

LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
P.O. BOX 398  
FT. MYERS, FL 33902-0398

**THIS LEASE AGREEMENT** ("*Lease*"), entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2021, between **State Senator Ray Rodrigues**, in his official capacity, hereinafter called the "Lessee", and **Lee County**, acting by and through the Board of County Commissioners for Lee County, a political subdivision and charter county of the State of Florida, hereinafter called the "County".

**WITNESSETH:**

That the County, for and in consideration of the covenants and agreements hereinafter mentioned to be kept and performed by the Lessee, has demised and leased to the Lessee, for the term and under the conditions hereinafter set out, those certain premises in Lee County, Florida, described as follows:

**Justice Center Annex  
2000 Main Street  
Suite 401  
Fort Myers, FL 33901**

Which will constitute an aggregate area of approximately 1,315 square feet of net rentable office space ("*Premises*") at a rental rate of \$10.00 per square foot per year.

**1. TERM**

The Term ("*Term*") of this Lease for the above-described Premises will commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2022 to, and including, the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2022.

**2. RENT**

The County hereby leases to the Lessee and the Lessee hereby leases from the County the above-described Premises for the Term set out in Article I of this Lease and the Lessee agrees to pay the County the sum of \$1,135.84 per month ("*Monthly Rent*"). The Monthly Rent for the Term will be paid, in arrears, in monthly installments of the rent on or before the last day of each calendar month. The Monthly Rent will be paid to the County at the following address:

Lee County Board of County Commissioners  
1500 Monroe Street, Fourth Floor  
Ft. Myers, FL 33901  
Attention: Fiscal Pool  
(or at such other address as may be directed by the County.)

### **3. PARKING SPACE(S)**

County will provide four (4) outside uncovered parking space in a County surface lot for use by Lessee or Lessee's employee. The County affirms that the current fair market value of an uncovered parking space is \$10 per month. The fee is included in the agreed upon Monthly Rent. The County agrees to notify the Lessee of any change in the fair market value of the space.

### **4. HEATING, AIR CONDITIONING AND JANITORIAL SERVICES**

The County agrees to furnish to the Lessee heating and air conditioning equipment, and maintain same in satisfactory operating condition at all times for the Premises during the Term of this Lease at the sole expense of the County.

The County agrees to furnish janitorial services and all necessary janitorial supplies for the Premises during the Term of this Lease.

### **5. LIGHT FIXTURES**

The County agrees to install in the Premises suitable light fixtures for the use of the Lessee.

The County will be responsible for replacement of all bulbs, lamps, tubes and starters used in such fixtures for the purpose of furnishing sufficient light to the Lessee.

### **6. SECURITY OF THE PREMISES**

The County, including its agents and representatives, reserves the right to alter or install required security measures and access means to the building.

### **7. MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS**

The County will maintain and keep in repair the interior and exterior of the Premises during the Term of this Lease and will be responsible for the replacement of all windows broken or damaged in the Premises, except when such breakage or damage is caused to the Premises by the Lessee, its officers or agents. The cost of any repairs to the Premises that are caused by the Lessee, its officers or agents will immediately be paid to the County upon receipt of an invoice from the County.

The Lessee will provide for maintenance and repairs, and replacement of any personal interior equipment (i.e. personal furniture, computers, copiers, personal

artwork, etc.) during the Term of this Lease.

## **8. UTILITIES**

Unless otherwise indicated, the County will bear the full cost of electrical service, water service, garbage pickup, sewer service, pest control service and fire extinguisher service used by the Lessee. Lessee will bear the full cost of telephone and data services provided to the Premises at its own expense. County will provide and bear the full cost of service for cable television in one (1) location within the Premises, to include CNN, C-SPAN I, C-SPAN II, and all local channels.

## **9. ADA STANDARDS AND ALTERATIONS**

The County agrees that the Premises now conform, or that prior to Lessee's occupancy, the said Premises will, at County's expense, be brought into conformance with the requirements of Sections 255.21 and 255.211, Florida Statutes and ADA requirements, as they may be revised from time to time.

