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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 30, 2018
TO: George Tablack, CPA
Chief Financial Officer
FROM: Lori Fortenberry, Investment \& Finance Coordinator Finance and Administrative Services Department


RE: Portfolio and Economic Summary - September 30, 2018

As of September 30, 2018, the Broward County Investment Portfolio had a par value of $\$ 2.41$ billion and a Yield to Maturity of $1.790 \%$. In comparison, the Bank of America Merrill Lynch 1-3 Year U.S. Treasury \& Agency Index benchmark ( $2.74 \%$ as of September 30, 2018) exceeded the yield on the County's portfolio by 95.0 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 $2.0 \%$ to $2.25 \%$ at its September 26th meeting. After eight rate hikes that began in December 2015, the fed funds rate is now at the highest level since October 2008. As anticipated, the Fed removed language from its official statement that described monetary policy as accommodative. While the Fed Chairman stated the removal of the accommodative language did not signal a change in policy, it was viewed as an acknowledgment that policy is moving closer to neutral rate, one that neither stimulates nor suppresses economic growth. The Fed has signaled one more rate hike in 2018 and three more rate hikes in 2019. The next meeting on November 8, 2018 is not expected to result in an increase in rates.

The unemployment rate dropped to $3.7 \%$, a level not seen since December 1969. Despite the low unemployment rate, which has been well below the rate the Fed considers to be full employment, wage growth has been weak and has only just begun to pick up. Average hourly earnings rose to a high of $2.8 \%$ year-over-year in September. Even with wages increasing, inflationary pressures have been tame, and the Fed anticipates that its plan of gradual rate increases will help diffuse any price pressures.

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

Exhibit 1

## Portfolio Summary <br> September 30, 2018

| Investments | Par Value | Market Value | Book Value | \% of Portfolio | 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 | 302,100,000.00 | 301,638,240.47 | 301,638,240.47 | 12.51 | 62 | 24 | 2.232 | 2.263 |
| Federal Agency Coupon Securities | 458,745,000.00 | 454,082,588.96 | 458,578,336.79 | 19.02 | 1,067 | 372 | 1.547 | 1.568 |
| Federal Agency Coupon - Callable | 1,117,250,000.00 | 1,091,539,591.25 | 1,117,246,565.97 | 46.33 | 1,451 | 871 | 1.775 | 1.800 |
| Federal Agency Discount | 137,205,000.00 | 136,369,965.10 | 136,439,669.32 | 5.66 | 214 | 92 | 1.984 | 2.012 |
| Treasury Coupon Securities | 246,705,000.00 | 244,429,088.67 | 246,572,327.66 | 10.23 | 854 | 292 | 1.419 | 1.439 |
| Treasury Bills | 29,700,000.00 | 29,456,965.20 | 29,459,367.40 | 1.22 | 332 | 118 | 1.888 | 1.915 |
| World Bank Coupon Securities | 116,500,000.00 | 114,540,423.50 | 116,455,332.30 | 4.83 | 1,139 | 627 | 1.760 | 1.785 |
| Israel Bonds | 5,000,000.00 | 4,975,365.00 | 5,000,000.00 | 0.21 | 730 | 396 | 2.229 | 2.260 |
| Investments | 2,413,205,000.00 | 2,377,032,228.15 | 2,411,389,839.91 | 100.00\% | 1,043 | 545 | 1.766 | 1.790 |


| Total Earnings | September 30 | Month Ending | Fiscal Year To Date | Fiscal Year Ending |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Current Year |  | 3,658,272.49 | 42,834,554.97 | 42,834,554.97 |
| Average Daily Balance |  | 2,518,693,062.91 | 2,677,551,597.84 |  |
| Effective Rate of Return |  | 1.77\% | 1.60 |  |
| Effective 09/30/2018 |  |  |  |  |
| Current Modified Duration 1.420 ( $\$ 34,267,511$ ) Current Effective Duration 0.583 (213 days) |  |  |  |  |
| Total Bank Account Balance: \$235,483,524 Percentage of Total Portfolio: 9.8\% |  |  |  |  |
| Diversification by Investme US Treasuries/Agencies Commercial Paper World Bank Securities | nvestment Polic <br> Maximum <br> Maximum <br> Maximum |  |  |  |



