge people wanted simply the word "bridge" on the ballot, without specifying that it must be a high-level bridge. Some of them are making day-by-day attempts now to becloud the issue with talk of a low-level bridge. They refuse to face the fact that both the State Road Department and the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads, who will put up the money, have said that any bridge built at that spot would have to be a high-level span.

FOR THE FACTS on this we need only go back to a letter written to the city commission on Oct. 4 by Wilbur Jones, chairman of the State Road Board.

"The Road Department," he wrote, "could not consider replacing the existing facility with a low-level structure; the choice would have to be either a tunnel or a much higher level bridge. . . . In other words, a new low-level bridge facility, even though it accommodated four lanes of traffic, would not suffice at this location."

Jones, moreover, enclosed a statement from A. C. Clark, deputy commissioner of the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads. Clark wrote:

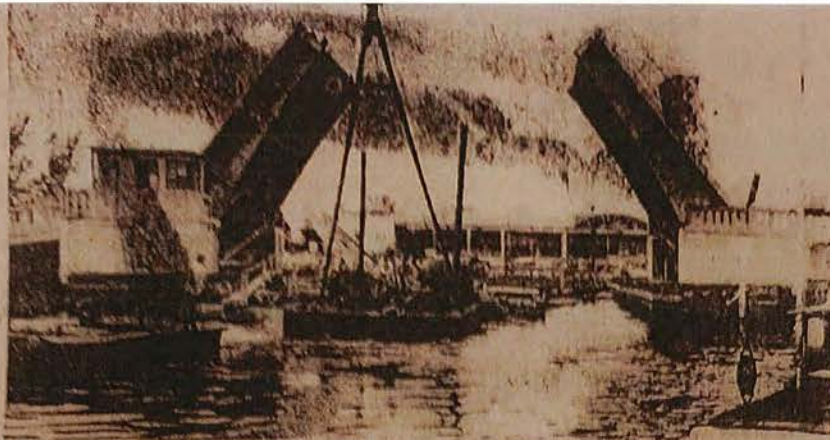
"Cost alone should not necessarily be the dominant consideration. The appearance and effect of a particular scheme on the safety and economic life of the area affected has to be evaluated."

"In this instance, project purposes for traffic relief would necessitate raising any proposed bridge above the existing bridge level, and to such higher levels that, due to site limitations, would require a viaduct extension on the north approach over E. Las Olas boulevard.

"Considering all factors, a tunnel appears to be the proper solution in this case."

THOSE ARE THE WORDS of the people who are going to put up the money. They seem to be entirely clear and unequivocal, and the voters of Fort Lauderdale should not let their judgments be swayed by loose talk of a low-level bridge. Any bridge that might be built would have to be a high-bridge passing over Las Olas boulevard and costing the taxpayers of this city more than they would have to pay for an underpass.

HENRY KINNEY
Editor, The Broward Herald



—Herald Photo by Hyde Associates

GIANT TRAFFIC JAM on Federal Highway and Andrews Avenue was caused Thursday when this unwieldy tow was slowly hoisted up New River.

It took 10 minutes for it to pass through the Federal Highway bridge, while traffic waited. The tow was a pipeline for a dredging operation.

^{MH 11/16} Tunnel Backers Say Foes Irrational and Hysterical

FORT LAUDERDALE — Supporters of the tunnel at New River charged Thursday that the campaign against it was turned irrational and hysterical.

Tunnel opponents, who have charged they know of a canary that died in a New York tunnel, produced more sensations Thursday. A front page editorial described the tunnel as the most senseless and the most extravagant proposal ever advanced to cross a 100-foot wide, eight-foot river.

The cost of the tunnel to Fort Lauderdale taxpayers is estimated at \$500,000. They would only have to buy rights of way.

The Fort Lauderdale Daily News, which is backing its own private plan, wants to move the river south 100 feet. The entire cost of this project would have to be born by Fort Lauderdale taxpayers.

A Fort Lauderdale engineer, John O. Brenda, pointed out his project would cost taxpayers two or three times what the tunnel right of way would cost them. (The state and federal government would pay for the tunnel.)

The Fort Lauderdale Daily News, however, contends the tunnel is "extravagant."

The entire campaign against the tunnel has been carried on by persons owning property just south of New River who would be cut off from access to Federal Highway if either a tunnel or a high level bridge is built, tunnel advocates have tried to point out.

These property interests have produced their own plan — moving the river 100 feet closer to their property and building two bridges, each with a 20-foot clearance.

The chief merit of this proposal is that it would provide access to 267 feet of highway frontage just south of New River even at the cost of traffic relief, tunnel leaders say. The property is owned by the North American Co. headed by R. H. Gore Sr.

Bridge opponents have grown

weary of trying to reply to the argument that water would get in the tunnel, that people would breathe carbon monoxide, that New York City prefers bridges to tunnels.

(In New York City, when a bridge is built, it's built high enough to clear all water traffic. There are no bridge openings.)

The sad thing about the controversy is that a small group of people with property near the river have so hopelessly confused the voters that a large percentage of them now don't know what is to be voted on in Tuesday's referendum, tunnel advocates say.

The referendum will have nothing to do with any proposal for building two 20-foot bridges that would cross both New River and E. Las Olas Boulevard.

The property owners don't want either.

As far as being senseless, the tunnel has been recommended by the chief engineers of the State Road Department and A. C. Clark, deputy commissioner of the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads.

The only engineering opinion that favors a bridge is that of Modjeski & Masters, a firm hired by the tunnel opponents to prove that a 20-foot bridge could be built at New River on Federal Highway.

TUNNEL-BRIDGE FACT SHEET

How can anyone say that a bridge at Third Avenue would cause a traffic jam?

WHEN WE KNOW that even before we start the construction of a new facility on the Federal Hwy., over New River, we must have a bridge at Third Avenue to take care of the traffic while the Federal Hwy. structure is being built.

WHEN WE KNOW that the \$5,000,000. expenditure for the tunnel would build **both** the Third Ave. and Federal Hwy. Bridges and still leave enough money to build **another needed bridge elsewhere.**

WHEN WE KNOW that the right of way cost of either facility will be approximately the same according to both **Real Estate Appraisal and Engineer Estimates**, and that the traffic capacity of the **two bridges** would be over twice as much as **one tunnel.**

WHEN WE KNOW that a new 4 lane Federal Hwy. Bridge (in the future, under new Federal and City regulations restricting boat traffic) would carry more traffic than will the proposed 4 lane tunnel, in which traffic will admittedly move slower than over a bridge.

