

CCNA Statement on Human Resource Issues at Sarasota City Hall

The following statement was read into the record at the June 5, 2021 meeting of CCNA attended by the Executive Board, Membership, city staff, and some city commissioners.

There have been concerns voiced to the CCNA Executive Committee regarding recent media reports on the city hall work environment. I want to address this in my opening remarks:

Senator Mark Warner of Virginia recently said: “We expect a lot of our elected officials... We expect them to lead, yet remain humble. We expect them to serve, but with dignity. We expect them to fight for what they believe in, but without making it personal.”

CCNA is a non-partisan advocate of the common bonds of neighborhoods. We hold civility, inclusion, and diversity as core values for every citizen and neighborhood, for city management and staff, and for our elected officials.

We believe it is the responsibility for our Commissioners to uphold the City Charter and all applicable laws, and to welcome, encourage, acknowledge, respect, and VALUE citizen input.

We support the City Manager and his management team to carry out their roles and responsibilities in a respectful workplace. CCNA further acknowledges and applauds the hard work of city staff who often go above and beyond to support the city and its residents.

As a growing, world-class city our personal and professional standards need to reflect the highest standards every day.