The Lessee will not have the right to make any alterations in and to the Premises during the Term of this Lease. If Lessee requires an alteration within the Premises, Lessee will first send a written request to the Director of County Lands. Upon review of the request, the Director of County Lands will determine if the request for alteration is suitable for the space. All work will be performed and/or supervised by the County. Lessee will bear the cost of the alteration unless otherwise noted.

## **10. NONLIABILITY OF LANDLORD FOR PROPERTY INDEMNITY**

The County will not be responsible or liable for liability or damage claims for injury to persons or property from any cause relating to the occupancy of the Premises by Lessee, including those arising out of damages or losses occurring on sidewalks or other adjacent areas to the Premises. Lessee will indemnify County from all liability, loss or damage claims or obligations resulting from any injuries or losses of this nature. Lessee waives any claim against County for damages relating to its occupancy of the Premises from any cause whatsoever including, but not limited to burglary, theft or damage by water.

Furniture and artwork placed by the County and located in the Premises is the property of the County and may be used by the Lessee during the Term of the Lease. Any repairs to or replacement of this furniture is at the sole discretion of the County. If Lessee does not desire to use any or all of the furniture, it will be removed and stored by the County. Lessee may furnish the office area only with their personal furniture at their own expense. No furniture from the common areas will be removed.

County will not be liable for any repairs or damages to Lessee's furniture or equipment.

## **11. FIRE AND OTHER HAZARDS**

In the event that the Premises, or the major part thereof, are destroyed by fire, lightning, storm or other casualty caused by no fault or negligence of the Lessee, the County at its option may forthwith repair the damage to Premises at its own cost and expense. As the result, the Monthly Rent will cease until the completion of such repairs and the County will immediately refund the pro rata part of any Monthly Rent paid in advance by the Lessee prior to such destruction. Should the Premises be only partly destroyed so that the major part thereof is usable by the Lessee, then the Monthly Rent will abate to the extent that the injured or damaged part bears to the whole of such Premises and such injury or damage will be restored by the County as rapidly as is practicable and upon the completion of such repairs, the full Monthly Rent will commence and the Lease will then continue the balance of the Term.

Should the Premises be damaged or rendered unsuitable for occupancy due to the negligence of the Lessee, its officers, agents or invitees during the Term of this Lease then the Monthly Rent will continue to be paid by the Lessee until such repairs have been completed and Lessee can once again occupy the space. The cost of any repairs to the Premises that are caused by the Lessee, its officers or agents will immediately be paid to the County upon receipt of an invoice from the County.

The County will provide for fire protection during the Term of this Lease in accordance with the fire safety standards of the State Fire Marshal. The County will be responsible for maintenance and repair of all fire protection equipment necessary to conform to the requirements of the State Fire Marshal.

## **12. SUITABILITY FOR USE**

The County warrants that the Premises are fit for the conduct of the governmental business of the Lessee. The County further warrants that the Premises comply with all statutes and laws, either federal, state or local, applicable to the intended use of the Premises. The legal interpretation of any such existing statute or law, or the enactment of any new statutes or laws that, in the opinion of the Lessee, result in a material interference with the peaceful entry or occupation of the Premises, or any portion thereof by the Lessee, at the option of the Lessee, will automatically void this Lease prior to entry and occupation, or entitle the Lessee, after entry and occupation, to wholly terminate this Lease by giving seven (7) calendar days' notice to the County of its intention to do so.

### **13. EXPIRATION OF TERM**

At the expiration of the Term, the Lessee will peaceably yield up the Premises in good and tenantable repair. It is understood and agreed between the parties that the Lessee will have the right to remove from the Premises, all personal property of the Lessee and all fixtures, machinery, equipment, appurtenances and appliances placed or installed on the Premises by it, provided the Lessee restores the Premises to as good a state of repair as they were prior to the removal.

### **14. WAIVER OF DEFAULTS**

The waiver by the County of any breach of this Lease by the Lessee will not be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach of any duty or covenant imposed by this Lease.

### **15. RIGHT OF COUNTY TO INSPECT**

The County, at reasonable times, may enter into and upon the Premises for the purpose of viewing the same and for the purpose of making repairs as required under the terms of this Lease.

