



THE SUNRISE CITY  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
AND CITY COMMISSION

**FORT PIERCE**  
*Florida*

December 7, 2020

The Urban Institute  
500 L'Enfant Plaza SW  
Washington DC 20024

RE: St Lucie County Upward Mobility Cohort Project Application

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, I am writing to express the City's full support for St Lucie County's Upward Mobility Cohort application. The City of Fort Pierce pledges its support and commits to collaborate with the County and all of our partners should the County be selected. The City of Fort Pierce supports improving the economics, outcomes and inclusion of all its residents – with a special emphasis on those whose opportunities have been limited by historic racism and segregation. The City has made great strides over the years in working to repair and improve our race relations and opportunities for our African American residents. However, like many places there remains much to be done. The City believes that being a part of the Upward Mobility Cohort will provide an amazing opportunity to work even more collaboratively with our many community partners.

The Fort Pierce City Commission voted unanimously at its December 7, 2020 City Commission meeting to send this letter to the Urban Institute on behalf of the County's application.

Sincerely,

Linda Hudson, Mayor  
City of Fort Pierce