



**CITY OF
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Citizen of the Year

Christina Currie x2

Anthony Ginsburg

William Rotella

Jay Schechtman

Dr. Warren Sturman

From: system@fortlauderdale.gov
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1. NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name of person being nominated: Christina Currie
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2. NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY

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3. NOMINATION CATEGORY

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As president of the Rio Vista Civic Association, Christina has gone above and beyond to tirelessly advocate

for our neighborhood. She has driven several community projects such as a clothing drive, food collection, opportunities for teens to get community service hours and support for numerous special projects assisting residents. She has also devoted hours to communications with city officials to ensure that the sewer repairs and mitigation and the restoring of our parks continued to proceed as planned. She works continuously with Transportation and Mobility to ensure the safety of our residents.

5. Based on the nomination category selected and the accomplishments and contributions provided in Question 4, why does the nominee deserve an award in this particular category (250 words or less)?

She is a selfless servant advocating for our neighborhood and our residents. She has devoted significant time and energy to improving the welfare of our residents.

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Christina has served on the board for RVCA since 2008 and was elected President in 2018. She runs a law practice with her husband in Ft Lauderdale.

7. FOR EXEMPLARY FORMER CITY EMPLOYEE CATEGORY ONLY

Years of service with the Not answered

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Position(s) held: Not answered

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1. NOMINEE INFORMATION

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Mrs. Currie has sat on a number of city boards and strives for excellence in all that she does.

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Mrs. Currie deserves to be recognized for her years of service to the city of Fort Lauderdale.

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Christina Currie is originally from Texas but has for quite some time called Fort Lauderdale her home. She attended NSU Law school and her and her husband have a law office in the downtown area. She volunteers for so many organizations in the city in addition to the important legal work she does.

<https://www.local10.com/news/local/2020/07/03/new-policies-should-be-put-in-place-for-in-fort-lauderdale-pd-review-review-board-chair-says/>

<https://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/community/broward/article244974770.html>

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Page 1**1. NOMINEE INFORMATION**

Name of person being nominated: Anthony Ginsberg

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Since 2020, Anthony Ginsberg, 73, has been off on a first-of-its-kind, non-partisan effort in the City to engage the homeless citizenry in fulfilling their civic duty and encouraging them to exercise their right to vote in government elections.

Anthony has become an invaluable resource to so many experiencing homelessness. He also works with individuals weekly with tax return preparation to ensure that they receive their stimulus payments, otherwise known as "EIPs" — Economic Impact Payments. Even during the height of the pandemic, Anthony remained steadfast in his mission to compassionately educate the homeless citizenry on the importance of civic engagement and accessing the resources available to them.

"The IRS developed an explicit policy of reaching out to the homeless community to ensure participation in the EIP process," said Anthony, "The existing IRS 'free-file' option helped achieve that. The act of preparing a tax return is the easy part, though an often-important challenge has been the inability of the client to produce any relevant W-2s, health care statements, or prior year returns. Notice that the bulk of persons served are unsheltered, which means that the majority have been non-filers or infrequent filers. Many are not recipients of any Social Security benefits. The combination of non/infrequent filer and non-Social Security recipient almost always generates a request from the IRS to verify one's identity. Therein lies the real challenge and time-consuming element of assisting homeless clients. All the myriad realities of homeless life rise to test a client's willingness to pursue the process: access to a computer or a phone; the number of phone minutes available for being on hold; the inability, except for the very, very few, to resolve any problem through the IRS website; the difficulty of keeping/having any access to past tax information and the resulting difficulty for accurate informational recall; the loss of debit cards or the closing/changing of a debit/bank account; changes of address and the difficulty of tracking an EIP sent to a prior address or prison or receiving letters from the IRS; identity theft; the occasional need to make an appointment at the only IRS office in Broward in Plantation. In addition to these various challenges, the IRS faces staffing shortages for handling paper returns, and some identity issues can take up to nine months to resolve."

But Anthony has not given up and continues to be a champion for those who do not currently have the means to assist themselves. Through his diligent and time-consuming outreach, Anthony has been able to individually engage with over 400 members of Fort Lauderdale's homeless population.

Through his understanding of the value of personal and repetitive contact, Anthony has worked to successfully register 285 homeless citizens to vote and assisted 289 individuals experiencing homelessness with obtaining their COVID-19 stimulus checks, which otherwise would have never gotten to them.

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I've nominated Anthony Ginsberg for his tireless commitment to the most vulnerable citizens in the City of Fort Lauderdale. Anthony is a quiet and humble man, but the legacy he is leaving is seismic for our community. Daily, he makes a direct, positive, and personal impact on a fellow human's life, usually during their most vulnerable and challenging moments. Navigating America's financial and voting systems is complicated and exhausting work, but Anthony is patient and persistent and ensures that those he assists develop a better understanding of these processes. Anthony's passion for the American experiment and preserving the sanctity of our nation's democracy shines through with all the work he is involved in. Please remember that Anthony does not get paid for any of this. At 73 years old, he is retired and dedicating this part of his life to giving back to our community in the most genuine and generous ways. If someone asked me to describe the kind of person I would like to be when I grow up, I would have to say, "Anthony Ginsberg, for he is goodwill and compassion personified." Fort Lauderdale is lucky to claim him as our own.

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Anthony Ginsberg was born seventy-three years ago in a northeastern suburb of Los Angeles, CA. He lived there until graduating high school, after which he attended the University of California, Santa Barbara, majoring in Hispanic Civilization. He continued his education in the same subject area, receiving Master's degrees from New York University and then Yale University. Despite—though in some ways because of—this educational background Anthony found career employment on Wall Street, working for a private brokerage firm as an equities analyst for nearly thirty years. It was also in New York that Anthony met his now late husband of twenty-two years. Moving to Fort Lauderdale was unexpected, related to his husband's health. It was also novel, having had no prior connection to the Sunshine State. Yet once he finally established full-time residence at the very end of 2017, Anthony began to draw upon several strands of life-long interest that led to a retirement defined by a commitment to underserved fellow citizens. That effort, over the past four and a half years and through the pandemic, has largely focused on engaging homeless citizens in Fort Lauderdale, first through a uniquely methodical voter registration strategy and then in combination with tax preparation assistance for the purpose of securing "stimulus payments." He resides on the Galt Mile.

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Item 1 [Anthony Ginsberg Voter Registration During Sanctuary Church Turkey Giveaway.jpg](#)

Item 2 [Anthony Ginsberg Voter Registration During FTL's COVID Food Drives.jpg](#)

Item 3 [Anthony Ginsberg Voter Registration at Huizenga Plaza.jpg](#)

Item 3 [Anthony Ginsberg Homeless Outreach Jan '21-Mar '22.pdf](#)

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1. NOMINEE INFORMATION

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Bill Rotella is a well known businessman in the community that continuously gives back in many ways, his

time, his knowledge, his willingness to participate and always his gentleman approach to getting something accomplished.

He has continuously participated on a number of city and county boards as well as other organization that effect the quality of life in our city.

