



LETTER TO THE COMMISSION

LTC No: 26-061

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission
FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*
DATE: March 6, 2026
SUBJECT: Appointment - Assistant Director, Community Services Department

The purpose of this Letter to the Commission (LTC) is to inform the City Commission of a key appointment within the Community Services Department.

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Katrina Johnson as Assistant Director of the Community Services Department, effective March 15, 2026. This appointment marks the 20th internal personnel appointment/promotion for senior leadership and high-profile roles within the organization since beginning my tenure as City Manager.

Through the recruitment and selection process, and after observing the high level of performance Ms. Katrina Johnson has demonstrated in the role of Acting Assistant Director, it became clear that she is the right candidate for the role. The Assistant Director role is essential to advancing the operational and strategic priorities of the Community Services Department (CSD). In this capacity, Ms. Johnson will lead department-wide coordination, reinforce fiscal stewardship, and ensure the consistent execution of key initiatives.

Ms. Johnson brings nearly ten (10) years of dedicated service to the City of Fort Lauderdale and more than twenty-five (25) years of progressive leadership experience in public administration, regulatory operations, fiscal oversight, and organizational management. Ms. Johnson has come up the ranks of the organization and recently served as the Division Manager for the Community Enhancement and Compliance Division. Later, while serving as the CSD Acting Assistant Director, during a period of departmental transition, she played a pivotal role in strengthening operational alignment and improving cross-division coordination. In her role as Assistant Director, Ms. Johnson's leadership portfolio will include the Housing and Community Development (HCD) division, along with homeless initiatives, the Customer Support Center including FIXIT FTL and the call-center, and Business Tax.

Prior to joining the City of Fort Lauderdale, Ms. Johnson held leadership roles in educational administration and the judicial system, where she managed regulatory compliance and state funding oversight. She holds a Master of Public Administration

(MPA) and is a Certified Code Enforcement Professional (CEP). She continues to advance her expertise through ongoing training in Local Economic Development and Sustainable Community Transformation.

In addition to her professional responsibilities, Ms. Johnson is actively engaged in civic and community service initiatives throughout Broward County. Her community involvement includes participation in Leadership Broward (she is a Class XLIII graduate), service as a Guardian ad Litem advocating for children within the court system, and work with the Broward Ombudsman program, supporting elderly residents in navigating governmental processes and resolving concerns. These roles reflect her longstanding commitment to public service, community advocacy, and collaborative problem-solving.

Please join me in congratulating Katrina Johnson on her well-deserved appointment as Assistant Director of the Community Services Department.

c: Shari McCartney, City Attorney
David R. Soloman, City Clerk
Patrick Reilly, City Auditor
City Manager's Office
Department Directors