



March 9, 2021

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings
-AND-
County Commissioners

FROM: Byron W. Brooks, AICP, County Administrator

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "BWB", written over the printed name of the County Administrator.

SUBJECT: Appointment to the Apopka Community Redevelopment Agency
DISCUSSION AGENDA ITEM MARCH 23, 2021

The Apopka Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) was created in 1993. It is governed by a "board" comprised of the members of the Apopka City Council, a member appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, and a member appointed by the Apopka City Council.

Currently, Steve White is the Board's appointee to the Apopka CRA. Commissioner Moore has nominated Leigh Blackwelder Burritt to succeed Mr. White. The Apopka CRA board does not have term expirations. Members serve until they resign or are replaced. Ms. Blackwelder Burritt's biography is attached for your review.

On March 23, 2021, the Board will be asked to consider this nomination. Should you have any questions in the meantime, please call me.

ACTION REQUESTED: Appointment to the Apopka Community Redevelopment Agency.

BWB/cjg

Attachment

Biography – Leigh Blackwelder Burritt

A fifth-generation Apopkan, Leigh Blackwelder Burritt, has lived in the city most of her life and is now raising her own family there. Burritt graduated from Apopka High School and attended college at Anderson University in Anderson, South Carolina.

Married to Troy Burritt, they have two children, John and McKenzie.

Burritt is a researcher who volunteers with the Big Potato Foundation, based in Apopka, as community outreach specialist. With her strong understanding of the city's history, and her family having helped shape Apopka, Burritt clearly understands the needs and assets of Orange County's second-largest city.

Her family members, beginning in the early 1900s, and through the years, have owned and operated a grocery store, department store, foliage and citrus businesses, a bank, and they were also instrumental in educating the children of Northwest Orange County at various levels in the school system in Apopka and Zellwood.

For generations, her family has volunteered to help make their community better for others much as Burritt is committed to in her service to the community today.

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