5. Based on the nomination category selected and the accomplishments and contributions provided in Question 4, why does the nominee deserve an award in this particular category (250 words or less)?

Member of Executives' Associates, Fort Lauderdale Planning & Zoning Committee, Urban Core of the Broward Workshop, Officer of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County, Watts Foundation, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, University of Miani/Jackson Hospital Trauma Center. He is very engaged in his church.

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Bill is from Rutland, Vermont and received his BS in Marketing from Siena College in Loudonville, NY.

Having selected Fort Lauderdale as his home and place to raise his family, Bill has spent his time here giving back to the community.

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1. NOMINEE INFORMATION

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The examples:

Mr Shechtman first engaged the Community with his innovative and very creative designs for elevated micromobility and pedestrian paths at Commission Conference meetings. He then chaired the Lauder-Trail working group for nonvehicular connectivity and safety within the City. As President of the Tarpon River Civic Association, Jay brought his Community together & fostered communication, analyzed for and acted upon improvement opportunities like the dredging of the Tarpon River and the development of the Tarpon River neighborhood. He planted trees. He advocated for parks and green spaces. He was/is active in designating City owned parks as such (i.e. the Ann Murray & other Greenways) and he energized people with the History of our great City by his voluntary work on the Historical Preservation Board. Jay rallied the public for Arts by coordinating the Britto project. Maybe most importantly, he has served on the Planning & Zoning Board for 4 years now, analyzing for detail of development projects not meeting DRC standards, taking Developers to task to include infrastructure improvements and voting whether to forward projects to the City Commission for their approval. He also promoted comprehensive rezoning initiatives in struggling areas. Mr Shechtman has definitely dedicated significant time and effort to move the City forward in our vision of Live, Work, Play and Invest and has energized the Public towards innovation and service.

5. Based on the nomination category selected and the accomplishments and contributions provided in Question 4, why does the nominee deserve an award in this particular category (250 words or less)?

Mr Shechtman is a true Leader, generating best practices & innovative ideas for his Community and the City of Fort Lauderdale. He volunteers a great deal of his time serving on the Tarpon River Civic Association, the Planning & Zoning Board, the Historical Preservation Board and is Chair of the Lauder-trail working group. He has changed the culture of the City by fostering civic pride and responsibility, encouraging public service, significantly contributing to responsible development and promoting an appreciation of our City's heritage.

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Mr Shechtman is a Vice President for Kanye Anderson Real Estate where he exercises due diligence and underwriting for lending investments for debt platforms. He is a South Florida native and earned a BS in Economics from the Wharton School of Business in Pennsylvania, and higher education in Denmark. He currently has no children and is usually seen with his dog, Mango.

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2. NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY

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Dr. Warren Sturman has been a resident of Fort Lauderdale since 1991. During that time, he has been an

active volunteer in a variety of community roles such as leading his civic association for 14 years, serving as vice president of the Harbordale Elementary School PTA, serving as team physician for Cardinal Gibbons, and founding and serving on the Community Emergency Response Team.

During the pandemic, Warren Sturman reactivated the Broward County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC). The Florida Health website explains the Medical Reserve Corps in the following way:

“The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is a national network of local groups of volunteers committed to improving the health, safety and resiliency of their communities. MRC volunteers include medical and public health professionals, as well as others interested in strengthening the public health infrastructure and improving the preparedness and response capabilities of their local jurisdiction. MRC units identify, screen, train and organize the volunteers, and utilize them to support routine public health activities and augment preparedness and response efforts. Florida MRC units are community-based and function to locally organize and utilize health professionals and other volunteers who want to donate their time and expertise to promote community health and respond to emergencies.”

In March 2020, the Sun Sentinel Editorial Board wrote:

“Florida should begin mobilizing an army of healthcare retirees and other sidelined workers in other states. Amid the silence, Dr. Warren Sturman of Fort Lauderdale is determined to mobilize a local volunteer force and refuses to give up. Joining him in his effort is Cynthia Peterson, the CEO of the Broward County Medical Association. Together, they are trying to recruit volunteers to relieve overworked and fatigued health care workers...” (see attached article.)

Dr. Sturman worked with many groups to reactivate the MRC. He brought in the Broward County Medical Association to serve as the Housing Authority. The MRC formed official associations with the City of Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, the Emergency Operations Center, the Department of Health, One Blood, and the Red Cross. The group received official recognition from the US Department of Health and Human Services.

The MRC was recognized as the official organization to recruit, credential, and organize all volunteers for the Department of Health, both medical and non-medical. The organization grew from two people to over 1600 volunteers. Some of the projects that the group worked on included:

Streamlining testing of first responders

Providing volunteers at the testing sites

Coordinated volunteers to sew 14,000 masks at home which were distributed to fire departments, police departments, hospitals and assisted living facilities.

Training and Coordinating volunteers at the vaccination sites.

Pre-vaccine, the MRC coordinated with all the hospitals in Broward County the Covid Convalescent Plasma Donations.

While organizing and leading the MRC, Dr. Sturman maintained an active medical practice at Broward Health. In addition to his regular practice, Dr. Sturman worked with Broward Health to help coordinate the Covid monoclonal antibody program. In recognition of his outstanding work and its importance to our community, Broward Health proclaimed Dr. Sturman the Most Valuable Physician of The Year.”

Dr. Sturman’s contributions to fighting the pandemic are significant. This is not the first time that he has used his medical expertise to create solutions for medical emergencies. He previously founded, led and volunteered with the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). CERT is a program that recruits, trains and deploys neighborhood volunteers for times of disaster.

5. Based on the nomination category selected and the accomplishments and contributions provided in Question 4, why does the nominee deserve an award in this particular category (250 words or less)?

Dr. Sturman is a longtime volunteer in our community. He also runs a successful medical practice. When the pandemic began, Dr. Sturman took on a tremendous responsibility by reactivating the Medical Reserve Corps. Thanks to his efforts a framework was rapidly put in place to deploy volunteers to respond to the crisis. His leadership was important in getting necessary medical resources to those who needed them.

Given the magnitude of the crisis which accompanied Covid 19, Dr. Sturman's significant contributions make him an outstanding candidate for the Citizen of the Year.

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Dr. Warren Sturman has been a resident of Fort Lauderdale since 1991. He graduated from the University of Florida in 1975 with a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering and the University of Miami School of Medicine in 1984. He completed a Residency in Internal Medicine at Mount Sinai Medical Center in Miami in 1987 and a Fellowship in Cardiology at Mount Sinai Medical Center in 1989.

Dr. Sturman is the father of 4 adult children. He was an active volunteer in their schools and community activities including serving as the vice president of the Harbordale PTA, serving as a cub scout leader, and a coach in various sports. He was the team physician for the Cardinal Gibbons Football Team. Warren was also the president of the Rio Vista Civic Association for 14 years.

