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Search Committee
Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners
301 N. Olive Avenue
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Dear Members of the Search Committee,

I am writing to express my sincere interest in the position of County Administrator for Palm Beach County. With over 30 years of leadership experience spanning state government, education policy, public safety, and community engagement, I bring a dynamic, results-driven approach to public administration rooted in transparency, accountability, and service.

As a current New York State Assembly Member, I have championed public policy and funding initiatives that prioritize effective service delivery and community well-being. I have secured over \$165 million in funding to support public safety upgrades, education equity programs, and infrastructure improvements across New York City. My experience co-chairing the statewide Task Force on School Safety and Security and serving on the MTA Inspector General Advisory Board has strengthened my ability to lead cross-functional teams, implement complex policy directives, and enhance operational oversight across agencies.

My background also includes over a decade in public education governance and community leadership, where I supervised large-scale district initiatives, improved constituent services, and advanced capital projects totaling over \$110 million. As a former Lieutenant in the NYPD, I developed and led performance-based public safety strategies that resulted in double-digit crime reductions—experience that reinforced my commitment to data-driven management and measurable outcomes.


I am especially drawn to Palm Beach County's commitment to efficient service delivery, strategic planning, and community trust. If selected, I will bring an unwavering focus on organizational excellence, fiscal responsibility, and collaborative leadership. I am confident that my operational insight, legislative experience, and deep respect for public service values uniquely position me to advance the County's mission and support its Board of Commissioners in achieving bold, forward-thinking goals.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I would welcome the opportunity to further discuss how I can contribute to Palm Beach County's continued success as its next County Administrator.

Yours in service,

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Accomplished executive with over 30 years of dedicated experience in legislative advocacy, community engagement, and effective leadership across public and private sectors. Proficient in securing substantial funding for large-scale initiatives, adept at assembling and guiding high-performing teams, and skilled in developing innovative solutions for complex challenges. A visionary strategist driven by a profound commitment to community growth and transformative change.

Professional Experience

New York State Assembly

Member, 62nd Assembly District

January 2019 – Present

- Legislative Committees: Higher Education, Education, Governmental Employees, Codes, Rules and Ethics and Guidance
- Secured \$10M in state budget to expand the Law Enforcement Drug Recognition Expert Training program, resulting in a 5% increase in qualified officers addressing Driving While Impaired across NYS
- Co-chaired Task Force on School Safety and Security, facilitating regional forums and synthesizing stakeholder input to craft a comprehensive report with legislative solutions and best practices for enhancing school safety
- Led advocacy campaign for implementation of advanced security measures at 1,400 NYC public school buildings, securing \$45M in funding, navigating logistical challenges, and ensuring timely project delivery from NYC Department of Education
- Appointed by Governor to serve on Metropolitan Transportation Authority Inspector General Advisory Board, leveraging expertise to support I.G. in identifying opportunities to enhance operational efficiency

Siena College

Adjunct Lecturer – Criminal Justice

September 2024 – Present

- Develop and implement engaging curriculum that fosters critical thinking and prepares students for careers in criminal justice and public policy

Southern New Hampshire University

Adjunct Faculty – Business/Leadership

January 2024 – Present

- Initiate and grade assignments and assessments, ensuring alignment with curriculum standards
- Mentor and advise students on academic and career goals, providing guidance and support to enhance their educational experience
- Collaborate with faculty to refine and improve course offerings based on feedback and evolving industry trends

Reilly Strategies

President - Digital Citizenship Speaker – Leadership Coach

April 2006 – Present

- Partnered with school administrators and community-based organizations to present Digital Citizenship/Cyberbullying workshops, reaching more than 75,000 students, families, and staff to raise awareness of responsible technology use and online safety
- Coached not-for-profit Board members, improving efficiency and team committee dynamics, increasing membership participation by 20% through targeted training and streamlined communication strategies

New York City Community Education Council

President

July 2009 – December 2018

- Secured \$110M in Capital Project allocations for schools, including bathroom remodels, security camera installations, public address/fire alarm system overhauls, and sports field/playground projects
- Collaborated with State and City elected officials to draft and pass legislation that restored yellow school bus service for 10,000 students in grades 7 and 8

- Attained a \$900,000 state grant for district school community initiative “Building Empathy, Equity and Excellence,” contributing to a 5% increase in student attendance over two years
- Developed NYC Department of Transportation “Slow Zones” to upgrade traffic safety in three Staten Island communities, resulting in a 15% reduction in collisions
- Invited in 2018 to testify before the U.S. Congress, Committee on Homeland Security, to offer recommendations to improve school safety based on expertise in the field

New York City Police Department

Lieutenant, Platoon Commander Video Patrol Operations

September 1993 – April 2006

- Commanded video patrol operations, leveraged resources, serving 40,000 residents across 23 NYC Housing Authority development buildings, decreasing major crime by 16%
- Strategically led a team of 8 Sergeants, 50 Police Officers, and 4 civilian employees, resulting in a 15% reduction in major crime in the 90th Precinct
- Supervised non-uniform patrol and investigations of robberies, burglaries, and illegal possession of firearms, analyzed data in high-risk areas for deployment, resulting in a 12% decrease in major crimes in the 67th Precinct

Education

- **Master of Science, Management and Leadership**
Western Governors University, Utah
- **Lindsay Fellow in Government Leadership and Practice**
Institute for State and Local Governance (ISLG)
The Graduate Center, City University of New York
- **Bachelor of Science, Legal Studies**
John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York
- **Leadership Institute – NYC Department of Education**
 - Inaugural 2015 cohort for Critical Leadership Building, Coaching, and Mentoring.
 - Advanced Cohort 2016, focused on establishing effective mentoring methodologies.
 - Led the Mentorship Development Team 2017, developed the conception, implementation, testing, evaluation, assessment, and feedback of the mentorship program.

Community Involvement

- **YMCA, Board Member**
Collaborated with colleagues to plan, promote, and implement a strategy to add 50 pre-school student seats for Staten Island families
- **Canvass Institute, Board Member**
Amplify the positive impact of community-driven artists to promote equity and diversity in the community
- **Staten Island Community Transformation Advisory Board Member**
Empower leaders to create impactful and lasting change in their community, hosting thought-provoking table discussions focused on values

Military Service

United States Army Reserves

Specialist

June 1992 – June 1998

- Provided administrative support for the Commanding General, 77th Army Reserve Command