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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF MAY 2, 2019

## COMMITTEE ON PENSION, HUMAN RESOURCES AND CIVIL SERVICE

Honorable Kari K. Steele, President and Members of the Board of Commissioners

Request for advice and consent to the reappointment of Zelda B. Harris as Commissioner to the MWRD Ethics Commission for a two-year term pursuant to the Ethics Ordinance

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On May 15, 2014, the Board of Commissioners granted its advice and consent as to the appointment of Zelda B. Harris, Jose A. Lopez, and Michael J. Weicher as Commissioners of the MWRD Ethics Commission.

Pursuant to Section 20-2 of the Ethics Ordinance, the initial appointees of the Ethics Commission shall determine their initial terms such that two Commissioners shall serve two-year terms and the third Commissioner shall serve a one-year term. The three Ethics Commissioners determined that Zelda B. Harris would serve a one-year term. Section 20-2 of the Ordinance also provides that Commissioners may be reappointed to subsequent terms, and after the initial appointees to the Ethics Commission, all Commissioners shall be appointed to two-year terms.

On May 4, 2017, the Board of Commissioners granted its advice and consent to the reappointment of Ms. Harris to the Ethics Commission for a two-year term, which will expire on May 15, 2019. On April 19, 2018, the Board of Commissioners granted its advice and consent to the reappointment of Mr. Lopez and Mr. Weicher to the Ethics Commission for two-year terms, which will expire on May 15, 2020.

Ms. Harris is a professor of law and the Director of the Dan K. Webb Center for Advocacy at Loyola University School of Law, and her reappointment to the Ethics Commission is warranted by the professionalism and commitment she continues to demonstrate during her service as a Commissioner.

I hereby seek the advice and consent of the Board of Commissioners, as to the reappointment of Zelda B. Harris as Commissioner to the MWRD's Ethics Commission for a two-year term pursuant to the Ethics Ordinance.

Recommended, Brian A. Perkovich, Executive Director, STM:LAG:JBM:kk Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official Regular Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners for May 2, 2019