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Item 1 [Resume for Dr. Warren Sturman.rtf](#)
Item 2 [Sun Sentinel Editorial March 29, 2020.jpg](#)
Item 3 [Sun Sentinel, February 27, 2021.jpg](#)
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1. NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name of person being nominated: Richard Campillo
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2. NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY

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3. NOMINATION CATEGORY

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Mr. Rich Campillo is the epitome of a "Distinguished Citizen" of the great city of Fort Lauderdale, he is a true servant and a pioneer in the homeless service provider community.

He has brought "Live Fresh" showers to the city's unhoused population in an effort to restore dignity and the hope to begin a step towards a better life. He saw a need, looked around to see what was working, what was not, and as the constant collaborator that he is, came up with a thoroughly thought out turnkey plan that he was able to implement in just a few short months.

FSO Guide- What is the FSO guide? It stands for Food, Shower, Outreach. Rich has devised a guide that is able to contain all of this information in one single place. It allows the homeless to see in one sheet where and when the services they need are available on any given day. Before this guide, the individual organizations all had their own brochure, flyer, etc, stating THEIR particular times of service. This left our unhoused residents with a mish-mash of flyers, papers, etc to try to keep track of. Rich has it all on a single 1/2 sheet that can be easily printed, distributed, and carried around. Now it's all in one place and our citizens, housed or not, always know where to go and at what time as it is always being updated and circulated. This is a particularly helpful tool for those who receive services as well as for the community members who want to serve, donate, help.

Glasses for the Homeless- As a person who has worn glasses since childhood, I can tell you how impactful this is. Richard partnered with an ophthalmologist who, after the passing of "Love Thy Neighbor" founder, and foreseeing the future closure, was seeking to keep the program alive. Richard coordinated with local meal programs to make glasses accessible to our community's most needy. For so many people it is an absolute life changing service. "I can see again!" is often heard from the clients accompanied by tears of joy.

CARES Program-WOW, this one made my jaw drop! When the economic stimulus payments (EIP or stimulus checks) were just starting to go out, Richard saw, once again, another great need. He studied the problem and devised a plan. He met with the IRS to address the potential challenges, eg; all filers coming from one address, checks being mailed to one address. He recruited high schoolers to assist with setting up the emails necessary for electronic submission, etc. It was a huge success and the IRS has awarded the project the IRS Commissioner's Challenge Award, as well as using it as a model for best practices. These funds (over \$950,000) went directly into our community and local economy.

These are just a few of Richard's accomplishments, the bigger picture is that he is just an outstanding citizen, pioneer, servant, and mentor. The city of Fort Lauderdale is lucky to have his talents in their midst.

5. Based on the nomination category selected and the accomplishments and contributions provided in Question 4, why does the nominee deserve an award in this particular category (250 words or less)?

Richard Campillo deserves this award and so much more! He is one of the most exemplary figures of a DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN that we will ever come across. Having already been successful in his professional life, he has now turned his eyes towards his community and asked himself, "How can I help?" His contributions are solid, measurable, and will have long term impact, not only to the most vulnerable, but to those who have had the privilege to serve alongside Mr. Campillo and to be mentored by his example.

Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'
Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Rich is originally from New York where he went to St. John's University on a soccer scholarship. After working at Price Waterhouse for several years, he decided to get his MBA at Northwestern Kellogg

Graduate School of Management in Chicago. He joined Nestlé and started a 24 year international career living in Switzerland, Malaysia, Philippines, Canada and Mexico as a senior executive. He returned to the USA in 2015 and settled in Fort Lauderdale where he has become involved in various nonprofit causes and organizations.

Rich and his wife Karen have 3 grown children living in Denver, Palo Alto and Chicago.

7. FOR EXEMPLARY FORMER CITY EMPLOYEE CATEGORY ONLY

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City:

Position(s) held: Not answered

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Item 1 [Live Fresh Fact Sheet \(1\).pdf](#)

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1. NOMINEE INFORMATION

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3. NOMINATION CATEGORY

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On a grass roots level, Rich Campillo started the Live Fresh Mobile Showers giving people experiencing homelessness a place where they could perform a daily activity that we all take for granted – taking a

shower, going to the bathroom indoors instead of on the street.

He resurrected the Glasses for Homeless program bringing in new volunteer doctors, local university interns and an overwhelming number of donated glasses.

He started and manages the CARES Checks for the Homeless program which helps homeless people fill out income tax forms to assist in their receiving their government stimulus checks. In Fort Lauderdale, people experiencing homelessness received over 500K in stimulus checks through Rich's program.

As our homeless population has grown since the recession far exceeding the resources available with shelter and housing, many more people are living day-to-day on the street. This leaves a population of people who are hungry, dirty and looking for a place to go to the bathroom. Rich coordinated basic services (i.e., food, shelter & outreach services) provided by a multitude of agencies and designed the FSO. A document that lists addresses all of the food, shower and outreach resources available for every day of the week. It is small enough to fit in someone's pocket for easy reference. He currently has an email list of over 100 professionals in the community who make copies and distribute to people in need.

As a member of St. Anthony Church Homeless Ministry Rich has been integral in the direction and management of the Ministries volunteers. The Homeless Ministry picks up food from local grocery stores and delivers it to food pantries and to homeless shelters in Fort Lauderdale. The Ministry volunteers are also assigned to activities at events that benefit homeless and people living below the poverty level. They donate toys for the poor and the homeless children during the holidays as well as clothing and blankets during emergency cold weather. Rich finds the need in the community and marries it with his volunteers expertise and resources.

Rich currently serves on the Early Learning Coalition of Broward County Board, the Broward Law Enforcement Multi-Agency Homeless Taskforce Board, St. Anthony Church Homeless Ministry and is a member of the Homeless Providers & Stakeholders Council.

5. Based on the nomination category selected and the accomplishments and contributions provided in Question 4, why does the nominee deserve an award in this particular category (250 words or less)?

Rich Campillo is one of the silent advocates that walk among us every day. His name doesn't show up in the newspaper, there is no brass name plate on an office door - for that matter his office is where you find homeless people congregating. Is he well-known, is he famous? Yes, hundreds of our Fort Lauderdale neighbors without homes know Rich and through his leadership, compassion and volunteerism they have received services they needed that no one else was providing.

Walk alongside him on Fort Lauderdale beach, stand next to him at the downtown library, people will come up to Rich to thank him. "I can read again now that I have these glasses, thank you", "Thank you man, you helped me when I really needed someone", "I got my check today, thank you so much!". People recognize him when he walks into a corporate board meeting, in the hospital emergency room, a food pantry or a local homeless shelter.

Rich Campillo is a distinguished citizen and deserves the recognition.

6. Please provide a brief biography of the nominee (250 words or less). Please include information such as positions held, where the nominee is originally from, years lived in Fort Lauderdale, high school/college name, occupation, sports played, number of children/grandchildren, awards received, publications, etc.