WHEN WE KNOW that Palm Beach solved their traffic problem (years ago) by **ONE WAY** north bound on Olive and **ONE WAY** south bound on Clematis over its **two separate bridges.** Miami has done the same thing by its east traffic over Flagler Bridge and west traffic over its First St. Bridge (**only one block apart**). While Chicago has bridges almost **every other block** in the congested area.

Broward County is over 10 years behind the times.

IT IS HIGH TIME for all of us to vote for A BRIDGE PLAN FOR THE COMPLETE SOLUTION OF OUR TRAFFIC PROBLEM next Tuesday.

It has been mentioned that sometimes a bridge becomes **jammed.** But a tunnel can also be **blocked** either by a wreck or stoppage of an automobile.

DO YOU KNOW that the average hold up from boat traffic is only from 1½ minutes to 2½ minutes, while the hold up at each traffic light is 30 seconds every minute or a total of 6 hours out of each 12 hours. That the total hold-up at the Federal Hwy. Bridge by boats under the new bridge regulations will only be approximately 6 times per day with a 20-foot clearance bridge.

DO YOU KNOW that the line of cars backed up for blocks between 4:30 and 5:30 PM is not caused by the **opening of bridges** but because of the **lack of more bridges.**

Let's get down to the one thing that has to be decided on Tuesday.

HOW CAN FT. LAUDERDALE REALIZE THE MOST TRAFFIC RELIEF?

WE KNOW AND YOU KNOW. The answer is 3 more bridges instead of one tunnel. Then let the State and Government Engineers decide **HOW HIGH IS HIGH.** The Government regulations only require sufficient height to allow the passage of 82% of the boats without opening the bridge. A 20-foot bridge over New River would do that.

VOTE "NO" TUNNEL AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION NOV. 20th
You Need Not Be A Free Holder To Vote

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To: Sarah Spurlock <SSpurlock@FortLauderdale.gov>

Subject: [-EXTERNAL-] Walk of Fame Application

A new entry to a form/survey has been submitted.

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Survey Details

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1. Nominated Honoree information:

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Email Address: Phillipmcdonald@gmail.com

2. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements.

Phillip McDonald is a sound engineer who worked with and recorded the Beatles both as a band and as well as separate artists for many years.
he was awarded a Grammy for the Abbey Road Album as well as being nominated for Harry Nilsson's album Nilsson Schmilson.
He also engineered for solo albums and recordings for George Harrison as well as recording John Lennon's Imagine

3. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

He had an amazing long running very successful career with almost every artist he recorded, including Paul McCartney George Harrison, John Lennon & Ringo Starr.
He recorded albums with each of them individually and together as the Beatles at the height of their fame- Phillip McDonalds was undoubtedly the best sound engineer of that time period.

4. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.

All previously stated all info on Phillip can be googled under Phil McDonald

5. This nomination was submitted by:

Name: Sandra McDonald
Phone number: (917) 868-7699
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6. You may submit additional background material such as media copy. Please limit to a total of 10 pages. Maximum size per file upload is 5 MB.

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City of Fort Lauderdale, FL

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2023 WALK OF FAME HONOREE NOMINATION FORM

The City established the Walk of Fame in 2010 at the inaugural Great American Beach Party to pay tribute to the legendary Connie Francis on the 50th Anniversary of "Where the Boys Are," the 1960 film which made Fort Lauderdale an overnight sensation and a "must see" destination for visitors.

Walk of Fame Honorees are recognized by making sustained, positive impacts in one or more of the areas listed below but not limited to:

- Providing a positive outlook for the future of our youth,
- Contributing to the quality of life for our citizens,
- Fostering the spirit of our community,
- Bringing positive recognition to the City, locally or nationally,
- Making Fort Lauderdale a place to live, work, or play,
- Encouraging people to visit Fort Lauderdale as a destination of choice.

As part of the awards program, each honoree receives a commemorative paver that is placed in the Walk of Fame to memorialize their outstanding accomplishments. The Fort Lauderdale Walk of Fame is located on the beach along the east side of A1A at Las Olas Boulevard. Walk of Fame Honorees are announced at the Great American Beach Party, which is tentatively scheduled to take place on the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend.

If you would like to submit a nomination for the 2023 Great American Beach Party Walk of Fame, please complete the information below. Please feel free to attach additional sheets or submit your responses via email to sspurlock@fortlauderdale.gov. The deadline for the 2023 Great American Beach Party Walk of Fame nomination is **Friday, December 30, 2022**.

Nominated Honoree information:

Name of nominated honoree: Carolyn Michaels

Address: 716 SW 8th Terrace

City, State, Zip Code: Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33315

Home Phone: 954-525-7575 Office: 954-462-2396 Cell: 954-547-0004

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1. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements.

See attached.

2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

Carolyn had been a tremendous contributor to the success and growth of Ft. Lauderdale for many years. She has been the backbone to many businesses, fellow Chamber team members and organizations for 40 years guiding our community to be a better place to live and grow.

3. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.

See attached.

Submitted by: James Pancallo, GM. Lago Mar Beach Resort

Phone number: 954-245-3640 Email: Pancallo@lagomar.com

Background material such as nominee biography, resume, media copy, etc. is highly recommended.

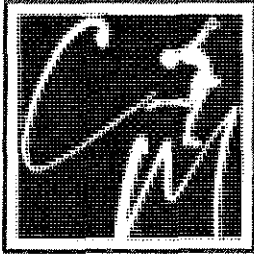
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**CAROLYN HARTLING MICHAELS, IOM
EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT
GREATER FORT LAUDERDALE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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Carolyn Hartling Michaels Executive Vice President of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce and has been with the Chamber since **June of 1983** and is a graduate of the United States Chamber of Commerce Institute, a six- year Chamber certification management summer program at the University of Georgia.

Carolyn is a graduate of the Fort Lauderdale Citizens Police Academy and Leadership Broward class 13.

Born and raised in the gold mining community of South Porcupine, Ontario, Canada (400 miles north of Toronto) with siblings Jim and Jack Hartling, Carolyn became a professional figure skater with the world famous Ice Capades and for 15 seasons traveled worldwide to include all of North America, Hawaii and Australia as understudy to two world Champions, a featured performer, show publicist and line captain.

