

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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**To:** Board of County Commissioners

**Through:** John Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator

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**Date:** March 7, 2025

**Subject:** Appointment of Board of County Commissioners Alternate to the MPO Citizens Advisory Committee

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It is requested that the information presented herein be given formal consideration by the Board of County Commissioners at its regular meeting of March 25, 2025.

**DESCRIPTION, CONDITIONS, AND ANALYSIS**

The Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) is comprised of sixteen members, of which five are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. The BCC-appointed members are Juliana Young (CAC Chair), Chuck Mechling, Francine McElhenny, Erica Ogilvie, and Mike Grim.

Recently, the CAC has had issues with reaching a quorum at meetings. This has been partially due to vacancies on the committee and partially due to attendance by CAC members. In the last month, the three vacancies have been filled—two by the City of Vero Beach and one by the City of Fellsmere.

An additional option to assist the CAC with achieving quorum is to appoint an alternate to the five BCC-appointed members. The alternate should be able to attend CAC meetings regularly, since the alternate can substitute for any of the five BCC-appointed members. Recently, an application was received by the following qualified applicant, whose resume is available for review in the Commissioners’ Front Office area:

- Anne H. Bert

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Board appoint Anne H. Bert as the Board of County Commissioners alternate to the MPO Citizens Advisory Committee.