

**THE HAMMOCKS  
COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**DECEMBER 10, 2025  
AGENDA PACKAGE**

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# THE HAMMOCKS

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

### Board of Supervisors:

Frances Plantikow, Chairperson  
Mike Henke, Vice Chairperson  
Alex Manero, Assistant Secretary  
Jeff Bryson, Assistant Secretary  
Keiton Best, Assistant Secretary

### Staff:

Wesley Elias, District Manager  
Whitney Sousa, District Counsel  
Robert Dvorak, District Engineer  
Catalina Martinez, District Admin Assistant  
Christian Haller, Accountant  
Howard Neal, Field Services Director

## REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

**Wednesday, December 10, 2025 – 8:00 a.m.**

**TEAMS: Dial-in by phone: +1 646-838-1601 Phone conference ID: 786 317 492#**

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- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call**
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  - 7. Adjournment**

*The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 14, 2025, at 8:00 a.m.*

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
THE HAMMOCKS  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Hammocks Community Development District was held on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, and called to order at 8:10 a.m. at the Brentwood Clubhouse, 8504 Sandpiper Ridge Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33647.

Present and constituting a quorum were:

Frances Plantikow	Chairperson
Mike Henke	Vice Chairperson
Alex Manero	Assistant Secretary
Keiton Best	Assistant Secretary

Also present was:

Jennifer Goldyn	District Manager, Inframark
Robert Dvorak	District Engineer

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**FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order, and a quorum was established.

**SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Audience Comments**

There being none, the next order of business followed.

**THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Business Administration**

**A. Consideration of the Minutes of October 8, 2025, Regular Meeting**

On MOTION by Ms. Plantikow seconded by Mr. Henke, with all in favor, the regular meeting minute from October 8, 2025, was approved as amended. 4-0

**B. Ratification of Grau and Associates FY 2025 Audit Engagement Letter**

On MOTION by Mr. Best seconded by Ms. Plantikow, with all in favor, the Grau and Associates FY 2025 Audit Engagement Letter was approved as presented. 4-0

The Board expressed concern regarding the current audit cost and requested information on the advertising expense associated with issuing an audit RFP. minimallyadvertising cost is

minimal in comparison to the potential savings next year, the Board authorized the Chair to approve moving forward with the RFP.

On MOTION by Mr. Henke seconded by Mr. Best, with all in favor, authorized Chair to approve going out to audit RFP if there is a cost savings, was approved as presented. 4-0

#### **FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

#### **Staff Reports**

##### **A. SOLitude Report**

The report was presented to the Board.

While reviewing Solitude's report, the Board raised concerns about the erosion identified at Ponds 2 and 6. Mr. Dvorak advised that he will evaluate the conditions on-site and provide the Board with the linear footage requiring repair, allowing staff to obtain proposals for the corrective work.

##### **B. District Counsel Report**

There being none, the next business followed.

##### **C. District Engineer's Report**

Mr. Dvorak stated that he will schedule a meeting with SWFWMD to review the proposed locations of the outdoor fitness equipment in the wetland areas and to confirm whether crushed shell may be used around the equipment instead of concrete.

Additionally, Mr. Dvorak noted that he is still attempting to reach Eric Cotton with the City of Tampa regarding the playground shade structure.

Ms. Plantikow reported that she had spoken with him and advised that he must visit the site to advance the permitting process.

Mr. Dvorak will continue to follow up.

##### **D. District Manager**

Ms. Goldyn presented a proposal from RedTree for sod installation in an area the Board is still considering for a potential basketball court, either full or half size. As the Board has not yet decided whether to proceed with the basketball court, they opted to table the proposal at this time.



**FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Business Items**

**A. Consideration of Resolution 2026-02; Adopting FY 2025 Budget Amendment**

On MOTION by Mr. Henke seconded by Mr. Best, with all in favor, Resolution 2026-02 Adopting FY 2025 Budget Amendment, was adopted as presented. 4-0

**B. Discussion on Fitness Equipment**

- i. Playground Boss Quote #41147**
- ii. Playground Boss Quote #41148**
- iii. Playground Boss Quote #41149**

All proposals were tabled until Mr. Dvorak is able to meet with SWFWMD.

