



Thursday, May 30, 2024

Dear FIL Families:

I am pleased to announce a few changes in the officers of the Foundation for Independent Living's Board of Directors. The following individuals have been elected to lead the Board as we continue to work towards building the best possible community for our residents:

1. Danny Simon – Chairperson of the Board
2. Charles Mishner – President
3. Roy Thompson – Secretary
4. Larry Koch – Treasurer

These officers bring a wealth of experience, dedication, and leadership to our board. Their diverse backgrounds and extensive expertise will be invaluable as we navigate the opportunities and challenges ahead. I am confident that these new officers will contribute significantly to the strategic direction and success of our organization. Please join me in congratulating them on their new roles and offering your support.

After many years as Chairman, I decided not to run for reelection . I think it is time for a new generation of board leaders as we tackle some of the complexities necessary to ensure our perpetuity. I believe that FIL has a bright future and have full faith and confidence in our Board. I will continue to serve as a member on the Board of Directors. We began this journey to build a 'forever community'. The next 100 years await!

As you may know, at the annual meeting the membership unanimously approved the Nominating Committee's recommendation of adding Aimee Taylor, MSW, LCSW to the Board. Aimee is a psychotherapist and a private therapeutic contractor. Most importantly, she has consistently demonstrated her dedication to our incredibly special community since 2017. Her career spans various settings, including foster care, psychiatric units at Hollywood Memorial Regional Hospital, and serving as the Baker Act liaison for Broward County Court. Her insights and guidance will provide an invaluable resource to the board. Please join me in welcoming Aimee!

After 12 years on the FIL Board and two rounds as Interim Executive Director, Tiffanie Bederman did not seek re-election for personal reasons. She has agreed to stay on as a Board Member Emeritus to provide guidance and historical context to the new Board and hopes to re-engage with FIL in the future. I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude for her service and dedication. ***Her leadership, personal risks during Covid, and contributions have been instrumental in shaping our organization's continuity and success.***

Thank you for your continued trust and support. My involvement in FIL has been at the leading edge of value in my life. I look forward to a prosperous future for FIL and I have

full faith in the new Board.

Sincerely,

Steven Bederman
Former Chairman, FIL



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