



June 20, 2016

U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Community Oriented Policing Services
145 N Street NE
Washington, DC 20530

RE: COPS Office FY2016 COPS Hiring Program Application:
Fort Lauderdale Police Department

To Whom It May Concern,

The Board of the Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations is supporting the application of the FLPD for a COPS Office FY2016 grant to fund the hiring of additional police officers to address quality of life concerns, including homelessness, social disorder and nuisance abatement, while simultaneously bridging the gap between law enforcement and those that they serve.

Our member Civics and HOA's have actively worked with their FLPD Neighborhood Action Teams. Everyone agrees that this partnership increases the sense of safety and stability in our neighborhoods. Our member organizations will be sending additional letters of support for this grant application.

These dedicated officers get to know their community, meet regularly with our members, devise strategies to deal with issues identified by residents, and report regularly on the progress of these strategies. There are never enough resources to deal with all the

problems, especially increased homelessness, traffic congestion, accident avoidance, graffiti and burglaries.

The FLPD is seeking to hire 8 additional officers in order to enhance the capability of their Community Resource Unit to address quality of life concerns. The Council hopes that you will approve this application to continue and expand this very successful community-policing program.

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