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MEMORANDUM

TO: Kenneth Welch, Chairman
Members of the Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Pat Gerard, District 2
Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners

CC: Mark Woodard, County Administrator
Jewel White, County Attorney

DATE: January 31, 2018

SUBJECT: CareerSource Pinellas Emergency Meeting

As previously communicated, I represented the Board of County Commissioners at today's Emergency Meeting of the CareerSource Pinellas Executive Committee. I am deeply concerned the Executive Committee and the Chairman did not support a path forward that will lead to greater transparency and public accountability for CareerSource Pinellas. In my opinion, the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee comprised of Executive Committee members and supported by CareerSource Pinellas' outside counsel is not sufficiently independent to conduct meaningful, objective review of the reported allegations.

In order to restore public confidence in the work of CareerSource Pinellas, I propose the following:

1. The removal of Aundre A. Green from the CareerSource Pinellas Board, effective immediately.
2. The re-evaluation of all candidates that recently applied for a vacancy on the CareerSource Pinellas Board.
3. The establishment of a revised appointment process, whereby applicants are screened by the County Administrator's staff, not CareerSource Pinellas.

I have asked the Chairman's Office to include these and related items on next Tuesday's agenda for discussion.