Richard Campillo is a senior-level strategic and operational executive with a successful leadership record of transforming and creating business models that drive sustainable growth and profitability in both mature and emerging global markets. He has gained the skills to achieve these accomplishments through his diverse background in Marketing, Sales, Finance and Business Development; his ability to implement high impact top line and cost reduction initiatives; and his deep operational and cultural experience living and working in the U.S., Canada, Switzerland, Latin America and Asia.

In his current role as Managing Director of XY99 Advisory, Rich works with a wide range of organizations from fast growth companies to nonprofit organizations, providing strategic planning, product/business development, mentoring of management teams and coaching.

Rich had a successful 24-year international career at Nestlé. In his last position he was Vice President-Ice Cream Strategic Business Unit in Switzerland, and in his prior position, he was CEO - Latin America & Caribbean at Nestlé Professional.

Richard serves on the board of the Broward Early Learning Coalition, Law Enforcement Multi-Agency Homeless Taskforce, St Anthony Church Homeless Ministry, American School Foundation and was a founding member of National Society of Hispanic MBA's.

He received his Masters of Management degree from Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University; and his BS in Accountancy from Saint John's University. Originally from NYC, he has resided in Fort Lauderdale for the past five years. Rich and his wife Karen have three grown children living in Denver, Palo Alto and Chicago.

7. FOR EXEMPLARY FORMER CITY EMPLOYEE CATEGORY ONLY

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Position(s) held: Not answered

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1. NOMINEE INFORMATION

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2. NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY

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3. NOMINATION CATEGORY

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I have been distributing donated used and new glasses to homeless people for 22 years. This work has been in conjunction with outdoor feedings out of the back of my car and using foldable tables. I was limited by

few helpers, weather, lack of space and an organized environment. When I met Rich Campillo he quickly assessed the situation and suggested ways to increase our impact and the number of people we serve. We began to work with Hope South Florida. He secured an indoor, air-conditioned room. Rich put the word out for distribution times to homeless people in advance. He coordinated volunteers from local high schools, Optical shops, NOVA School of Optometry and NOVA School of Medicine. He coordinated specialized care with Lenscrafters and Broward Health. He developed a relationship Lions Clubs and the Florida Lions Eye Bank for financial support and to offer surgical services and continued ophthalmic care. I'm now much more efficient and productive. On Thursday, April 21, 2022 we distributed glasses to 31 people. Our conference room at Hope South Florida allows us to work in a clean, safe environment offering glasses with dignity and respect.

5. Based on the nomination category selected and the accomplishments and contributions provided in Question 4, why does the nominee deserve an award in this particular category (250 words or less)?

1. Tireless Service
2. Boundless Energy
3. He finds intelligent and creative ways to do things better for the greater good of our community.
4. He uses his outstanding organizational skills to enhance impact and quality of volunteer service.
5. He brings volunteers and organizations together for synergy and greater service.
6. He provides opportunity for people to volunteer and feel better about themselves and our community. He gets high school, college and professional students involved in noble causes.
7. Rich developed Economic Impact Payments that help homeless people receive CARES checks. Some of the homeless people gave back a portion of the check to Hope South Florida.
8. I have personally witnessed incredible and meaningful works of charity through Rich's volunteer work. Rich helps God work miracles in our community.

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Rich grew up in Queens, New York. He moved to Fort Lauderdale seven years ago. He is married and has three children, ages 29, 27 and 24. He was educated at Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University and Saint John's University. Rich had a successful 24 year International career with Nestle'. He has had a tremendous impact on our community through his work with our mobile shower unit or Live Fresh, Inc. He developed Food, Shower, Outreach(FSO Guide) to get the word out about all the services offered in our community and this reduces redundancy, overlap and waste.

7. FOR EXEMPLARY FORMER CITY EMPLOYEE CATEGORY ONLY

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Position(s) held: Not answered

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1. NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name of person being nominated: M. Austin Forman
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3. NOMINATION CATEGORY

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Austin is a serial entrepreneur who has made numerous contributions to our city and county. He presently sits on the Broward County Performing Arts Center Board and assisted it with its recent

renovation/refurbishing, a \$50M+ project. He served over 20 years on the Barnett Bank of South Florida Board. Other boards include HANDY, the Riverwalk Committee, and the Museum of Discovery and Science. The list goes on and on. Austin, together with Senator Jim Scott made it possible for the Riverwalk to secure a pedestrian crossing over the FEC RR tracks. At his own expense, Austin has been an advocate in the Legislature for Nova Southeastern University, Broward's largest private employer, and he was instrumental in the merger of Nova with Southeastern College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Austin is a voracious reader and an indefatigable worker who has been a tremendous resource of creativity and counsel to many public servants, providing financial support to countless non-profit entities. Many initiatives of the City and County as well as public and private non-profit entities have benefitted from his caring experience and generosity.

5. Based on the nomination category selected and the accomplishments and contributions provided in Question 4, why does the nominee deserve an award in this particular category (250 words or less)?

Of all the people you may choose to honor, it will be difficult to find anyone more deserving than Austin. He is a humble, compassionate generous man who would be embarrassed to know I am submitting this nomination his behalf.

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Austin was born in Fort Lauderdale, Broward General Medical Center in March 1947. He attended Bennett and Bayview Elementary, Sunrise Junior High and Fort Lauderdale High Schools where he was graduated in 1965. He played on the Flying L football team and made all-county one year. Austin attended Vanderbilt University where he majored in Bridge, and almost flunked out. He transferred to UF thereafter, but never finished. His degree is from the school of hard knocks. With family land, he founded Westlawn Memorial Gardens, a cemetery. He married Katherine O'Donnell and together had one son, Miles, who recently moved to Sea Ranch Lakes. He has one step-daughter, Lori. Kathy has since died, and he is now married to Christine. He has three grandchildren, Chloe, Mick and Hamilton, and two step-grandchildren, Charlotte and Liam.

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1. NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name of person being nominated: Marilyn Mammano
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2. NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY

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Marilyn Mammano is a resident of Fort Lauderdale who has tirelessly used her skills to improve the quality life and sustainability of our city. Her ability to speak passionately yet calmly and to build consensus and

craft compromises has distinguished her in advocacy efforts to address some of the most critical issues facing our community.

Marilyn graduated from Pratt Institute with a Bachelor of Architecture in 1971 followed by a Master of City and Regional Planning in 1972. She began her professional career in 1971 in the New York City Department of City Planning eventually serving as the Director of Zoning and Urban Design from 1991 to 1997.

From 2000 -2016, Marilyn was an adjunct professor at Florida Atlantic University, teaching various courses at the graduate and undergraduate level in the School of Urban and Regional Planning. Her experience both in the New York Department of City Planning and in the classroom at FAU has greatly benefited our community during Marilyn's nearly 25 years as a volunteer leader in our city.

