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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 16, 2018
TO: George Tablack, CPA
Chief Financial Officer
FROM: Lori Fortenberry, Investment \& Finance Coordinator Finance and Administrative Services Department


RE: $\quad$ Portfolio and Economic Summary - June 30, 2018

As of June 30, 2018, the Broward County Investment Portfolio had a par value of $\$ 2.86$ billion and a Yield to Maturity of $1.771 \%$. In comparison, the Bank of America Merrill Lynch 1-3 Year U.S. Treasury \& Agency Index benchmark ( $2.52 \%$ as of June 30, 2018) exceeded the yield on the County's portfolio by 74.9 basis points. In a rising rate environment, it is typical for Index yields to increase quicker as they can incorporate changes at a faster pace. The yield on the Broward County Portfolio will continue to increase as upcoming maturities are reinvested at higher yields.

The Federal Reserve Bank's (Fed) Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) voted to increase short-term rates to the range of $1.75 \%$ to $2.0 \%$ at its June 13th meeting. This was the FOMC's seventh hike in the fed funds rate since December 2015. The decision signals the Fed is confident in having reached the unemployment and inflation rate targets and that the economy, overall, is on the right track. Currently, market expectations are that the Fed will remain on its projected path of raising rates two more times this year. Market analysts project a very high likelihood of a 25 basis point increase at the next FOMC meeting, scheduled for September 26, 2018.

The U.S. economy grew at $4.1 \%$ in the second quarter. The employment data for June showed an increase of 213,000 jobs with professional and business services leading the way, followed by healthcare and construction sectors. Retail trade, however, experienced an estimated 22,000 job loss and the Toys-R-Us closure is believed to have been the major contributor to the number. The jobless rate continues to be forecast at below $4 \%$ and many pundits believe the U.S. is entering a full employment range. Among other signs of strengthening economy is a $0.2 \%$ rise in wages, a forecasted increase in consumer spending in the second quarter, and firming inflation. Despite the strong economic news, many are concerned about potential consequences to the global economy if the tariffs and trade wars continue. Prompting further concerns is the flattening yield curve and its potential to invert. An inverted yield curve, with short-term yields higher than long-term yields, has historically preceded recessions.

Please see the attached pages showcasing portfolio detail and key economic data as of the end of the period.

| Investments | Par Value | Market Value | Book Value | $\begin{array}{r} \text { \% of } \\ \text { Portfolio } \end{array}$ | Term | Days to Maturity | $\begin{array}{r} \text { YTM } \\ 360 \text { Equiv. } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { YTM } \\ 365 \text { Equiv. } \end{array}$ |
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| Commercial Paper Discount | 667,860,000.00 | 666,043,509.28 | 666,043,509.28 | 23.35 | 76 | 44 | 2.184 | 2.215 |
| Federal Agency Coupon Securities | 440,245,000.00 | 435,436,510.10 | 440,090,560.59 | 15.43 | 1,080 | 449 | 1.498 | 1.519 |
| Federal Agency Coupon - Callable | 1,150,650,000.00 | 1,127,252,016.70 | 1,150,646,253.48 | 40.34 | 1,433 | 937 | 1.752 | 1.776 |
| Federal Agency Discount | 199,275,000.00 | 198,497,996.10 | 198,668,868.44 | 6.96 | 275 | 71 | 1.526 | 1.547 |
| Treasury Coupon Securities | 282,570,000.00 | 280,016,672.97 | 282,352,957.01 | 9.90 | 888 | 309 | 1.340 | 1.359 |
| Treasury Bills | 20,000,000.00 | 19,891,780.00 | 19,913,441.67 | 0.70 | 324 | 102 | 1.565 | 1.587 |
| World Bank Coupon Securities | 90,000,000.00 | 88,225,085.00 | 90,002,210.00 | 3.15 | 1,215 | 650 | 1.425 | 1.445 |
| Israel Bonds | 5,000,000.00 | 4,959,690.00 | 5,000,000.00 | 0.18 | 730 | 488 | 2.229 | 2.260 |
| Investments | 2,855,600,000.00 | 2,820,323,260.15 | 2,852,717,800.47 | 100.00\% | 911 | 515 | 1.747 | 1.771 |



Quarterly Portfolio Analysis - June 30, 2018


