



Date: September 12, 2022

To: Mayor AND County Commissioners

Subject: Community IDs Discussion

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Dear Mayor and County Commissioners,

As I am sure you have, I have been approached by several community partners about the idea of Community IDs. Community IDs are not an indicator of citizenship, naturalization, or other legal status. However, we have a number of vulnerable populations including the elderly, language limited, houseless, domestic violence survivors, transgender individuals, children in the foster system, formerly incarcerated persons, and others, who could benefit from proof of residency. Proof of residency can improve access to government facilities such as parks, provide access to a home after a natural disaster, and vaccines, as we saw during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The cities of Belle Glade, West Palm Beach, Tamarac, Gainesville as well as Miami-Dade County, Broward County, Palm Beach County, and Alachua County have passed and implemented a resolution in support of and establishing a framework for Community IDs, led by a third party non-profit organization. The anticipated cost, according to our research, would be approximately \$200,000 for one year of all personnel services, software, organizational tools, materials, and distribution events. Due to population size and demographics, it may be best to mirror the implementation of Miami-Dade County, report attached.

**Request:** I am requesting a Board Discussion on this item for the end of 2022 or beginning of 2023 to discuss the possibility of creating a Community ID program.

Sincerely,

Commissioner Nicole Wilson

Orange County Commission District 1

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