Moving to Fort Lauderdale in 1998, Marilyn Mammano immediately became an active volunteer and leader in our community. Newspaper articles document the extensive work she has done. Her volunteer experience includes in the following:

The Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations: Member 2008 - present, President 2012 - 2017
The Harbordale Civic Association, President 2006 - present
The 2010 Redistricting Committee for the City of Fort Lauderdale
The Fort Lauderdale Historic Preservation Board, 2015-2020
MIASF Waterway Cleanup Committee, Chairperson, 2002-2012
The Fort Lauderdale Infrastructure Task Force, Chairperson 2017-2022
Short Term Residential Use Committee, Chairperson, 2009-2012
Community Appearance Board, 2003-2013
17th Street Task Force, 2016 -2019
The Special Events Committee, 2016
Volunteer Foster Parent for Kittens with the Broward Humane Society, 2015 - present

Marilyn has also been active in several other community groups and speaks frequently before the City Commission on a variety of issues. Her ability to negotiate and craft compromises has helped to resolve many difficult issues. For example:

- As the president of the Council of Civic Associations, Marilyn led efforts to develop a public participation ordinance, to compile a statement concerning development density which "noted a need to accelerate street improvements" and a review of building height limits. She also worked on licensing of vacation rentals.
- As the Harbordale Civic Association president, she has worked not only on development and traffic issues, but on parks such as Harbordale Park. A 2012 Sun Sentinel Article shares that Marilyn Mammano worked with city landscapers to "give the park its unique look and energy efficient lights."
- In 2017 during the City Commission hearing on the Bahia Mar site plan, Marilyn noted deficiencies in the public access clauses and, from the audience, negotiated language that would offer far greater public access. More recently, in 2022 at Commission meeting discussions on a long-term lease, Marilyn once again led efforts to meet with public officials and craft language which increase public access.
- As Chairperson of the Infrastructure Task Force, Marilyn has led discussions not only on how to address problems but how to pay for them.

It is not surprising that Marilyn Mammano was listed as a speaker at a seminar on building an ethical reputation. Regardless of what side of an issue Marilyn is on, once the matter is decided, she works to bring people together over the positive. And this, perhaps, is her greatest and most valuable strength:

- As chair of the Infrastructure Task Force, when people were pointing fingers and casting blame about the

state of city infrastructure, Marilyn “cautioned against rushing to rebuke any one individual or group.” She went on to say “Nobody thinks about infrastructure until something breaks. Then everybody’s looking around to blame somebody. There is enough blame to go around for everybody.”

- After a contentious Commission meeting on the WAVE, Marilyn Mammano wrote in a Letter to the Editor “At the Fort Lauderdale City Commission meeting there were good people on both sides, often good friends and colleagues.” And, near the end, “We are all in this together and will continue as good friends and colleagues to move on.”
- Following the Commission decision to license the property known as the One Stop Shop, Marilyn wrote in a letter to the editor “The good news: the intense debate resulted in a better deal than the Commission was about to sign a month ago. Passions ran hot on all sides. It’s time to heal and move on.”

In a world, nation, and state that is currently characterized by strife and anger, it is important to recognize leaders who are able to thoughtfully and articulately advocate while working to promote harmony.

5. Based on the nomination category selected and the accomplishments and contributions provided in Question 4, why does the nominee deserve an award in this particular category (250 words or less)?

Marilyn Mammano’s volunteer work over the past 25 years has made a significant difference in our community. She is an example of what community involvement can do to build a better city. From waterway cleanups to using her professional expertise to help build neighborhood parks to chairing major volunteer groups, advisory committees and task forces, Marilyn never fails to step in where needed. Through her leadership, neighborhoods have had a stronger voice on issues that matter to our community. For example, the City instituted a public participation policy on development projects during her tenure as president of the Council of Civic Associations.

Infrastructure has emerged as a leading issue in our city as well as our state and nation. Marilyn has chaired the Infrastructure Task Force since its inception in 2017, providing the leadership to move forward important recommendations and ideas on how to deal with this very critical situation.

Volunteers are critical to building a successful and caring community. Recognizing Marilyn Mammano, who personifies volunteerism, sends an important message to our community that Fort Lauderdale appreciates the thousands of volunteers who make our community a better place to live.

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Marilyn Mammano was born in New York City. She graduated from Pratt Institute with a Bachelor of Architecture (1971) and a Master of City and Regional Planning (1972). She began her career in the New York City Planning Department 1971 and was the Director of Zoning and Urban Design from 1991 -1997. In 1998, Marilyn moved to Fort Lauderdale. From 2000 – 2016 She was an Adjunct Professor at Florida Atlantic University. She taught both undergraduate and graduate courses focusing on the planning process, urban design and site planning.

Since coming to Fort Lauderdale, Marilyn has used her skills and talents in a variety of volunteer activities.

7. FOR EXEMPLARY FORMER CITY EMPLOYEE CATEGORY ONLY

Years of service with the City:	Not answered
Position(s) held:	Not answered

8. SUPPORTING MATERIALS

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- Item 1 [City Proclamation - 2017.pdf](#)
- Item 2 [Marilyn Mammano sampling of articles.pdf](#)
- Item 3 [Sun Sentinel Letter to the Editor re Wave - 2-14-2018.jpg](#)
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Response #: 2
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1. NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name of person being nominated: Bruce Ownby
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2. NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY

Name of person submitting nomination: Gaylord "Jay" Wood
Address: 626 S.W. 11th. Court
Phone: (954) 396-2240
Email address: gaylord.wood@alumni.duke.edu

3. NOMINATION CATEGORY

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I am part of BURT, which is Broward Urban River Trails, and Blueway - Greenway. I am presenting Gaylord "Jay" Wood, Jr. as a Distinguished Citizen of the Fort Lauderdale.

Mr. Wood was the General Counsel of the Broward County Property Appraiser, William "Bill" Markham, from 1968 - 2004. Mr. Wood successfully taxed for-profit companies leasing City property for ad valorem taxes. See, Parker Playhouse (Zev Buffman) Executive Airport, Port Everglades, etc.) Millions of tax dollars were saved by his cases. 138 of his appellate cases are listed in the cases like the Fourth, Second, Fifth, First and Supreme Court (see: scholar.google.com).

Mr. Wood was the first Chairman of the Fort Lauderdale Community Services and Facilities Board. Mr. Wood was the second City Attorney of City of Parkland. Mr. Wood was creator of the first Crossiant Civic Association.

As an important 18-person committee what you have never heard about is the Broward County Marine Advisory Committee. That is where your BBIW (Broward Boating Improvement Program) money pays the City marine police EMLEG (Enhanced Marine Law Enforcement grants) and also the floating docks and ramps around Fort Lauderdale Mr. Wood is proud to have helped with this.

Mr. Wood is a Life Member of the Broward Bar Association.

Mr. Wood and Chloe Swinscoe launched the Atlantic Foundation for the Performing Arts. (See this on FaceBook.)

Mr. Wood has been appointed to many positions; for example, Commodore of the Gulfstream Sailing Club, YMCA, etc., etc.

5. Based on the nomination category selected and the accomplishments and contributions provided in Question 4, why does the nominee deserve an award in this particular category (250 words or less)?

