

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

**NEW BUSINESS
ITEM J-3**

PREPARED BY: Carl Baker

Director of Planning & Development

January 5, 2018

SUBJECT: Re-engagement on the Inland Port Process

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: There is a renewed interest in the development of an Inland Port type facility in the Western Communities. On January 4, 2018, Commissioner Waldron, Executive Director Almira, Richard Pinsky and Carl Baker attended a meeting at the Northern Palm Beach County Improvement District. Their Executive Director O'Neal Bardin stated that the District has the ability to finance Bonds in the amounts needed to start this project. Various financing and legislative options were discussed and future development is feasible.

It is not our intention to restart the previous versions of Inland Port. Instead, we would like to see if development is possible of a small Commerce Park, with warehousing and light manufacturing, and then see what, if anything, develops from that.

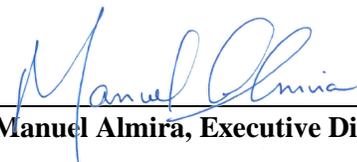
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED:

No X Yes

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None at this time

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board allow Commissioner Waldron and Staff to determine a realistic level of interest in the development of a commerce park in the Western Communities, by speaking to land owners and appropriate governmental and business agencies that could assist with this development. Commissioner Waldron and Staff will report to the Board as needed to update them on their finding. There will be no commitment of Port funds during this process.

Respectfully Submitted By:



Manuel Almira, Executive Director

DATE ACTION TAKEN:

Approved: _____
Disapproved: _____
Deferred To: _____
Incorporated into Minutes: _____

Motion By: _____
Seconded By: _____
Unanimous: Yes _____ No _____
By: _____