Following Ice Capades, Carolyn moved to Fort Lauderdale with her son (Marc Guiseppi) in 1975 to perform as a featured performer with "Stars On Ice" for another 6 seasons at the Sheraton Yankee Trader hotel (now the Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach hotel) and also performed in the First Baptist Church Christmas pageant for several years, working with such notables as Johnny Cash and Sandy Patty.

With the Chamber of Commerce, Carolyn has traveled throughout Europe, Asia, Canada and the USA promoting the Chamber, its members, the City of Fort Lauderdale and Greater Fort Lauderdale.

Responsibilities at the Chamber include overseeing and/or assisting with the more than 200 events and programs to include managing (4) four area councils, (Beach Council, Downtown Council, Oakland Park/Wilton Manors/Uptown Council and Women's Council. Carolyn is the Director of Leadership Fort Lauderdale, a prominent program of the Chamber. The Chamber co-partnered with Leadership Broward to oversee the Executive Leadership Orientation program, (a leadership program designed for CEO's), as well as overseeing tourism and business issues, special events, along with other programs pertinent to the success of the Chamber and its members.

In 2021 Ms. Michaels was honoured with the Florida Association of Chamber Professionals "2020 Professional of the Year" award, 2018 was honoured with Travelhost Magazine "ICON" award and in 2014 Ms. Michaels was honored by the City of Fort Lauderdale with the "Distinguished Citizen" award. A brick is laid in the wall of City Hall in her honor.

In December of 2013 City of Fort Lauderdale Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport presented Carolyn with the Achievements in Community Excellence award for outstanding service and contributions in economic development, 2012 Nominated 100 Professional Business Women and December 2012 Broward Partnership for the Homeless "Special Recognition Award".

Travel Host magazine recognized Carolyn in their 20th anniversary magazine issue “**Profiles in Tourism**” **Twenty Leaders, received the International Hospitality Sales and Marketing “H.S. Emmy award for excellence**, recognized by The Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention and Visitors Bureau by receiving their “**Award of Appreciation**” for individuals that have had a major impact in tourism.

Ms. Michaels was also honoured by the **March of Dimes** by being recognized and receiving the distinguished” **Woman of Distinction**” award in **1999** which recognizes working women for their vital role in preserving the nation’s economy and contributing to the welfare of the public and private business sectors. In 2014 Carolyn was on the selection committee for that year’s nominees.

Carolyn has also been recognized by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society of Broward County by receiving the **2002 Leadership award**, one of the highest awards given by the **National MS society** and presented to business professionals who are committed to having a positive impact within the community. Just recently in **2022** Carolyn was honoured by the Historic Society as one of **Women Trailblazers**, Champions of Change award and in October 2022 received the **ROCK STAR LEGACY** award presented by the SFBJ.

The most prominent honour Carolyn received was in **2011** when the Chamber’s Board of Directors Executive Committee initiated the inaugural “**Carolyn Michaels Leadership Award**”. Each year this award is presented at the Chamber’s annual meeting to a member of the Chamber selected by the Executive Committee.

Another award Carolyn is most proud of is being recognized by her hometown and being placed in the **Sports Hall of Fame** alongside other professional athletes raised in the north.

Additional Awards received are:

- 2009 Figure Skating Hall of Fame/Timmins, Ontario Canada
- 2010 Women’s Business Council of the GFLCC, Women in Business award
- 2011 Century of Excellence “Femprofessionals” honouree.

Ms. Michaels is involved in or contributes to numerous organizations in the community to include former **co/chair** Partnership For the Homeless “Breakfast of Champions”, Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention and Visitors Bureau, Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association, Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, Graduate of Leadership Broward class 13 and member of the Alumni, chaired Youth Leadership Broward curriculum class, Marine Industry Association, Jack & Jill Nursery School, “Riverwalk Trust Foundation and member of the Tarpon River Association.

Ms. Michaels is well known in the business community with numerous contacts in varying levels of businesses and an exceptional high knowledge of the history of Fort Lauderdale.

Over the years Carolyn has remained very involved in assisting in the redevelopment of Fort Lauderdale beginning in 1985 with programs such as **Project Horizon and Vision Broward**, programs that helped isolate key issues that impacted the county's future growth and development.

The Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Fort Lauderdale Historic District, Museum of Discovery and Science, the Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center, Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International airport and Fort Lauderdale Beach redevelopment were just a few of those issues realized.

Carolyn is a very proud grandmother of 3 beautiful grand-daughters Lyndsey, Madisyn, Ryley and an exceptionally very proud Mother of her son Marc Guiseppi, PGA professional and daughter in law Deanna Guiseppi, 3rd grade schoolteacher.

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1. Nominated Honoree information:

Name of Nominated Honoree: Tim O'Brien
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State: Florida
Zip Code: 34109
Home Phone: (949) 702-7706
Work Phone: (954) 702-7706
Cell Phone: (949) 702-7706
Email Address: tobrienusa@gmail.com

2. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements. (Please do not include website links)

Tim served 17 years as a diving coach for the city of Fort Lauderdale, first from 1989-1996 as assistant coach to Dr. Ron O'Brien (8 time Olympic coach and FTL Walk of Fame inductee) and then as Head Coach and Director of Diving from 1996 to 2006. During this time he coached many young divers from Fort Lauderdale who went on to receive college scholarships and have successful national and international careers. Tim also conducted many national and international events at the FTL Aquatic Center, plus an annual summer camp bringing people from all over the country and world to the city, which produced significant recognition and income to the community.

3. Why is the nominee deserving of this award? (Please do not include website links)

During his coaching tenure at the FTL Aquatic Center and representing Fort Lauderdale Tim coached two national championship teams, 13 USA national champions, and two World Championship medalists. He has been a widely recognized and respected representative of the city of Fort Lauderdale throughout the country and the world.

4. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee. (Please do not include website links)

Tim received an athletic scholarship to the University of Miami where he was a two-time NCAA All-American diver and received his degree in Business Management. During his diving career he was also a finalist in the 1984 Olympic Trials and a member of two USA National Teams competing in world class competitions. He also received the 1996 Mike Peppe award as the outstanding coach in the USA and the 1999 USA Diving Award of Excellence and was coach of the 2000 Olympic Diving Team. In recent years Tim has served as Vice-President of USA Diving and as a judge for USA Diving and the conferences of the Big Ten, SEC and PAC 12. He is also an analyst for USA Diving and FOX Sports.