Mr. Wood is a "renaissance man" whose interests benefits all of the people in Fort Lauderdale. Mr. Wood owns a orange "Bond Bug" 3-wheel motorcycle you will see in Hardy Park on the last Sunday of the month. Mr. Wood can be participating in competitive sailing as the PRO (Principal Race Officer). Mr. Wood does not like publicity on the Sun-Sentinel or Herald. For example, Mr. Wood won an important case called Walker v. Trump which sustained the assessment of Mar-a-Lago; never heard of in the press.

6. Please provide a brief biography of the nominee (250 words or less). Please include information such as positions held, where the nominee is originally from, years lived in Fort Lauderdale, high school/college name, occupation, sports played, number of children/grandchildren, awards received, publications, etc.

Gaylord's father and mother were Gaylord Wood Sr. and Laura Wood in 1946, both Life Members of the Realtors. Gaylord attended East Side School and Fort Lauderdale High School. Gaylord swam for Coach Lamar FLHS at the Casino Pool. Gaylord matriculated the Asheville School, Duke University (Trinity) in 1959 and Duke Law School (1962). Laura's daughter lives in Ocala and her family are in the carriage business. He served on active duty in the Marine Corps Reserve during the Viet Nam era (1963-1966) and in the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve following release from active duty. Gaylord is now 83.

Gaylord was an associate of Rogers, Morris and Ziegler until 1970 when he began his own practice here and State-wide.

Gaylord's wife, Garie Blackwell, is the artist of the Sandy Nininger statue on Riverwalk.

Gaylord is a CMA (Certified Maine Assessor)

The FIAAO (Florida International Association Assessors Officers) has been honored with a Life Award by the IAAO.

7. FOR EXEMPLARY FORMER CITY EMPLOYEE CATEGORY ONLY

Years of service with the Not answered

City:

Position(s) held: Not answered

8. SUPPORTING MATERIALS

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Item 1 [Nininger Statute - by artist Garie Blackwell.jpeg](#)

Item 2 [Laura_Destiny.jpeg](#)

Item 3 [1969 Quigley and Attorney Wood pic.JPG](#)

Item 3 [IMG_0501.JPG](#)

Item 5 [IMG_0168.JPG](#)

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Date & Time: April 12, 2022 4:33 PM
Response #: 3
Submitter ID: 67718
IP address: 2601:589:4d7f:8c00:f5eb:c5e4:e1c:5542
Time to complete: 24 min. , 57 sec.

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1. NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name of person being nominated: Julian Siegel
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2. NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY

Name of person submitting nomination: Lisa Siegel
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Phone: (954) 839-5725
Email address: Lsiegel77@gmail.com

3. NOMINATION CATEGORY

Please select the category this nomination is for. You may only select one category per submission.

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Julian Siegel not only brought craft beer to Fort Lauderdale, he changed Fort Lauderdale with his vision. Riverside Park was a crime riddled neighborhood. Julian with his Riverside Market and Craft Beer Cartel

activated this forgotten gem. His belief in changing the corner store to a community gathering place impacted this slice of Fort Lauderdale heaven. Julian a product of Fort Lauderdale is a supporter of FOP, Sailboat bend, Riverside Park, Tarpon River, Fort Lauderdale Fire benevolent association, The Riverwalk, Boy-scouts of America, he employees over 50 Fort Lauderdale residents. He is also a founder of Chabad Temple on the Galt Ocean Mile as well as downtown locations.

5. Based on the nomination category selected and the accomplishments and contributions provided in Question 4, why does the nominee deserve an award in this particular category (250 words or less)?

Julian has worked for over 20 years to improve our city. He has had a significant impact on Riverside Park, Tarpon River, sailboat Bend, the Fort Lauderdale Jewish community, and the Riverwalk. He deserves this award for his devotion and improvements to Fort Lauderdale.

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Julian is a product of Fort Lauderdale he attended Bayview Elementary, sunrise middle and graduated from Fort Lauderdale High school, before following his 2 older brothers to FSU. He grew up on the Galt Ocean Mile, was a founding member of East Fort Lauderdale's first Jewish temple. He sailed as a young man winning J35 class Gulfstream sail club and US sailing regattas. He is the father of 2 boys Ashton and Hudson Siegel.

7. FOR EXEMPLARY FORMER CITY EMPLOYEE CATEGORY ONLY

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Position(s) held: Not answered

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Submitter ID: 67926
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1. NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name of person being nominated: Michael Weymouth
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2. NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY

Name of person submitting nomination: Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale
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Phone: (954) 468-1541 ext. 202
Email address: Genia@goriverwalk.com

3. NOMINATION CATEGORY

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As contractor, Mike used his knowledge to assure quality building and planning for a multitude of projects in the community. As he joined Las Olas Company, he continued his community partnerships by serving on

the Downtown Development Authority, Executives, Broward Workshop - Urban Core, Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, Inc., Project to combat Homelessness, Las Olas Mobility Group, Tunnel Top Park Expansion project, Junior Achievement of South Florida, Winterfest Boat Parade as well as encourage the filing of open retail locations with popup art and businesses to act as a kick-starter /incubator for a variety of businesses. He has often volunteered with the St. Patrick's Day Parade and Celebration, as well as a large number of other charitable endeavors - always willing to give him take and to help achieve the mission of those he has agreed to help. Recently he as a partner in hosting Quiets Waters/Wounded Warriors to offer extended services to veterans. He has served on a large number of city and county board including Planning & Zoning, as well as many more. This is resident that always steps when asked to assist in moving the needle forward in Fort Lauderdale and using his resources and vision to support the expansion of a growing community.

5. Based on the nomination category selected and the accomplishments and contributions provided in Question 4, why does the nominee deserve an award in this particular category (250 words or less)?

As detailed in the answers above, Mike Weymouth always response to assist when asked no matter at what level. He puts this city and his community first and leads when needed and joins the team to get something done when it is the role needed. He is a good friend to all, mentor, educator, generous community partner and continues to use his resources and time to assure our city continues to excel.

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This information will be provided under separate cover. He is a local that has been recognized for his many contributions and achievements. Some of those recognitions are
Downtownner of the Year by the Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce
Community Pioneer Award Honoree - Stranahan House
He is the 4th generation of family to run the family owned Las Olas Company

7. FOR EXEMPLARY FORMER CITY EMPLOYEE CATEGORY ONLY

Years of service with the Not answered
City:
Position(s) held: Not answered

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Exemplary Former City Employee

Hal G. Barnes x2

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Submitter ID: 67948
IP address: 50.232.252.93
Time to complete: 43 min. , 54 sec.

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1. NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name of person being nominated: Hal G. Barnes
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Email address: HGBarnes@gmail.com

2. NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY

Name of person submitting nomination: Jeri Pryor
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3. NOMINATION CATEGORY

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4. Based on the category selected above, please describe in detail the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, including specific examples (1,000 words or less). Examples include significant contributions to the welfare and betterment of the community or the City, civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, leadership, projects accomplished, or other ways this person has improved the quality of life in Fort Lauderdale. A resume may not be substituted as a response to this question.