### **16. BREACH OF COVENANT**

This Lease is made upon the condition that, except as provided in this Lease, if the Lessee will neglect or fail to perform or observe any covenant herein contained, which on the Lessee's part is to be performed, and such default will continue for a period of thirty (30) days after written notice thereof from the County to the Lessee, then the County lawfully may, immediately, or at any time thereafter, without further notice or demand, enter into and upon the Premises, or any part thereof, and repossess the same as of their former estate and expel the Lessee and remove its effects forcefully, if necessary, without being taken or deemed to be guilty of any manner of trespass and thereupon this demise will terminate but without prejudice to any remedy which might otherwise be used by the County for arrears of Monthly Rent or for any breach of the Lessee's covenants herein contained.

### **17. TAXES AND INSURANCE**

The County will be responsible for any applicable taxes and insurance premiums on the Premises and the County will not be liable for damages or theft to the personal property or fixtures belonging to the Lessee which are located on or within the Premises.

Further, during the Term of this Lease, including any extension thereof, the Lessee

must maintain insurance on the Premises in accordance with the limits as set forth on attached **Exhibit "A"**, the terms of which are incorporated herein by reference. Additionally, "Lee County, a political subdivision and Charter County of the State of Florida, its agents, employees and its public officials," must be named as both a "Certificate Holder" and as an "Additional Insured" on the General Liability Policy.

The County does not in any way represent that the amounts in above insurance required is sufficient or adequate to protect the Lessee's interest or liabilities, but are merely minimums required by the County.

## **18. USE OF PREMISES**

The Premises are publicly-owned property and leased to Lessee for use as State Senator District 27 administrative offices, the services of which are open to the public and other activities related to Lessee's purpose. No member of the public will be arbitrarily prohibited or denied reasonable access to the Premises during normal business hours open to the public.

The Lessee will continuously and uninterruptedly use, occupy, operate and conduct business in the Premises in such a manner as to help establish and maintain a good reputation for the whole building complex of which the Premises forms a part.

The Lessee will not voluntarily, involuntarily or by operation of law assign or in any manner or otherwise encumber this Lease, or sublet the Premises or any part thereof, or permit the use of the same by anyone other than the Lessee.

The Premises must be used to provide direct services in a normal workweek and will not be used for other purposes such as storage.

The Lessee acknowledges that it is liable and responsible for the performance of all Lessee's obligations under this Lease and that the County is entitled, at the County's discretion, for the faithful performance of all such obligations.

The Lessee will abide by all reasonable directions and requirements of the County and will keep and abide by all laws, ordinances, rules and regulations of all government bodies and their respective regulatory agencies having jurisdiction over the Premises. The Lessee further agrees that it will not use said Premises, or permit the same to be used, for any unlawful, immoral, obnoxious or offensive business or practice.

The Lessee will not make or suffer any unlawful, improper or offensive use of the Premises or make any use or occupancy thereof contrary to the laws of the State of Florida, or to Ordinances of the City, as applicable and/or County in which the

Premises are located, now or hereinafter made, as may be applicable to the Lessee.

## **19. RIGHT TO TERMINATE**

Provided that the Lessee is not in default under the terms of this Lease, if Lessee desires to terminate this Lease, it may do so by giving County written notice of such intent not less than thirty (30) days prior to the termination date. In the event of a termination of this Lease by the Lessee, then Lessee will not remove any of its goods or property from the Premises other than in the normal course of its business without first having paid all Monthly Rent and other charges due or assessed against it.

Lessee will correct any violation of the requirements of this Lease within ten (10) calendar days written notice of same from County.

## **20. NOTICES AND INVOICES**

All notices required to be served upon the County will be served by Registered or Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, at:

Lee County  
1500 Monroe Street, 4th Floor  
Ft. Myers, FL 33901  
Attention: County Lands

All notices required to be served upon the Lessee will be served by Registered or Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, at:

State Senator Ray Rodrigues  
2000 Main Street, Suite 401  
Fort Myers FL 33901

with copies to:

State Representative Ray Rodrigues  
305 Senate Office Building  
404 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100.