5. This nomination was submitted by:

Name: Dr. Ron O'Brien
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Email Address: robstees@comcast.net

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Subject: [-EXTERNAL-] Walk of Fame Application

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IP address: 2603:3020:256:8100:59d5:1d81:6c71:11e5
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1. Nominated Honoree information:

Name of Nominated Honoree: Vanessa N. Perez
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City: Davie
State: Florida
Zip Code: 33328
Home Phone: (954) 661-0031
Work Phone: (954) 990-4829
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Email Address: vperez@myvplaw.com

2. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements. (Please do not include website links)

Ms. Perez has completed her JD, while attending class at night and running a prestigious law firm during the day, while raising 4 children. She then opened up her law firm on her own, as a minority woman, and offers opportunity to other latinx woman by offering them jobs. She gives back to the community by supporting mom and pop local business from process serving to court reporting to small medical offices and gives back to her community by doing her own version of toys for tots for the children of Davie.

3. Why is the nominee deserving of this award? (Please do not include website links)

Ms. Perez has accomplished so much at a young age. She has opened up her own law firm and focuses on hiring Latinx woman to help her grow and it has worked. In three years she went from 2 employees to 10 and treats them all fabulously and she deserves to be recognize for being a minority woman making a blazing path.

4. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee. (Please do not include website links)

Vanessa N. Perez, Esq. is an aggressive, professional and effective attorney who knows what it is to work hard in order to obtain your dreams. After helping other attorneys expand and start their firms, she decided to pursue her own dream and attend law school. Mrs. Perez has been working in the legal field for over 12 years, she has been a secretary, paralegal, office manager and now an Attorney.

Mrs. Perez balanced her family life, work and school, while attending law school and graduated cum laude (with honors). There are few people with her dedication and determination as she worked all day, then studied through the night, and she will work just as hard for you to get you the results you deserve. Mrs. Perez believes that with hard work and dedication success will always follow.

Education

Graduated from Florida International University in 2011, Bachelor's in Political Science
Graduated from NSU Shepard Board College of Law in 2019, Juris Doctorate, Cum Laude, Dean's List

Leadership, Membership & Honors

CALI Excellence Highest Grade Award - Insurance Law
Admitted to the FL Bar 2019

5. This nomination was submitted by:

Name: Kory Luciano
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Email Address: kluciano@myvplaw.com

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IP address: 76.128.194.72
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1. Nominated Honoree information:

Name of Nominated Honoree:	Jared Postal
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City	Ft Lauderdale
State	Florida
Zip Code:	33301
Home Phone:	(954) 654-5386
Work Phone:	Not answered
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Email Address:	Jared@eyeseecolorproject.org

2. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements. (Please do not include website links)

Jared is definitely an 'unsung hero' He's a Founder of AboutCommunity a non profit organization in Ft Lauderdale, whose mission is to go into our communities and change the lives for the better, helping the most vulnerable in the most difficult of times. While he was looking for another non-profit to partner with for an event, he came across a video of a young boy who is colorblind, trying on color filter glasses for the first time. This moved Jared and inspired him to do more research, of which he found they were no national organizations to raise awareness for children with colorblind disorder. Considering there are over 12 million people with some form of color blindness in the US, he felt that there should be a non-profit focused solely on color blindness, not just to raise awareness, but also to provide these color filtered glasses to children whose families cannot afford to purchase them. Furthermore, through his research he found out that Florida did not routinely test for colorblindness in the public schools like many other states do. So over the next 11 months he worked tirelessly to petition the Broward School Board to start a testing program, and as of November this year, the BCSB agreed to start a pilot program at one elementary school

and Jared and his group of volunteers screened almost 100 PreK and Kindergarteners. Out of those two children were initially screened positive for colorblindness and Jared hopes to work with them to confirm the diagnosis and offer give support to the families. Additionally, Jared has produced a teachers resource guide to aid the teachers in supporting the child in the classroom who need some adjustments so they could learn at the same rate as their peers.

3. Why is the nominee deserving of this award? (Please do not include website links)

Jared's charity is 100% nonprofit. Jared does not take a salary and all of the proceeds go to educating and awareness, and the purchase of expensive color filter glasses for families who cannot afford them. He is a warrior for the cause and is an extremely humble human being. I believe Jared is making a positive impact on the youth of his community in Ft Lauderdale and is contributing to a better life for many many children who struggle every day with color blindness.

4. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee. (Please do not include website links)

Jared is a native Floridian, having grown up in Weston Florida. He fell in love with community work when he was just a small child. Inspired by his family's charity work, Jared quickly developed a deep passion to help others who were in need. This resolve stuck with him through college at UCF and through his work at Green Thumb Industries, where his key duties included Community Outreach. All the lessons learned in the past motivated him to start two nonprofits, one AboutCommyounity and the other, Eye See Color Project. He also volunteers regularly at the Friendship Cafe on Las Olas Blvd working with the intellectually challenged young adults, teaching an art class and taking them on monthly field trips. Jared is 34 years old and lives in East Fort Lauderdale with his two rescue dogs, Otis and Cali

5. This nomination was submitted by:

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1. Nominated Honoree information:

Name of Nominated Honoree: Stacy J. Ritter
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2. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements. (Please do not include website links)

Stacy Ritter has been working to make Greater Fort Lauderdale a superior place to live, work and play since she rollerbladed her way to a seat in the Florida House of Representatives in 1996, capturing hearts and winning landslide elections with her supercharged energy and enthusiasm.

As a young lawyer who jumpstarted her civic career as state public affairs vice chair and later president of the National Council of Jewish Women, Ritter has always dedicated herself to making a positive difference in people's lives. A graduate of Leadership Coral Springs' Inaugural Class of 1993, Ritter had already accrued a long list of grassroots civic accomplishments by the time she went to Tallahassee, such as vice chairing the Coral Springs Civic, Cultural & Educational Foundation and serving on the Coral Springs Chamber of Commerce, among other leadership positions.

