

**PORT OF PALM BEACH DISTRICT  
REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION AND  
COMMISSION ACTION**

**DISTRICT REPORTS  
ITEM G-1**

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**PREPARED BY:** Manuel Almira      Executive Director      April 9, 2018

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**SUBJECT:**      **Executive Director's Report**

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**BACKGROUND:**      An outline of the topics to be reported on at the April 19, 2018 Regular Board Meeting is attached for your review.

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED:**      No \_\_\_\_\_      Yes   X  

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**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** N/A

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**      Informational Item Only.

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**Respectfully Submitted By:**

  
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**Manuel Almira, Executive Director**

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**DATE ACTION TAKEN:** \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Disapproved: \_\_\_\_\_

Deferred To: \_\_\_\_\_

Incorporated into Minutes: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion By: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

Unanimous:    Yes \_\_\_\_\_    No \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**PORT OF PALM BEACH DISTRICT  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
April 19, 2018**

**Around the Port**

- Grand Classica arrival – Inaugural sailing from the Port of Palm Beach on April 13. First time in the Port's history we have had two passenger vessels from the same company under contract.
- I attended the AAPA Spring Conference in Washington, DC on March 20-22. In addition to attending the Conference, I was also able to meet with Congressman Brian Mast and Congressman Alcee Hastings. Additionally, I was requested to join a delegation from other US Seaports to meet with Senator Patty Murray of Washington State to discuss Harbor Maintenance Tax.
- On April 5, the PoPB celebrated AAPA's 3rd Annual Ports Day recognizing port contributions to jobs and the economy. According to IHS Markit's World Trade Service, combined international sea trade moving through Western Hemisphere ports in 2016 totaled 3.49 billion metric tons in volume and US \$3.01 trillion in value. The association recognized the industry's role in creating jobs and propelling the economy in nations they serve across the Americas.
- Policy and Procedures Manual – Will provide an update.
- On March 26, Michael Viveiros of Mad V Studios production company, requested to film an interview with me regarding the history and the future of the JFK Bunker. His company is located in Pawtucket, Rhode Island.
- MPO/TPA – This organization agreed to our counter proposal of \$3,500 to their initial offer of \$5,661 per year for the next five years.

**Events**

- AAPA – Capital Projects Seminar – Norfolk, VA – May 8-9, 2018
- Florida Ports Council Summer Board Meeting – Orlando, FL – May 23, 2018
- AAPA – Commissioners Seminar – Montreal, Canada – June 19-21, 2018
- Florida Ports Council Annual Board Meeting – St. Petersburg, FL – September 5-6, 2018
- AAPA – 107<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention – Valparaiso, Chile – October 7-10, 2018