

## I.U.P.A. LOCAL 6020

## INTERNATIONAL UNION OF POLICE ASSOCIATIONS BROWARD DEPUTY SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION THE VOICE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

July 17, 2024

Dear Barbara Stern,

As the certified collective bargaining agent representing over 1,200 deputy sheriffs and sergeants within the Broward County Sheriff's Office, the International Union of Police Associations (I.U.P.A.) Local 6020 has conducted a thorough review and interview process to evaluate candidates for the critical position of Mayor of the City of Fort Lauderdale.

After careful consideration and deliberation, it is with great confidence that we endorse Barbara Anne Stern for Mayor. Barbara's extensive legal background and experience as outside general counsel for both Fortune 500 companies and local businesses demonstrate her ability to handle complex legal issues effectively. Her commitment to community service, evidenced by her active involvement on boards such as the Florida Elections Commission and Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, aligns closely with our values of civic engagement and public service.

Of particular note is Barbara's steadfast support for first responders, including law enforcement officers. She recognizes the challenges and responsibilities faced by those who serve our community and has consistently advocated for their rights and welfare. This demonstrates her understanding of the crucial



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role law enforcement plays in maintaining public safety and fostering positive community relations.

Barbara's educational achievements, including a law degree with honors from Nova Southeastern University and her active membership in the Florida Bar, reflect her dedication to excellence and continuous professional development. Her expanded legal practice areas in Probate Administration, Estate Planning, and Business Law further enhance her qualifications to effectively address the diverse needs of our city.

In conclusion, Barbara Anne Stern has demonstrated through her career, community involvement, and advocacy for law enforcement that she is the best candidate to lead Fort Lauderdale as Mayor. We proudly endorse Barbara and encourage our members and the community at large to support her candidacy.

Respectfully submitted,

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