After winning her first election in Florida's sprawling House District 96, Ritter went on to serve eight years in the Florida House of Representatives, where she was awarded key positions on powerful committees

like Appropriations, Insurance Regulation, Regulated Industries and Constitutional Amendment Review. Elected by her colleagues as Chair of the Broward County Legislative Delegation in 2001, she secured millions of dollars in Broward County program funding for transportation, education and other key components for making Fort Lauderdale a desirable place to live, work and play. Her accomplishments were all the more noteworthy given the fact that she was a member of the minority party for much of her time in the Florida Legislature.

Ritter's accomplishments, both charitable and political, have been acknowledged by a broad spectrum of organizations. For example, she was inducted into Broward County Women's Hall of Fame, named Woman of the Year by the American Jewish Congress and a First Lady of Broward. She was ranked among the 50 Most Powerful People in Broward by Gold Coast Magazine, named one of the 100 Outstanding Women by the Boys and Girls Club of Broward County, and included among the "People to Know" in Greater Fort Lauderdale by Florida Trend magazine.

Most recently, in December 2022, she was inducted into the 2022 Broward Education Foundation Hall of Fame, a prestigious honor which recognized her as both a champion of the community and a stellar graduate of the Broward County Public School system.

Term-limited from the Florida House of Representatives in 2004, Ritter was elected to the Broward County Commission from the Third District in another landslide election the same year. There, she quickly got to work, chairing Broward County's Management and Efficiency Study Committee from June 2004 to June 2006, tackling difficult issues such as affordable housing, mass transit options and airport expansion. Ultimately, she would be named Mayor of Broward County.

During her time leading the County Commission from 2008 to 2009, perhaps her most significant and lasting achievement was her role in proposing and advancing the construction of a new county courthouse, along with advocating for significant improvements at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport that entailed the expansion of the south airport runway. Today, the spectacular airport runway ramp creates a dramatic southern entrance to Downtown Fort Lauderdale soaring high above Federal Highway and supports the substantial economic impact of Fort Lauderdale's busy international airport.

In a way, the success of the airport runway, which has attracted new airline service and stimulated record-breaking passenger traffic, would herald her next chapter as President and CEO of Visit Lauderdale (formerly the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau), a role in which she has achieved enormous success in drawing visitors to Fort Lauderdale as a destination of choice since 2016.

As head of Visit Lauderdale's robust 45-person organization, which has a \$24 million operating budget, Ritter oversees sales and marketing development spanning leisure, international, sports, convention and group sales, multicultural tourism and LGBT+ visitor development and entertainment, along with national and international advertising and public relations.

Perhaps her most pivotal achievement as Broward's top tourism executive has been her effective leadership in the monumental re-imagining and rebuilding of the newly expanded Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center during the COVID pandemic. The first phase of the new facility opened in December 2021 with 800,000 sq. ft. of space, including 350,000 sq. ft. of contiguous exhibit space. Work is now in progress on the facility's continued expansion, growing the project to a total of 1.2 million sq. ft. by late 2025. The highly anticipated expansion now underway will include an eastside building with waterfront ballrooms, meeting rooms and kitchen facilities, and a five-acre outdoor waterfront plaza with three restaurants and an amphitheater in a park-like setting.

The convention center expansion project brings an additional 525,000+ sq. ft. of meeting space over the previous configuration and the 800-room Omni Fort Lauderdale headquarters hotel. The Convention

Center expansion is expected to create more than 1,000 jobs and boost the Greater Fort Lauderdale economy by more than \$200 million annually.

3. Why is the nominee deserving of this award? (Please do not include website links)

Given her long and successful career in public service, Ritter often notes that travel business transcends politics. Throughout her tenure with Visit Lauderdale, she has worked to ensure visitors to Greater Fort Lauderdale are in a place where diversity, inclusion and acceptance is actively championed as an established way of life throughout all of Greater Fort Lauderdale's communities.

Ritter is creating a legacy of diversity and inclusion for all. Using the tagline "Everyone Under the Sun," she has championed Fort Lauderdale as more than a beach destination. An advocate of diversity throughout her career, she has worked to welcome the disabled community, LGBT+ visitors, seniors, non-English-speaking international travelers and many others to Greater Fort Lauderdale's open and welcoming local culture where everyone is respected, included and welcomed.

The "Everyone Under the Sun" brand campaign launched in 2022. In the world of marketing, the campaign is unique and pushes beyond ordinary boundaries. Print and TV ads overtly reach out to often overlooked groups, including the disabled, seniors and LGBT+.

Ritter considers Visit Lauderdale's Everyone Under the Sun campaign to be her legacy, a labor of love dedicated to the place she's proud to call home. She's had a front row to Greater Fort Lauderdale's growth and wants to shout it to the world.

Ritter underscores that inclusivity extends to the 88,000 Greater Fort Lauderdale tourism industry employees who work in area hotels, restaurants, venues and attractions.

A lifelong learner, public education proponent and a lover of art, history and classical literature, Ritter traces her love of the humanities to her Broward County Public School teachers who taught her that we must understand where we came from in order to now where we are going.

4. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee. (Please do not include website links)

More than most, Ritter understands the lure of Fort Lauderdale tourism because she was essentially a Florida tourist who came here as a teen with her family to escape the Washington, D.C. winters and never left.

She attended Piper High School and went on to Rollins College, where she majored in History. She earned her Juris Doctor from Nova Southeastern University's Shepard Broad College of Law and is a member of The Florida Bar.

Among the many local civic and charitable organizations with which she is or has been recently involved in leadership positions are the Winterfest Boat Parade, Orange Bowl Committee, Miami Super Bowl Host Committee, the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance and the Museum of Discovery and Science. Her professional affiliations include the U.S. Travel Association and Destinations International.

In addition to the aforementioned, she has received many other significant awards and honors, including:

- South Florida Power Leaders
- Apogee Award
- Stonewall Museum Ally Award 2021
- American Jewish Congress Influential Businesswoman Woman of the Year
- The Pride Center Diversity Honoree
- Florida Medical Association's Legislator of the Year

5. This nomination was submitted by:

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Email Address: CACLARK@broward.org

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Submitter ID: 72620
IP address: 172.85.12.133
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1. Nominated Honoree information:

Name of Nominated Honoree: Steve Shapiro
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City: Fort Lauderdale
State: Florida
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2. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements. (Please do not include website links)

Television sportscaster and longtime Fort Lauderdale resident, Steve Shapiro would be a perfect addition to the 2023 Walk of Fame. Steve has participated in countless not for profit events, serving as emcee, auctioneer, or committee member. He has volunteered for Habitat for Humanity during home builds, hosted many Winterfest Boat Parade galas, co-emceed walks for Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Best Buddies, American Cancer Society and the Heart Association Red Ball, in addition to Joe DiMaggio's Children's Foundation Gala. He served as guest speaker for Florida's Maccabiah Games for Jewish Athletes and as a committee member for Pace Center for Girls and Board Member for the Broward Sports Hall of Fame.

