

**ITEM #81**

**ADDITIONAL MATERIAL**

**Regular Meeting**

**MAY 7, 2019**

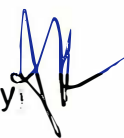
**SUBMITTED AT THE REQUEST OF**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Senator Nan H. Rich

**FROM:** Adam Katzman, Senior Assistant County Attorney 

**DATE:** May 2, 2019

**RE:** **Agenda Item No. 81; County Commission Meeting of May 7, 2019  
Nomination of Susan Martino for Appointment At Large to the Animal  
Care Advisory Committee  
CAO File: 99261**

At your request, we have reviewed the information provided concerning Susan Martino's nomination for appointment at large to the Animal Care Advisory Committee ("ACAC"). Section 12.290(a) of the Broward County Administrative Code ("Administrative Code") provides that, to qualify as an at large member of the ACAC, the nominee may not meet any of the categorical requirements of subsections 1 through 9 of that section. You have asked whether Ms. Martino's position as Executive Director of Pet Project for Pets ("Pet Project") meets the requirements of Section 12.290(a)(3) of the Administrative Code as a "member of a local, nonprofit organization providing support or services to stray or unwanted animals," thereby making her ineligible for appointment at large to the ACAC.

According to its website and information obtained from Ms. Martino, Pet Project's goal is to reduce the number of pets that are voluntarily surrendered to animal shelters due to their owner's financial or health challenges that prevent them from effectively caring for their pet. Pet Project provides pet food and other services to allow elderly and terminally ill persons to retain their pets. If a pet owner dies due to illness, Pet Project will work through the owner's family and any testamentary provisions to attempt to find the pet a new home.

Based on the foregoing, it does not appear that Pet Project provides support or services to "stray or unwanted animals." Accordingly, Ms. Martino qualifies for appointment at large to the ACAC.

AMK/mm

c: Andrew J. Meyers, County Attorney