A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO FORMALLY RE-STRUCTURE AND RE-ESTABLISH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) CITIZEN ADVISORY TASK FORCE (CATF).

WHEREAS, the County is eligible for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO); and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners to submit applications to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant to benefit persons of low and moderate income within the County;

WHEREAS, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications must be consistent with the Indian River County Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, there are several CDBG funding categories that the County may apply for including Housing, Neighborhood Revitalization, Commercial Revitalization, and Economic Development; and

WHEREAS, to be successful in obtaining CDBG funding the County needs to maximize its CDBG application score; and

WHEREAS, per a new CDBG program rule, the County can claim 10 additional points on its application for funding if it has an active CATF, made up of at least 5 members of which at least 51% of the members are from low to moderate income households; and

WHEREAS, under CDBG definitions, low to moderate income households is defined as having a household income of less than 50% of the County’s median household income; and
WHEREAS, the County’s current CATF is made up of 11 members with 4 positions currently vacant; and

WHEREAS, an income survey of the current seven active members of the CATF indicates that only three members are from low to moderate income households); and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to re-structure and re-establish the Citizens Advisory Task Force (CATF) in a manner that satisfies current CDBG requirements and point-maximizing incentives.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA; that

SECTION 1. Establishment
The Board of County Commissioners hereby re-establishes and restructures the County’s CATF by establishing a new 5 member CATF that satisfies current CDBG rules, and the 51% low to moderate income member composition incentive.

SECTION 2. Membership
At least 3 of the new 5 member CDBG CATF shall be from low to moderate income households. Members shall be appointed by a majority vote of the Board of County Commissioners and serve at the pleasure of the Board with a maximum term of 4 years. Each member may be re-appointed to the CDBG CATF by the Board of County Commissioners.

SECTION 3. Community Development Plan
For the purposes of CDBG applications, the Indian River County Comprehensive Plan is hereby designated as the County’s Community Development Plan.
SECTION 4. Powers and Duties

The CDBG Citizen Advisory Task Force shall:

(a) Appoint a chairperson and a vice chairperson at the first meeting of each year.

(b) Meet as needed and hold and keep minutes of all meetings that are open to the public, and provide information to interested parties, as necessary, during these meetings.

(c) Review the CDBG Program and analyze various aspects pertinent to neighborhood improvements in Indian River County.

(d) Provide recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners regarding CDBG application categories appropriate for the County and regarding applications to be submitted for funding.

(e) Provide input, recommendations and assistance to the Indian River County staff in all aspects of the CDBG Program, including program planning, implementation and assessment.

(f) Provide public awareness and outreach programs regarding the CDBG program in Indian River County.

SECTION 5. Advisory Status

The CDBG CATF shall be advisory only and the members shall serve without compensation.


The provision of Title 1, Chapter 103, relating to the advisory boards and commissions shall apply to this Committee. The Committee shall elect from among its voting members a chairman and vice chairman annually at its first meeting in January or at its next meeting if no meeting is held in January. A County Commissioner shall serve as a non-voting liaison to the Committee. Each chair and vice chair shall serve for a one-year term and may be reelected but shall be limited
to two successive annual terms, at which point they would be ineligible to chair the committee for at least one year.

SECTION 7. Repeal of Conflicting Provisions

All previous ordinances, resolutions, or motions of the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida, which conflict with the provisions of this resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 8. Severability

It is declared to be the intent of the Board of County Commissioners that, if any provision of this resolution is for any reason finally held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions.

SECTION 9. Effective Date

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner Davis, and seconded by Commissioner Zorc, and being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Chairman, Peter D. O'Bryan Aye
Vice Chairman, Wesley S. Davis Aye
Commissioner, Joseph E. Flescher Aye
Commissioner, Bob Solari Aye
Commissioner, Tim Zorc Aye

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 14th day of October, 2014.

Attest by: Peter D. O'Bryan, Chairman
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Jeffrey R. Smith, Clerk of Court and Comptroller

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

\(\text{Signature}\)

\(\text{Dylan Reingold}\)
\(\text{County Attorney}\)

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