## **21. CONTACTS**

For purposes of this Lease, the County representative will be **Robert Clemens, County Lands, 239-533-8833** and the Lessee's representative will be **Krissy**

**Kulavic, [Kulavic.Krissy@flsenate.gov](mailto:Kulavic.Krissy@flsenate.gov), Office: 239 338 2570.**

## **22. TERMINATION OF PRIOR AGREEMENTS**

Upon the effectiveness of this Lease, any prior lease, including any amendments thereto, will terminate and be of no further force and effect, and will be superseded and replaced in its entirety by this Lease.

## **23. DEFINITION OF TERMS**

The terms "Lease", "Lease Agreement", or "Agreement" will be inclusive of each other and will also include any renewals, extensions or modifications of this Lease.

The terms "County" and "Lessee" will include the heirs, successors and assigns for the parties hereto.

The terms "rentable" will be interchangeable with "useable" when used to describe the square feet of office space occupied under the Lease.

The singular will include the plural and the plural will include the singular whenever the context so requires or permits.

## **24. WRITTEN AGREEMENT**

This Lease contains the entire agreement between the parties hereto and it may be modified only in writing, with the approval of the Board of County Commissioners and the Lessee.

(End of provisions signature pages follow.)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the COUNTY and LESSEE have caused this Lease to be executed by their respective and duly authorized officers on the day and year first written above.

**LESSEE**

Ray Rodriguez  
State Senator Ray Rodriguez

10/7/21  
DATE

**WITNESS:**

Tim Morris  
Witness Signature

Timothy Morris  
Printed/Typed Witness Name

10-7-21  
DATE

**WITNESS:**

Kristina Kulavic  
Witness Signature

Kristina Kulavic  
Printed/Typed Witness Name

10/07/2021  
DATE

Approved and accepted for and on behalf of Lee County, Florida, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

ATTEST:  
LINDA DOGGETT, CLERK

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY:  
Deputy Clerk

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cecil L Pendergrass, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM FOR THE  
RELIANCE OF LEE COUNTY ONLY

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Attorney's Office

**Exhibit "A"**

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**Insurance Requirements**

**Minimum Insurance Requirements:** Risk Management in no way represents that the insurance required is sufficient or adequate to protect the Lessee's interest or liabilities. The following are the required minimums the Lessee must maintain throughout the duration of this Agreement. The County reserves the right to request additional documentation regarding insurance provided.

a. **Commercial General Liability-** Coverage will apply to premises-operations, products and completed operations, independent contractors, and contractual liability with minimum limits of:

- \$1,000,000 per occurrence
- \$2,000,000 general aggregate
- \$1,000,000 products and completed operations aggregate
- \$1,000,000 personal and advertising injury

b. **Commercial Auto Liability-** The following Automobile Liability covering all owned, hired and non-owned vehicles use with minimum limits of:

- \$1,000,000 combined single limit (CSL)
- \$500,000 bodily injury per person
- \$1,000,000 bodily injury per accident
- \$500,000 property damage per accident

c. **Workers' Compensation-** Statutory benefits as defined by FS 440 encompassing all employees regardless of the number of employees and Employers' liability will have minimum limits of:

- \$500,000 each accident
- \$500,000 disease-each employee
- \$500,000 disease – policy limit

***\*The required minimum limit of liability shown in a. and b. may be provided in the form of "Excess Insurance" or "Commercial Umbrella Policies." In which case, a "Following Form Endorsement" will be required on the "Excess Insurance Policy" or "Commercial Umbrella Policy."***

**Exhibit "A"**

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**Verification of Coverage:**

1. Coverage must be in place prior to the commencement of any work and throughout the duration of this Agreement. A certificate of insurance will be provided to the Risk Manager for review and approval. The certificate must provide for the following:

a. **The certificate holder must read as follows:**

**Lee County Board of County Commissioners  
P.O. Box 398  
Fort Myers, Florida 33902**

b. ***"Lee County, a political subdivision and Charter County of the State of Florida, its employees, and public officials"* will be included as an Additional Insured as their interest may appear on the General Liability policy for work or service provided under this Agreement.**

**Special Requirements:**

1. An appropriate "indemnification" clause will be made a provision of the contract.

2. It is the responsibility of the Lessee to insure that all contractors and subcontractors obtain and maintain substantially the same insurance as required of Lessee.