



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**Natural Resources Management Department**

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## Inter-Office Memo

**TO:** Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

**FROM:** Dr. John Windsor, Chair, Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee  
*John Windsor*

**DATE:** 23 November, 2020

**SUBJECT** Recommendation to promote SOIRL COC Alternates to Vacant Member Seats

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On November 20, 2020, the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee (SOIRL COC) voted to send a letter to the County Commission urging due consideration of the value of filling voting member seats on the COC by promoting alternates who have demonstrated their commitment and dedication to serving Brevard County and improving the health of the Indian River Lagoon.

As current COC member terms expire in February, the Commission will soon be asked to appoint new members to the SOIRL COC. The enabling ordinance allows the Board to promote alternates to voting member seats or advertise for new citizen volunteers. The COC would like to recognize the value of promoting those who have served as alternates and suggests directing staff to advertise for new volunteers to serve as alternates.

Current alternate members on the COC are aware of previous County Commission actions related to SOIRL Plan Updates and the delicate balance of staying true to voter intent while keeping up with new challenges and opportunities. Alternates attend monthly meetings and actively participate in discussions that inform the recommendations of the voting members. Alternates have dedicated their time and expertise to guide the SOIRL program toward progress. Their institutional knowledge of project details, budget constraints, and previous Board direction are beneficial for making sound recommendations to the County Commission, to staff, and for maintaining the public trust.

The current voting and alternate COC members are grateful for the opportunity to serve the community by listening to public input, reviewing the most up to date information, and then making recommendations to the County Commission.