



Memorandum

Memorandum No: 25-042

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*

DATE: April 22, 2025

SUBJECT: Chief Waterways Officer Appointment

I am pleased to announce that Marco Aguilera has been promoted to the Chief Waterways Officer position in the City Manager's Office (CMO) beginning on April 27, 2025. The Chief Waterways Officer position was discussed in March 2024 as an opportunity to create a leadership role that would liaise with the boating community, marine industry, and the residents of the City while unifying existing efforts and coordinating with outside agencies on issues related to the City's waterways. The position was created as part of the Fiscal Year 2025 budget.

After an exhaustive search, it became clear that Mr. Aguilera is the best candidate for the role. Mr. Aguilera has worked for the City for the last 3 and a half years, starting as a Code Compliance Officer in 2021, then being promoted in 2024 to Senior Code Compliance Officer, and then to Administrative Supervisor in Neighbor Support later that same year. Mr. Aguilera has demonstrated the ability to assess an issue, develop reasonable solutions, and implement them successfully using existing limited resources through relationships built over his years at the City. He has a background in code enforcement with related experience in environmental enforcement, stormwater issues, and waterway enforcement through collaboration with the City's Marine Patrol Unit.

The CMO recognizes the importance of this position and is looking forward to realizing its positive impact in addressing the City's various challenges and opportunities on our waterways. We are excited at the prospect of elevating the City's proactive response to one of our most critical and loved assets. Please join me in congratulating Marco on this well-deserved promotion.

c: D'Wayne M. Spence, Interim City Attorney
David R. Soloman, City Clerk
Patrick Reilly, City Auditor
City Manager's Office
Department Directors