



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

**#19-0072**

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

**FROM:** Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** January 8, 2019

**TITLE:** Motion to Approve Recommendation from the Citizens Committee of  
Recognition for the 2018 Distinguished Citizen Award

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a motion accepting the recommendation from the Citizens Committee of Recognition for the 2018 Distinguished Citizen Award.

**Background**

At the December 4, 2018 meeting, the City Commission approved the following recommendations from the Citizens Committee of Recognition for the 2018 Awards (attached as Exhibit 1): Citizen of the Year – JoAnn Smith; Honored Founder – Ramola and Ramesh “Bob” Motwani; and Exemplary Former City Employee – Frank Adderley.

The City Commission asked the Citizens Committee of Recognition to reconvene to discuss and recommend a single nomination for the 2018 Distinguished Citizen Award.

The committee met on Monday, December 17, 2018 to consider nominations for the 2018 Distinguished Citizen Award. Following discussion, the committee voted to recommend Mike Jackson, Chairman and CEO of AutoNation, as the nominee for the 2018 Distinguished Citizen Award.

Background information about Mr. Jackson is attached as Exhibit 2. Draft minutes from the December 17, 2018 Citizens Committee of Recognition meeting are attached as Exhibit 3.

Upon confirmation by the City Commission, the 2018 Distinguished Citizen Award honoree will be officially notified of the selection. A date for the awards ceremony will be proposed pending the availability of honorees and their families.

**Resource Impact**

There is no resource impact associated with this CAM.

**Strategic Connection**

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

- Goal 5: Be a community of strong, beautiful, and healthy neighborhoods.
- Objective 1: Increase neighbor engagement and improve communication networks within and among neighborhoods.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Community*.

**Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Nominee Applications and Background Information

Exhibit 2 – Mike Jackson Bio

Exhibit 3 – Citizens Committee of Recognition Draft Minutes – December 17, 2018

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