



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
City Commission Agenda Memo  
REGULAR MEETING**

**#16-1012**

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** September 7, 2016

**TITLE:** Resolution Approving a Waiver of Conflict of Interest for Steve Lucas

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission consider the adoption of a resolution approving a waiver of conflict of interest for the Northwest Progresso Flagler Heights (NWPF) Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Advisory Board Member Steve Lucas.

Further, the City Attorney's Office recommends educating our advisory board members who are also members, owners, employees, officers, directors or the like of for profit or not-for-profit entities to make sure they refrain from participating in any actions giving rise to conflicts of interest or the appearance of having conflicts of interest. It further recommends that the City consider adopting policies prohibiting the appointment of persons to boards where such a conflict would exist and prohibiting board members from seeking awards, grants or other benefits from the City during their service.

**Background**

Mr. Lucas works for and is a minority owner of Hooper Construction, Inc. Hooper Construction is a full-service general contractor and development company located in Fort Lauderdale. We have met with Hooper Construction and discussed the revised CRA incentives for their storage company's building. They have expressed interest in possibly applying for CRA incentives.

As a member of the NWPF CRA Advisory Board, Mr. Lucas is subject to regulations set forth in Part III, Chapter 112, Florida Statutes which restricts public officers from doing business with their agency and from having an employment or contractual relationship with a person or entity which is subject to the regulation of doing business with their agency. Section 112.313(12), Florida Statutes, provides that the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale as the appointing body of the advisory board upon full disclosure of the transaction, can, by a two-thirds vote, waive certain conflicts of interest.

**Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

**Strategic Connections**

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative included within the Neighborhood Enhancement Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 5: Be a community of strong, beautiful, and healthy neighborhoods.
- Option 2: Ensure a range of housing options for current and future neighbors.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale Vision Plan 2035*: We are community.

**Attachments:**

Exhibit 1 – Resolution

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