3. Why is the nominee deserving of this award? (Please do not include website links)

Steve Shapiro is the longest continuous sportscaster in South Florida television news history spanning 31 years at WSVN Channel 7 and WFOR Channel 4.

Steve was recognized with a lifetime Emmy with the prestigious Silver Circle Award presented by the Southern United States chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. In 2014, he was honored as sportscaster of the year at the Call of the Game ceremony, along with recipient LeBron James and Congresswoman Gabby Giffords. Steve was voted best sportscaster multiple times, by the Sun Sentinel and the New Times.

4. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee. (Please do not include website links)

Born in Boston, MA, Steve Shapiro received a degree in economics from Tufts University, and a Master's degree in broadcast journalism. He spent 41 years in the television news industry. Steve successfully covered all major sporting events including Super Bowls, World Series, NBA Finals, NHL Stanley Cup Finals, major golf, tennis tournaments, world champion boxing fights, Olympic Games, triple crown horse races and Nascar racing.

He retired in December 2020.

Steve raised and educated 3 daughters in the South Florida Public School System. Those daughters are now graduates of Florida State Public Colleges. He currently has three granddaughters!

5. This nomination was submitted by:

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2023 WALK OF FAME HONOREE NOMINATION FORM

The City established the Walk of Fame in 2010 at the inaugural Great American Beach Party to pay tribute to the legendary Connie Francis on the 50th Anniversary of “Where the Boys Are,” the 1960 film which made Fort Lauderdale an overnight sensation and a “must see” destination for visitors.

Walk of Fame Honorees are recognized by making sustained, positive impacts in one or more of the areas listed below but not limited to:

- Providing a positive outlook for the future of our youth,
- Contributing to the quality of life for our citizens,
- Fostering the spirit of our community,
- Bringing positive recognition to the City, locally or nationally,
- Making Fort Lauderdale a place to live, work, or play,
- Encouraging people to visit Fort Lauderdale as a destination of choice.

As part of the awards program, each honoree receives a commemorative paver that is placed in the Walk of Fame to memorialize their outstanding accomplishments. The Fort Lauderdale Walk of Fame is located on the beach along the east side of A1A at Las Olas Boulevard. Walk of Fame Honorees are announced at the Great American Beach Party, which is tentatively scheduled to take place on the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend.

If you would like to submit a nomination for the 2023 Great American Beach Party Walk of Fame, please complete the information below. You may also submit additional background material such as media copy. Please limit to 10 additional pages. The deadline for the 2023 Great American Beach Party Walk of Fame nomination is **Friday, December 30, 2022.**

Nominated Honoree information:

Name of nominated honoree: Shane Strum, President/CEO, Broward Health

Address: 1800 NW 49th St.

City, State, Zip Code: Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

Home Phone: _____ Office: 954-473-7055 Cell: 954.504.7895

Email: sstrum@browardhealth.org

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1. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements. (Please do not include website links)

A native of Broward County and resident of Fort Lauderdale, Shane Strum has a legacy of public service spanning nearly three decades. He is president and chief executive officer of Broward Health, one of the nation's 10 largest public healthcare systems with an operational budget of \$1.2 billion and more than 8,000 employees. The Broward Health system includes Broward Health Medical Center, Broward Health North, Broward Health Imperial Point, Broward Health Coral Springs, Broward Health Children's Hospital, as well as urgent care and community health services, serving hundreds of thousands of patients in Broward County with several of these locations in the city of Fort Lauderdale. With the quality of healthcare Strum oversees, Fort Lauderdale has become an even more desirable place to live, work and raise a family. The exemplary health services offered at Broward Health significantly contribute to the quality of life of our residents who do not have to travel out of the area to get the highest quality healthcare.

A respected and influential leader with an impressive record of executive experience that has resulted in numerous benefits for residents of Fort Lauderdale, Strum has led initiatives that have lowered costs of prescription drugs, expanded telehealth services, improved transparency and quality in healthcare and increased awareness of mental health and substance abuse issues throughout the state.

Strum proudly fosters the spirit of our community with his involvement in several prominent organizations that promote civic responsibility, economic development and tourism through heightened visibility for the city of Fort Lauderdale.

Among the organizations Strum has been involved in throughout his career are:

Health-related:

- American Hospital Association, Regional Policy Board, Region 4
- Community Care Plan (CCP) Board Member
 - CCP, Audit and Compliance Committee, Member
 - CCP, Human Resources Committee, Member
- Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center
- Project Opioid Business Council (see expanded description below)
- Safety Nets Hospital Alliance of Florida

Economic and workforce development-related

- Broward Workshop
 - Business Advocacy Committee Member
- Florida Chamber
- Florida's Post-Pandemic Economy, Advisory Council
- The Florida Council of 100

Boosting Fort Lauderdale and fostering a spirit of community pride

- Museum of Discovery and Science
- Winterfest
 - Served as the 2021 Winterfest Commodore

Strum's involvement in Fort Lauderdale's diverse community is extensive. He has been actively involved with the following:

- Broward College Foundation
- Broward Sheriff's Foundation
- Florida Community Health Network (three years as chair)
- Florida TaxWatch
- Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance
- Young Entrepreneurship Council for Huizenga School of Business (founding board member)

Strum also serves as co-chair of the **Project Opioid Business Council**, a life-saving initiative that is tackling the growing opioid epidemic in Broward County, joining fellow co-chairs Celebrity Cruises CEO Lisa Lutoff Perlo and Broward County Sheriff Gregory Tony. The Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance Foundation partnered with the Florida Blue Foundation to build a coalition of business, nonprofit and faith-based leaders to research the local impact of opioid abuse, identify the types of treatment and resources available within the community and develop an actionable strategy to reduce opioid deaths in our community. The opioid epidemic surged during the COVID-19 pandemic at an alarming rate. The spike is related in part to the isolation and economic hardships exacerbated by the stress of job loss, threat of evictions and the consequences of stay-at-home policies. In December 2021, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement released a report that showed drug-related deaths increased by 17% in 2020. Fort Lauderdale topped the list of fentanyl related deaths in the state - 642 people with fentanyl in their system died last year in the greater Fort Lauderdale area. The impact Strum, his co-chairs and the Alliance have will bring positive recognition to the city, locally and nationally.

