



"A City for All Ages"

**CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE**  
**121 S. W. Port St. Lucie Boulevard**  
**Port St. Lucie, FL 34984**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The City of Port St. Lucie, Florida (the "City") has retained FirstSouthwest, a division of HilltopSecurities Inc. ("FirstSouthwest") as our independent registered municipal advisor ("IRMA") through July 31, 2018, for all City debt issuances. The City is represented by and may rely on FirstSouthwest to provide advice on proposals from financial services firms concerning the issuance of municipal securities and municipal financial products (including, but not limited to, investments of bond proceeds and escrow investments and consideration of municipal derivatives). By rely on, we mean that the City intends to seek and consider the advice, analysis, and perspective of its financial advisor before acting on any such proposals; although the City may not necessarily follow their advice and may also rely on representations, if any, made by financial services firms in proposals or otherwise.

Financial services firms may rely on this certification for purposes of qualifying for the IRMA exemption afforded by SEC Rule 15Ba1-1(d)(3)(vi) until the earlier of July 31, 2018 or our replacement of this letter with an updated letter posted on the City's internet website.

Proposals may be addressed to Mr. Edwin M. Fry Jr., Finance Director/City Treasurer at the address above. As the City's independent registered municipal advisor, Mr. Edward D. Stull, Jr., Managing Director, FirstSouthwest ([Ed.Stull@hilltopsecurities.com](mailto:Ed.Stull@hilltopsecurities.com) 407-426-9611), along with other personnel at FirstSouthwest (and acting under the direction of Mr. Stull) will participate at the City's request in advising the City with respect to financial matters of the type described in the first paragraph above, including participating in the management, direction, supervision, or performance of activities related to the provisions of any such advice.

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Edwin M. Fry, Jr.

Finance Director/City Treasurer