



LETTER TO THE COMMISSION

LTC No: 26-156

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission
FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*
DATE: May 18, 2026
SUBJECT: **48th Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement**

The purpose of this Letter to the Commission (LTC) is to inform the City Commission that the City of Fort Lauderdale has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the year ending September 30, 2024. This marks the 48th consecutive year the City has earned this prestigious recognition.

This award represents the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting and reflects the City's commitment to transparency and excellence in financial management. The Certificate of Achievement is awarded to governments whose ACFRs meet the rigorous standards of the GFOA program, demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" designed to clearly communicate the City's financial story.

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 ACFR award reflects not only technical excellence but also the City's continued focus on strengthening financial operations, improving processes, and delivering reliable financial information in support of sound decision-making. Receiving this recognition underscores the organization's dedication to strong fiscal stewardship, accountability to neighbors, investors, and stakeholders, and adherence to nationally recognized best practices in governmental financial reporting.

This achievement reflects the continued commitment of the City Commission, City leadership, and staff across all departments, as well as the engagement of the City Auditor's Office, and the external auditors. These collective efforts ensured the successful preparation of a comprehensive and high-quality financial report that meets the highest standards in public finance. Special recognition is extended to the Finance Department for its hard work, professionalism, and dedication to the accuracy of the City's financial reporting.

Please join me in congratulating the Finance Department. Should you have any questions, please contact Linda Short, Director of Finance, at 954-828-5267, or via email at lshort@fortlauderdale.gov.

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