During his tenure as Governor Ron DeSantis' chief of staff and now in his current role as Broward Health's CEO, Strum has played a critical role in the health and well-being of the greater Fort Lauderdale community.

2022 Accomplishments:

Celebrations and Commemorations

Under Strum's leadership, Broward Health had a banner year of accomplishments in 2022. In the spring, Broward Health Coral Springs celebrated its 35th anniversary by hosting a reunion for those whose lives have been saved at the hospital. At the event, leadership launched the expansion of the cardiac lab, which will be configured as a biplane catheterization lab, a specialized suite where *transesophageal* echocardiography can be performed.

In the spring, the Broward Health Foundation raised more than \$900,000 at its ninth annual Broward Health Ball, the most it has ever raised at this event.

Broward HealthPoint, a Broward Health affiliate formerly known as Community Health Services that provides comprehensive health services to uninsured and underinsured community members in Greater Fort Lauderdale, announced a new name and launched a new mobile health unit to drive healthcare directly to those who can experience the greatest challenges accessing care.

Broward Health Medical Center launched a groundbreaking clinical trial in downtown Fort Lauderdale in collaboration with University of Florida Health and Insightec to study non-pharmaceutical treatment of Alzheimer's disease through the use of focused ultrasound.

In October, Broward Health Imperial Point in Fort Lauderdale kicked off its 50th anniversary with a reception where the American Hospital Association gave a proclamation recognizing the hospital's service. In addition, a \$5.5 million gift to the Broward Health Foundation was commemorated. The gift will be used to establish the Jacqueline J. Bernstein & Marvin H. Weiner Imaging Center and to purchase cutting-edge imaging technology. Bernstein and Weiner made the donation after receiving exceptional care at Broward Health Imperial Point.

In January 2023, the Broward Health hospital system will launch a yearlong celebration commemorating 85 years of serving the community, all of which started in a small apartment building in Fort Lauderdale.

Looking Toward the Future

Strum remains focused on an aggressive growth plan that includes building new healthcare facilities in the city of Sunrise, which is expected to open in Summer 2024. He is also collaborating with healthcare systems across the state to bring the latest research and treatments to patients, expand Broward Health's outreach throughout the county, mitigate health disparities and increase access to care for the community.

Innovative Care

Finding new treatment options for patients is at the heart of Broward Health's vision of providing world-class healthcare. In partnership with University of Florida Health and Insightec, Broward Health launched a clinical trial that aims to slow the progression of Alzheimer's through focused ultrasound. Instead of pharmaceuticals, the non-invasive technique uses MRI-guided focused ultrasound to temporarily create an opening in the blood-brain barrier, allowing plaque to clear from the brain. The hope is this procedure could improve Alzheimer's patients' behavioral and cognition measurements, leading to an enhanced quality of life.

Innovative procedures introduced in 2022 include a saliva gland transfer surgery Ryan H. Sobel, M.D., began offering at Broward Health Medical Center, so throat cancer survivors don't have to sacrifice the ability to swallow and taste. Only a handful of surgeons across the country are skilled at this intricate surgery. And Broward Health's first Transcarotid Artery Revascularization (TCAR) procedures to treat carotid artery disease and prevent future strokes were performed.

2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award? (Please do not include website links)

Strum is a resident and champion of Fort Lauderdale and encourages people to not only visit the region but make it their home and place of business. He is at the forefront of new and innovative ways to shape the present, improve the future and enhance access to high quality healthcare for all. His ambitious and bold vision and a unique ability to form collaborative relationships with industry and community partners is leading to real change.

Not an easy time to be a leader of a health system, Strum does so with courage, vision and integrity. His leadership throughout the pandemic has been instrumental in this community. He works tirelessly to ensure Broward Health and its dedicated frontline workers continue to serve Fort Lauderdale's diverse population.

During Strum's time serving as chief of staff to Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, he was involved in the complex innerworkings between government and healthcare, especially in times of crisis. That experience provides him with a unique perspective and better understanding of who the key influencers are and how public hospital systems, such as Broward Health, can secure funding for research and more, which is necessary to ensure a next generation approach for the residents of Fort Lauderdale and beyond.

Strum's legacy of public service has spanned nearly 30 years. During that time, he has led initiatives that have lowered costs of prescription drugs, expanded telehealth services, improved transparency and quality in healthcare, and increased awareness of mental health and substance abuse issues throughout the state, again contributing to the quality of life for our citizens.

A highly visible presence in the community, Strum doesn't just show up, he rolls up his sleeves and pitches in, doing whatever it takes. He works alongside Broward Health leadership and staff to participate in everything from distributing Thanksgiving holiday meals to the homeless to delivering meals and holiday gifts to the families and children served by Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center.

Under Strum's direction, through Broward Health's commitment to the highly effective Vaccinate Broward and Mobilize to Immunize campaigns, more than 800 children across Broward County were vaccinated this year.

Always striving to improve the quality of life for Fort Lauderdale residents, Strum's priorities for the future include continuing to further innovate and ensure quality healthcare is offered in underserved communities. Broward Health has acquired property to grow its footprint and increase access to care close to home for local residents.

Awards & Recognitions

Under Strum's leadership, in 2022 Broward Health received numerous awards and high grades for several specialties and procedures, including:

- Broward Health hospitals earned 12 high-performing designations from *U.S. News & World Report*
- Three Broward Health hospitals received American Heart Association's Get With the Guidelines® Stroke Gold Plus Awards
- Broward Health Coral Springs was voted the Best Hospital, Best Emergency Room and Best Woman's Hospital by the readers of *Our City* magazine and the hospital's Maternity Place was chosen as the Favorite Maternity Hospital in Broward County by readers of *South Florida Family Life* magazine.
- Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center (CDTC) was one of only five programs nationwide to receive the American Hospital Association's Dick Davidson NOVA Award for its hospital-led collaborative efforts to improve community health. CDTC was also awarded a Sapphire Award from the Florida Blue Foundation.

Strum himself has been honored as a Broward Education Foundation Hall of Fame Inductee and as one of the healthcare leaders to watch by the industry leading publication, *Modern Healthcare*.

3. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee. (Please do not include website links)

Before joining Broward Health, Strum served as Florida Governor Ron DeSantis' chief of staff and led the Governor's staff in implementing a \$90 billion budget and overseeing 20 state agencies with more than 100,000 employees, gubernatorial appointments and cabinet affairs. He also collaborated closely with Florida's federal partners, healthcare providers, hospitals, local governments, community leaders and private businesses to facilitate Florida's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Prior to his work with the state, Strum served as senior vice president at Memorial Healthcare System in Hollywood, Florida, where he was part of an executive team that managed more than 15,000 employees and an annual budget of more than \$2.4 billion. He also oversaw Memorial's strategic planning, marketing, community relations and global health functions. During his tenure, Strum's accomplishments included growing social and digital platforms to enhance the healthcare system's reputation, establishing additional lines of revenue, developing a partnership with Moffitt Cancer Center and collaborating on state and federal regulatory issues. Before he joined Memorial's executive team, he served on the South Broward Hospital District Board for several years, including two terms as chairman.

In addition to his healthcare experience, Strum has excelled in higher education, having served as vice chancellor of Keiser University and director of corporate and government relations at Nova Southeastern University.

Strum is deeply committed to serving the local community and has sat on numerous boards throughout his career, including Broward College Foundation, Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, Florida TaxWatch and the Broward Sheriff's Foundation. He is also a founding board member of the Young Entrepreneurship Council for Huizenga School of Business and former chairman of the Florida Community Health Network.

Strum earned his MBA from Nova Southeastern University and his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Alabama. He is married and has one daughter. He and his family continue to enjoy Fort Lauderdale's fantastic lifestyle.

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You may also submit additional background material such as media copy. Please limit to 10 additional pages.

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2023 WALK OF FAME HONOREE NOMINATION FORM

The City established the Walk of Fame in 2010 at the inaugural Great American Beach Party to pay tribute to the legendary Connie Francis on the 50th Anniversary of “Where the Boys Are,” the 1960 film which made Fort Lauderdale an overnight sensation and a “must see” destination for visitors.

Walk of Fame Honorees are recognized by making sustained, positive impacts in one or more of the areas listed below but not limited to:

- Providing a positive outlook for the future of our youth,
- Contributing to the quality of life for our citizens,
- Fostering the spirit of our community,
- Bringing positive recognition to the City, locally or nationally,
- Making Fort Lauderdale a place to live, work, or play,
- Encouraging people to visit Fort Lauderdale as a destination of choice.

As part of the awards program, each honoree receives a commemorative paver that is placed in the Walk of Fame to memorialize their outstanding accomplishments. The Fort Lauderdale Walk of Fame is located on the beach along the east side of A1A at Las Olas Boulevard. Walk of Fame Honorees are announced at the Great American Beach Party, which is tentatively scheduled to take place on the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend.

If you would like to submit a nomination for the 2023 Great American Beach Party Walk of Fame, please complete the information below. You may also submit additional background material such as media copy. Please limit to 10 additional pages. The deadline for the 2023 Great American Beach Party Walk of Fame nomination is **Friday, December 30, 2022.**

Nominated Honoree information:

Name of nominated honoree: Shane Strum

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1. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, paying particular note to the Walk of Fame selection criteria. Provide any examples of civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other achievements. (Please do not include website links)

Shane is a native of Broward County and has spent his career giving back to the community in a large variety of ways. He personally has participated on boards and committees ranging from the Winterfest Boat Parade, Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, Museum of Science and Discovery. His community commitment extends to not just time but investment by bringing sponsorships and partners to the table to assure success of each organization that he has committed to support. A native of Broward County and resident of Fort Lauderdale, Shane Strum has a legacy of public service spanning nearly three decades. He is president and chief executive officer of Broward Health, one of the nation's 10 largest public healthcare systems with an operational budget of \$1.2 billion and more than 8,000 employees. The Broward Health system includes Broward Health Medical Center, Broward Health North, Broward Health Imperial Point, Broward Health Coral Springs, Broward Health Children's Hospital, as well as urgent care and community health services, serving hundreds of thousands of patients in Broward County with several of these locations in the city of Fort Lauderdale. With the quality of healthcare Strum oversees, Fort Lauderdale has become an even more desirable place to live, work and raise a family. The exemplary health services offered at Broward Health significantly contribute to the quality of life of our residents who do not have to travel out of the area to get the highest quality healthcare.

A respected and influential leader with an impressive record of executive experience that has resulted in numerous benefits for residents of Fort Lauderdale, Strum has led initiatives that have lowered costs of prescription drugs, expanded telehealth services, improved transparency and quality in healthcare and increased awareness of mental health and substance abuse issues throughout the state.

Strum proudly fosters the spirit of our community with his involvement in several prominent organizations that promote civic responsibility, economic development and tourism through heightened visibility for the city of Fort Lauderdale.

2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award? (Please do not include website links)

As a resident and champion of Fort Lauderdale and he works diligently to enhance the community through events, education and science and quality of life issues that create a great impact on the not just Fort Lauderdale but Broward County as well. He shares his creativity and vision to make this the best city to be a part of whether you are a resident or visitor. He encourages visitors to make this their home and place of business and leads the charge if providing advanced affordable healthcare – a keystone of selecting a home. Shane's commitment to education is demonstrated through his work history as well as his current role at Broward in assuring that opportunities are available for staff to continue to grow and learn.

Shane has worked at the State, County and City level during his career that gives him a broad perspective on the needs of our community. He is well connected at many levels in the State and can bring the expertise needed to assure success to projects and plans.

If given the opportunity to give a description, it would be that this is an incredibly warm and caring man that puts others first and gives to the community without regard for being acknowledged. He is truly a compassionate and generate human.

3. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee. (Please do not include website links)

Shane's experience ranges from health care, first with Memorial Healthcare Systems including partnerships with Moffitt Cancer Center and Broward Healthcare, to education serving as Vice Chancellor of Keiser University and director of corporate and government relations on behalf of Nova Southeastern University. Through his commitment to education, he has served on the board of the Broward College

Foundation. He also has served on the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, Florida TaxWatch and Broward Sheriff's Foundation. He serves and supports Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, Inc. and Winterfest Boat Parade through commitment to community, making a difference, offering financial as well as technical support to the operations of those groups.

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BA – Political Science – University of Alabama

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