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To Commissioner Sorensen and my colleagues on the Board

The EDAB should distinguish itself by being a key source of ideas that anticipate, and captures, the future. Our goal should be to establish Ft. Lauderdale as an aspirational city, a city that welcomes and fosters innovation.

While the traditional sources of economic growth (marine industry , residential construction , real estate and tourism, will continue to grow , we should identify opportunities in unconventional non-traditional fields such as artificial intelligence , robotics, blockchain, biomedical technology and nuclear fusion , to name a few. Ft. We must embrace unconventional , non-traditional ideas of economic growth

Diversification is a key component of economic development

Ft. Lauderdale is well -known not just within the USA , but globally. As important, it has all the components that attract companies and families as evidenced by its impressive 50% growth in the last 10 years alone. .

While there are many ways to attract companies , the board should not stagnate by waiting for optimal and/or costly plans .

As a start, we should simply contact a number of companies (I will be glad to start the process by providing the names of 10-12 innovative companies). I welcome additional ideas from board members

Let's not waste this opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to the city

Thank you

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