

MADAME CHAIR, COMMISSIONERS...

TODAY IS A SPECIAL DAY AS WE CELEBRATE ALINA HUDAK'S 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY.

ALINA'S CAREER HAS BEEN SPENT MAKING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY A BETTER GOVERNMENT THAT IS FOCUSED ON SERVING AND IMPROVING OUR COMMUNITY.

SHE HAS BEEN A PIONEER:

THE FIRST WOMAN TO RUN ONE OF THE COUNTY'S MAJOR OPERATIONAL DEPARTMENTS...

THE FIRST HISPANIC WOMAN EVER APPOINTED AS ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER...

THE FIRST WOMAN TO SERVE AS COUNTY MANAGER...

AND NOW DEPUTY MAYOR AND INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND WASTE MANAGEMENT.

NO MATTER WHAT CHALLENGE YOU THROW ALINA'S WAY...

SHE HANDLES IT WITH PROFESSIONALISM, A GREAT ATTENTION TO DETAIL, AND BRINGS HER UNRIVALED EXPERTISE TO EVERY ISSUE WE FACE.

IN FACT, ALINA IS THE ONLY WOMAN WHO CAN TELL ME SHE THINKS I'M WRONG WITH SUCH GRACE!

HER HUSBAND LOVES TO JOKE THAT HE'S A KING IN A STRONG QUEEN FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

ALL KIDDING ASIDE, ALINA IS A TRUE PUBLIC SERVANT. HER IMPACT AND LOVE FOR OUR COMMUNITY GOES FAR BEYOND HER WORK IN THIS BUILDING.

ALINA HAS ALWAYS UNDERSTOOD THE POWER OF REACHING OUT AND HAS FORGED EXTENSIVE AND IMPORTANT PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND NON-PROFIT COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS.

SHE LED OUR HAITIAN RELIEF EFFORT, OUR UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN, AND THE MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER CAMPAIGN.

SHE IS ALWAYS WILLING TO LEND HER TIME AND TALENT TO HELP OTHERS.

ALINA HAS SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE LOCAL CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (ASPA) AND WAS TO ITS NATIONAL COUNCIL.

SHE HAS ALSO SERVED ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED WAY AND IS A PAST MEMBER OF THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF MIAMI'S COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

ALINA'S DETERMINATION AND CHARACTER ARE EVIDENCED BY THE FACT THAT SHE BEGAN AND LEARNED MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FROM THE GROUND UP.

SHE BEGAN HER CAREER WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IN 1984 AS A MANAGEMENT TRAINEE, QUICKLY ROSE THROUGH THE RANKS...

AND HAS PROBABLY LEARNED MORE ABOUT COUNTY GOVERNMENT THAN MOST PEOPLE WILL EVER KNOW!

ALINA IS A PROUD CANE, HAVING OBTAINED A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN FINANCE AND POLITICAL SCIENCE, AND A MASTER'S DEGREE IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI.

SHE CONTINUES TO STAY VERY ACTIVE WITH THE UNIVERSITY SERVING ON THE BOARD OF THEIR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, AND SHE NEVER EVER MISSES A FOOTBALL GAME!

AND, AS IF THAT WERE NOT ENOUGH...

ALINA IS A WIFE AND MOTHER OF TWO DAUGHTERS...

AND ALINA'S FAMILY HAS JOINED US HERE TODAY TO CELEBRATE AND HONOR ALINA FOR ALL HER SERVICE, ALL HER LOVE, AND HER COMMITMENT TO THIS COUNTY, AND TO OUR COMMUNITY.

ALINA, CONGRATULATIONS ON THIRTY YEARS, AND I WISH YOU MANY MORE!

