

IT IS MY PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE LESTER SOLA AS MY APPOINTEE TO THE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT.

LESTER SOLA HAS BEEN THE DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT SINCE OCTOBER OF 2011. MR. SOLA OVERSEES AN OPERATING BUDGET OF \$370 MILLION, CAPITAL PROJECTS TOTALING OVER \$350 MILLION, AND OVER 850 EMPLOYEES.

PRIOR TO HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR. SOLA WAS THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY. HE MANAGED THE BUSIEST ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA CONDUCTING OVER 220 ELECTIONS DURING HIS TENURE. HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LARGEST VOTER POPULATION IN FLORIDA WITH MORE THAN ONE MILLION REGISTERED VOTERS AND MANAGED AS MANY AS 811 PRECINCTS AND OVER 10,000 POLL WORKERS.

MR. SOLA BEGAN HIS CAREER WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY GOVERNMENT IN 1992 AS A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY MANAGER MANAGEMENT TRAINING PROGRAM. HE HAS HELD SEVERAL HIGH-LEVEL POSITIONS INCLUDING: CONTRACT COORDINATION OFFICER IN THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE MANAGER'S

OFFICE, ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING CONSULTANT COORDINATOR FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE MANAGER'S OFFICE, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY MANAGER, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR THE AVIATION DEPARTMENT, DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS.

DURING HIS CAREER WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, MR. SOLA HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF SEVERAL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS; COORDINATION AND REFOCUSING OF THE CAPITAL PROGRAM AT MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SMALL AND MINORITY-BASED PROGRAMS FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES; ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTRALIZED SYSTEMS FOR THE TRACKING OF COUNTY CAPITAL EXPANSION PROGRAMS AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES; THE PROVISION OF MANAGEMENT DIRECTION TO COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS AND AGENCIES (AVIATION, SEAPORT, BEACON COUNCIL, PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, AMERICAN AIRLINES ARENA).

MR. SOLA HAS A MASTER'S DEGREE AND BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION WITH A MINOR IN ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY FROM FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

I AM CERTAIN THAT MR. SOLA WILL CONTINUE TO LEAD THE DEPARTMENT TO THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF SUCCESS. WE ARE FORTUNATE TO HAVE IN OUR COUNTY GOVERNMENT DEDICATED PROFESSIONALS AS MR. SOLA PROVIDING THE KIND OF OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP THAT HE IS KNOWN FOR.

MR. CHAIR, COMMISSIONERS PLEASE JOIN ME IN WELCOMING OUR NEW DIRECTOR TO THE WATER AND SEWER DPARTMENT, LESTER SOLA!

