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# West Palm Beach Commissioner Cory Neering Begins Service on the Health Care District Board

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Palm Springs, FL – West Palm Beach City Commission President Cory Neering was sworn in as the newest Health Care District Board member by Commissioner Philip H. Ward, III, Board Chair, at the Board's public meeting on November 28th, 2017. Commissioner Neering was appointed on September 12th, 2017 by the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners to serve a four-year term beginning October 1st, 2017 and ending September 30th, 2021. Commissioner Neering will also hold a seat on the C.L. Brumback Primary Care Clinics Board.

"It's an honor to serve on the Health Care District Board and help increase access to quality health care services for our community," said Commissioner Neering. "I look forward to carrying out the Health Care District's vision of meeting changes in health care to keep our community healthy."

Commissioner Neering has served on the West Palm Beach City Commission since 2015 and is the Vice President of External Affairs for Planned Parenthood of South, East and North Florida. A West Palm Beach native, Commissioner Neering is now raising his family there. He is innately

connected to the people he serves and to improving the health and quality of life for county residents. As a devoted father and committed husband, Neering understands the challenges faced by Palm Beach County families as well as available opportunities. He is the current Chair of the Healthy Start Coalition in Palm Beach County. He also serves as the City of West Palm Beach's liaison for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board as well as the West Palm Beach Housing Authority Board.

The Health Care District's CEO, Darcy J. Davis said, "We are honored to have Commissioner Neering join the District's Board of Commissioners. His advocacy for public health as well as his personal commitment to improving the quality of life for all Palm Beach County residents is well-aligned with our mission and that of the C. L. Brumback Primary Care Clinics. We are excited to have his voice and innovative ideas as we head into the new year." Chairman Ward added, "We are extremely pleased to welcome Commissioner Neering to the Health Care District Board. He is a pragmatic community leader and he represents the interests of our county residents. I am confident that he will be a tremendous asset as we move forward on many initiatives."



Commissioner Neering holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and a Masters in Science in Organizational Management and Leadership from Springfield College in Massachusetts. Commissioner Neering fills the seat vacated by Angeleta Gray, former Delray Beach City

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Commissioner, who served on the Health Care District Board for four years.

The Health Care District is a public health system that staffs Registered Nurses in nearly 170 public schools and funds and oversees a nationally-recognized Trauma System, which includes owning, operating and maintaining two Trauma Hawk air ambulances.

The Health Care District also provides medical, dental and behavioral health services for adult and pediatric patients with or without insurance at its C. L. Brumback Primary Care Clinics throughout the county. In addition, the Health Care District operates a pharmacy program, provides health coverage for eligible uninsured residents, operates the Edward J. Healey Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Riviera Beach, and provides acute care hospital services at Lakeside Medical Center in Belle Glade.

The Health Care District is governed by a seven-member volunteer Board. Three are appointed by the Governor of the State of Florida: Philip H. Ward, III, Chair, Nancy C. Banner, Esq., Secretary, and Leslie B. Daniels. Three are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners: Brian R. Lohmann, Vice Chair, Sean O'Bannon, and Cory Neering. The seventh member is the Director of the State's Department of Health for Palm Beach County, Alina M. Alonso, MD.

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