Hal Barnes - A Retrospective of 25 years of Service

Hal initially served as the Project Engineer and then Engineering Design Manager in the Public Works Department with the City of Fort Lauderdale. Under his guidance in conjunction with the Neighborhood Community Investment Program (NCIP) and neighborhood self-assessments, over \$15 million in community enhancements were created including entranceway signage and monuments, sidewalks, landscaping, lighting and traffic calming.

In October 2005, Hal received a Proclamation from the City Commission as a pioneer for support services to neighborhoods desiring to enhance, improve and beautify their communities.

In January 2012, Hal was appointed as the first Neighbor Support Manager under the City Manager's Office to provide outreach and enhanced services to our neighbors. During his leadership, the division has grown from three staff members to a total of ten coordinating City services, responding to Commission and neighbor-initiated requests while reaching out to our business and neighborhood associations. In addition, the division oversees the Neighbor Volunteer Office, the Education Office, Homeless Initiatives, and priorities set by the City Commission.

Numerous City programs and events have been developed under Hal's tenure including the annual Neighbor Support Night, Neighborhood Recognition Program, Block Party Program, Adopt-a-Neighbor, Adopt-a-Drain, and the nationally recognized Neighbor Leadership Academy. Through his love of the arts, the Lobby Art Gallery program was established allowing local artist to showcase their artistic talents during rotating monthly exhibits held at City Hall.

On a State and National level, Hal has been involved in the Florida Neighborhoods Conference serving on their Board of Directors for over 20 years and with Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) for over 15 years. In November 2006, Hal received a Commendation from the City Commission for his leadership in bringing the 2006 Florida Neighborhoods Conference to Fort Lauderdale with over 900 participants from across the State. The Florida Neighborhoods Conference returned to Fort Lauderdale again in 2011 under his leadership. Since serving on the national NUSA Board of Directors for the past 6 years, he has chaired the Awards committee and most recently the Membership Services committee.

In total the Neighbor Support Division has received over 25 National, State, and local awards recognizing Neighbor Support programs and projects.

After much consideration and 25 years of City service, Hal will be retiring in January 2022 as Neighbor Support Manager. His greatest talent has always been his ability to listen, reason and assist wherever possible.

5. Based on the nomination category selected and the accomplishments and contributions provided in Question 4, why does the nominee deserve an award in this particular category (250 words or less)?

A coworker once told him that his legacy will be that it is impossible to go into any neighborhood in Fort Lauderdale that has not been directly touched and improved by him and his Neighbor Support team. Hal always said that the City's greatest asset is its strong and active neighborhoods. His genuine love of the city continues to shine brightly by the hundreds of neighborhood projects and programs he implemented and by the thousands of peoples lives he touched. Hal is a true Southern Gentleman that exemplifies true leadership, values and what it means to give back to the community. Hal was tireless. His leadership and dedication to service is unmatched by anyone in the City of Fort Lauderdale. During his tenure at the City, Hal developed friendships and bonds with community leaders and staff that will last a lifetime. Hal G. Barnes is the most deserving candidate for this award.

6. Please provide a brief biography of the nominee (250 words or less). Please include information such as positions held, where the nominee is originally from, years lived in Fort Lauderdale, high school/college name, occupation, sports played, number of children/grandchildren, awards received, publications, etc.

Hal joined the City of Fort Lauderdale in December 1996 initially serving as Project Engineer and then Engineering Design Manager in the Public Works Department.

In 2012, Hal was appointed as the first Neighbor Support Manager. Hal led the growth of the division of three staff members to a total of ten coordinating City services, responding to Commission and neighbor-initiated requests while reaching out to our business and neighborhood associations. In addition, the division oversees the Neighbor Volunteer Office, the Education Office, Homeless Initiatives, and priorities set by the City Commission.

Other programs developed include the annual Neighbor Support Night, Neighborhood Recognition Program, Block Party Program, Adopt-a-Neighbor, Adopt-a-Drain, and the nationally recognized Neighbor Leadership Academy. Through his love of the arts, the Lobby Art Gallery program was established allowing local artist to showcase their artistic talents during rotating monthly exhibits held at City Hall.

Hal has been involved in the Florida Neighborhoods Conference serving on their Board of Directors for over 20 years and with Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) for over 15 years.

After much consideration and 25 years of City service, Hal will be retired in January 2022 as Neighbor Support Manager. His greatest talent has always been his ability to listen, reason and assist wherever possible.

Hal is from Rocky Mount, North Carolina and is married to Andre and together are raising 'Sushi' the fearless Corgi. For 25 years, Hal resides in Victoria Park , however will be 'snow birding' at his condo in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil.

7. FOR EXEMPLARY FORMER CITY EMPLOYEE CATEGORY ONLY

Years of service with the City: 25
Position(s) held: Neighbor Support Manager

8. SUPPORTING MATERIALS

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Item 1 [NeighborSupportNewsletter December 2021 \(003\).pdf](#)
Item 2 [Neighbor Support Newsletter Issue 1.pdf](#)
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IP address: 99.88.236.161
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1. NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name of person being nominated: Hal G. Barnes
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2. NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY

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3. NOMINATION CATEGORY

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Beginning his career with the City, Hal served as a project engineer and then Engineering Design Manager in Public Works. He was the catalyst in establishing a program known as NCIP/BCIP which established opportunities for neighborhoods and businesses to match grant for improvements. For 25 years, Hal provided coordination, guidance and visioning to the city on how to engage residents through their neighborhood association in participating in improvements and participation with the city. Through his leadership, many new initiatives were identified and put into place that continue today. As one of the most well respected members of the staff, Hal was often a catalyst in resolving conflicts finding suitable solutions and encouraging communication.

5. Based on the nomination category selected and the accomplishments and contributions provided in Question 4, why does the nominee deserve an award in this particular category (250 words or less)?

1. Fostered forward the Citizen's Volunteer Corp completing community project throughout the city while earning points to apply for NCIP/BCIP Grant projects.
2. He was the catalyst in establishing Neighborhood Support Night, Neighborhood Recognition Program, Block Party Program, Adopt-A-Neighborhood and the nationally recognized Neighborhood Leadership Academy.
3. He brought Local, State and National recognition to Fort Lauderdale through the Florida Neighborhood Conference.
4. He spent 20 year as a member and board member of Neighborhoods USA delivering the first national recognition to a city resident as the National Volunteer of the Year.

6. Please provide a brief biography of the nominee (250 words or less). Please include information such as positions held, where the nominee is originally from, years lived in Fort Lauderdale, high school/college name, occupation, sports played, number of children/grandchildren, awards received, publications, etc.

Halw worked for the City of Fort Lauderdale for over 25 year beginning as an engineer in Public Works and finishing his career as the Director of Neighbor Support. During his watch and through his guidance, Neighbor Support Division received over 25 National, State and local awards for the initiation and implementation of his vision of how neighborhoods participate and enhance the quality of life within a city.

