

JAXPORT December 23, 2019

Port Canaveral Mr. Manuel Almira
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Port Everglades Dear Manuel:

Port of Fernandina The Florida Ports Council (FPC) would like to express our wholehearted
congratulations for your accomplishments, and contributions you have made to the
Port of Palm Beach during your ten years of service as the Port's Executive Director.

Port of Fort Pierce Thanks to your leadership, the Port has become a powerful engine for economic
development and job creation, supporting more than 3,800 jobs in the South Florida
region and the state. Over the past ten years, Port operating revenue has increased
substantially (nearly 6%, as you know), major infrastructure projects, including
Berth 17 and Berth 1, have been completed, and a 30-year operating agreement with
Tropical Shipping, the Port's largest tenant, has been secured.

Port of Key West

PortMiami Of course, we would be remiss if we didn't include the resurgence of cruise business
at the Port, with more than 460,000 cruise passengers moving through the Port of
Palm Beach on an annual basis.

Port Manatee

Port of Palm Beach We applaud you, not only for your success at the Port of Palm Beach, but for your
commitment to the FPC. You have tirelessly served on the Florida Seaport
Transportation and Economic Development (FSTED) Council as Chairman, as well
as on our Board of Directors as Secretary/Treasurer, as Vice Chairman and as
incoming Chair. Your dedication to growing jobs and commerce for the great state of
Florida is truly commendable and, again, we congratulate you on ten years of
exemplary service.

Port of Panama City

Port of Pensacola Sincerely,

Port of Port St. Joe 

Port St. Pete Doug Wheeler
President & CEO
Florida Ports Council

Port Tampa Bay