7. FOR EXEMPLARY FORMER CITY EMPLOYEE CATEGORY ONLY

Years of service with the City: 25+
Position(s) held: Director Neighbor Support Division

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Submitter ID: 68039
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1. NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name of person being nominated: Rabbi Moshe Meir Lipszyc
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2. NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY

Name of person submitting nomination: Menachem Mendel Fayershteyn
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Phone: (134) 795-7351
Email address: 720mmf@gmail.com

3. NOMINATION CATEGORY

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keeps the Jewish community here in FLL alive proud and flourishing, with over 4 Jewish canters that he created in the last 33 years for all Jews no matter there background or how observing

no matter the time, or work, he's door is open to everyone, and ha's there for anyone - literally

5. Based on the nomination category selected and the accomplishments and contributions provided in Question 4, why does the nominee deserve an award in this particular category (250 words or less)?

because he has be doing it for 33 years, with no stop, rest or sleep, this is his life!

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Originally from New York moved down here when he was 19

Lived in Fort Lauderdale for the past 33 years where he became the executive director of Chabad Lubavitch of Fort Lauderdale, and build the first chabadone Jewish community center here in Fort Lauderdale on the A1A in 1990, Since then he brought down over 8 Rabbis and their families where together they build over 4 community centers, 2 Jewish preschools and 2 Hebrew schools, 2 kosher restaurants, a Jewish teen program, 2 young Jewish professionals hub for networking, Mikvahs, and much more divisions, and activities all here in Fort Lauderdale for the whole Jewish community!

7. FOR EXEMPLARY FORMER CITY EMPLOYEE CATEGORY ONLY

Years of service with the City: Fort Lauderdale
Position(s) held: 32

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Honored Founder

Arnold Peter Abbott

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1. NOMINEE INFORMATION

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2. NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY

Name of person submitting nomination: Pastor Dwayne Black
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3. NOMINATION CATEGORY

Please select the category this nomination is for. You may only select one category per submission.

(o) HONORED FOUNDER - The Honored Founder award is for a courageous citizen who prepared the way for future growth and harmony in Fort Lauderdale. This person may be deceased.

4. Based on the category selected above, please describe in detail the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community, including specific examples (1,000 words or less). Examples include significant contributions to the welfare and betterment of the community or the City, civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, leadership, projects accomplished, or other ways this person has improved the quality of life in Fort Lauderdale. A resume may not be substituted as a response to this question.

From 1991 up to his death in 2019, Arnold Peter Abbott was one of Fort Lauderdale's, and perhaps one of America's, most dedicated citizens aiding in the advocacy for the homeless.

Born in 1925 and a two-time purple heart recipient for his service in World War II, Arnold's life is measured by the myriad of humanitarian causes he championed during his 94-year life.

His most lasting impact on the city of Fort Lauderdale and the many citizens he aided began in 1991 when Arnold created the Love Thy Neighbor feeding program in memory of his late wife, Maureen. "She was the best human being I ever knew in my life," he told the Sun Sentinel in 1999. "She is the impetus for all that's happened."

For over 20 years, Love Thy Neighbor was a critical piece of Broward County's puzzle to aiding individuals suffering from being homeless.

Some of the services that Love Thy Neighbor provided included helping hundreds of people return to their hometowns by purchasing one-way bus tickets. For those who were local to South Florida, he would assist in finding low-cost housing. He also arranged clothing drives and would always have spare blankets on hand.

But the service that Arnold was most proud of and received the most attention for was his establishment of a full-scale feeding program within Love Thy Neighbor.

At its height in 1999, the program was a collaborative effort with over 16 different agencies, churches, and citizen volunteers who were helping to feed hundreds of homeless people living in downtown Fort Lauderdale.

For years, he organized these food distributions that would occur twice a day, seven days a week.

Arnold would then take this program to the beach in a conscious effort to assist those who did not have the means to travel.

When the city tried to curtail these efforts following the opening of the county's new Homeless Assistance Center, Arnold pressed on, challenging the city on multiple occasions, and ultimately succeeding.

He explained to the Sun Sentinel during the height of this controversy, "If you stand for anything, half are going to hate you and half are going to love you. If everybody loves you, you accomplish nothing."

His resilience and passion for the homeless and their cause brought him to the nation's capital in 2014. At 90-years old, he was honored as "Advocate of the Year" by the Congressional Hunger Center and the National Coalition for the Homeless.

After a life spent fighting for the rights of the disenfranchised, Arnold Abbott left us 2019 at the age of 94. He is survived by his four children and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

5. Based on the nomination category selected and the accomplishments and contributions provided in Question 4, why does the nominee deserve an award in this particular category (250 words or less)?

Arnold Abbott's unwavering advocacy for the homeless has placed him in the history books of the nation and our city. At a time when homelessness was at its peak in South Florida, Arnold's humanitarian efforts made a direct impact on the lives of countless individuals. His tenacity and courage to challenge the status quo have helped to make Fort Lauderdale a more compassionate and equitable place to live. As an Honored Founder of the city, his storied legacy will now be preserved as we posthumously award him for his service to Fort Lauderdale.

6. Please provide a brief biography of the nominee (250 words or less). Please include information such as positions held, where the nominee is originally from, years lived in Fort Lauderdale, high school/college name, occupation, sports played, number of children/grandchildren, awards received, publications, etc.

Arnold Peter Abbott was born in Beverly, Massachusetts, in 1925.

He was accepted as a pre-med student to the University of Pennsylvania in 1941 when the United States entered World War II.

Arnold forwent his collegiate acceptance to enlist in the Army and was stationed in North Africa and Italy. He was awarded two Purple Hearts for his service.

After the war, Arnold returned to Pennsylvania, where he stoked his passion for humanitarian causes.

He was an activist in suburban Philadelphia for 18 years, fighting for civil rights and fair housing.

In the 1960s, he traveled to Mississippi to register black voters. He also served as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1964 and 1968. Later in the decade, The Philadelphia Inquirer reported how Abbott became the first Democrat to be elected a township commissioner in one region. In 1970, Arnold moved to Broward County. He opened a humble jewelry store and continued to advocate for civil rights and voting rights. In 1991, Arnold formed the Love Thy Neighbor Foundation in memory of his fifth wife, Maureen.

For 28 years, the Foundation worked to positively impact the lives of hundreds of neighbors in Fort Lauderdale who were experiencing homelessness by providing daily meals, clothing, and other necessities. In December 2014, Arnold was named "Advocate of the Year" by the Congressional Hunger Center and the National Coalition for the Homeless in Washington D.C.

Arnold passed away in Fort Lauderdale in 2019 at the age of 94. He is survived by four children, Pam Trimble, of Barto, Pa.; Robert Abbott, of Barto, Pa.; Tara Abbott, of Fort Lauderdale; Andrew Abbott, of Austin, Texas; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

7. FOR EXEMPLARY FORMER CITY EMPLOYEE CATEGORY ONLY

Years of service with the Not answered

City:

Position(s) held: Not answered

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