**C. Consideration of Red Tree Playground Sod Replacement Proposal**

The above item was tabled.

**SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Board of Supervisors' Requests and Comments**

The following comments and requests were received.

- Ms. Plantikow asked whether the Board was interested in exploring other management firms; a discussion followed. The general consensus of the Board was that they are satisfied with Mr. Elias and will revisit the matter in thirty days should any service issues persist. Ms. Goldyn offered one month of free management services if the Board elects to continue with Inframark after the thirty-day period and does not proceed with a management RFP.
- Mr. Manero reviewed potential placement option for a full or half basketball court the crossroads of Fiddleleaf and Starfinder. Engineering costs were estimated to be between \$32,000 and \$75,000 depending on the court size. The Board requested proposals from qualified contractors for the basketball court installation. The Board requested the cost of a hoop with installation at the Trailwind cul-de-sac.
- Mr. Manero also proposed adding fencing and soccer nets in the open space at Pond Apple and Torch Lily Way and requested pricing for these improvements.
- A resident expressed concerns regarding the proposed basketball courts and soccer nets, specifically noting the potential impact on traffic and the change in activity levels near homes that were purchased without the expectation of such amenities being placed nearby.

- 113 • The Board requested that Inframark provide proposals for trash cans to serve the  
114 proposed court and soccer areas, along with the associated cost for trash collection  
115 once the final amenity locations are determined.

116      **SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**      **Adjournment**

117        There being no further business,

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119 On MOTION by Mr. Henke seconded by Ms. Plantikow, with all  
120 in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m. 4-0

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Mike Henke  
Vice Chairperson



# The Hammocks CDD Waterway Inspection Report

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**Reason for Inspection:**

**Inspection Date:** 2025-12-02

**Prepared for:**

District Manager

**Prepared by:**

Kevin Wilt, Service Manager

Wesley Chapel Field Office  
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## Site: 1

### Comments:

Site looks good

Site looks good. No issues to report

### Action Required:

Routine maintenance next visit

### Target:



December 2025



December 2025

## Site: 2

### Comments:

Site looks good

Site is in good shape with no issues to report. It does have some shoreline erosion.

### Action Required:

Routine maintenance next visit

### Target:



December 2025



December 2025

## Site: 3

### Comments:

Site looks good

Normal shoreline growth observed today. Gulf Spike rush is bouncing back really well.

### Action Required:

Routine maintenance next visit

### Target:

Shoreline weeds



December 2025



December 2025



## Site: 4

### Comments:

Normal growth observed

Site is in good shape with very minor shoreline growth. Site did have some submerged vegetation growing in back cove.

### Action Required:

Routine maintenance next visit

### Target:

Submersed vegetation



December 2025



December 2025

## Site: 5

### Comments:

Site looks good

Site is in good shape very minor shoreline grasses. Free of algae.

### Action Required:

Routine maintenance next visit

### Target:

Shoreline weeds



December 2025



December 2025

## Site: 6

### Comments:

Site looks good

Normal Growth observed

### Action Required:

Routine maintenance next visit

### Target:

Shoreline weeds



December 2025



December 2025



## Site: 7

### Comments:

Site looks good  
Site is in good shape normal  
shoreline growth observed

### Action Required:

Routine maintenance next visit

### Target:



December 2025



December 2025

## Site: 8

### Comments:

Treatment in progress  
Site had less algae this month low  
water levels and warmer weather  
is causing an abnormal  
bloom. Site will be treated again  
aggressively during next visit.

### Action Required:

Treat within 7 days

### Target:

Surface algae



December 2025



December 2025

## Site: 9

### Comments:

Site looks good  
Site is in good shape with no  
issues to report.

### Action Required:

Routine maintenance next visit

### Target:



December 2025



December 2025

## Management Summary

This month site remained in good shape.

Site 8 is looking better. It had algae bloom in one cove. Site will be treated again on 12/9/25.

All other sites are pretty much free on shoreline grass growth. We are starting to see the grass growth slow down. Sites have been pretty good with trash as well. We will continue to stay on top of any new growth and algae.

We did notice some shoreline erosion starting on sites 2 and 6. I can provide a estimate for repair if you would like. Please just let me know.

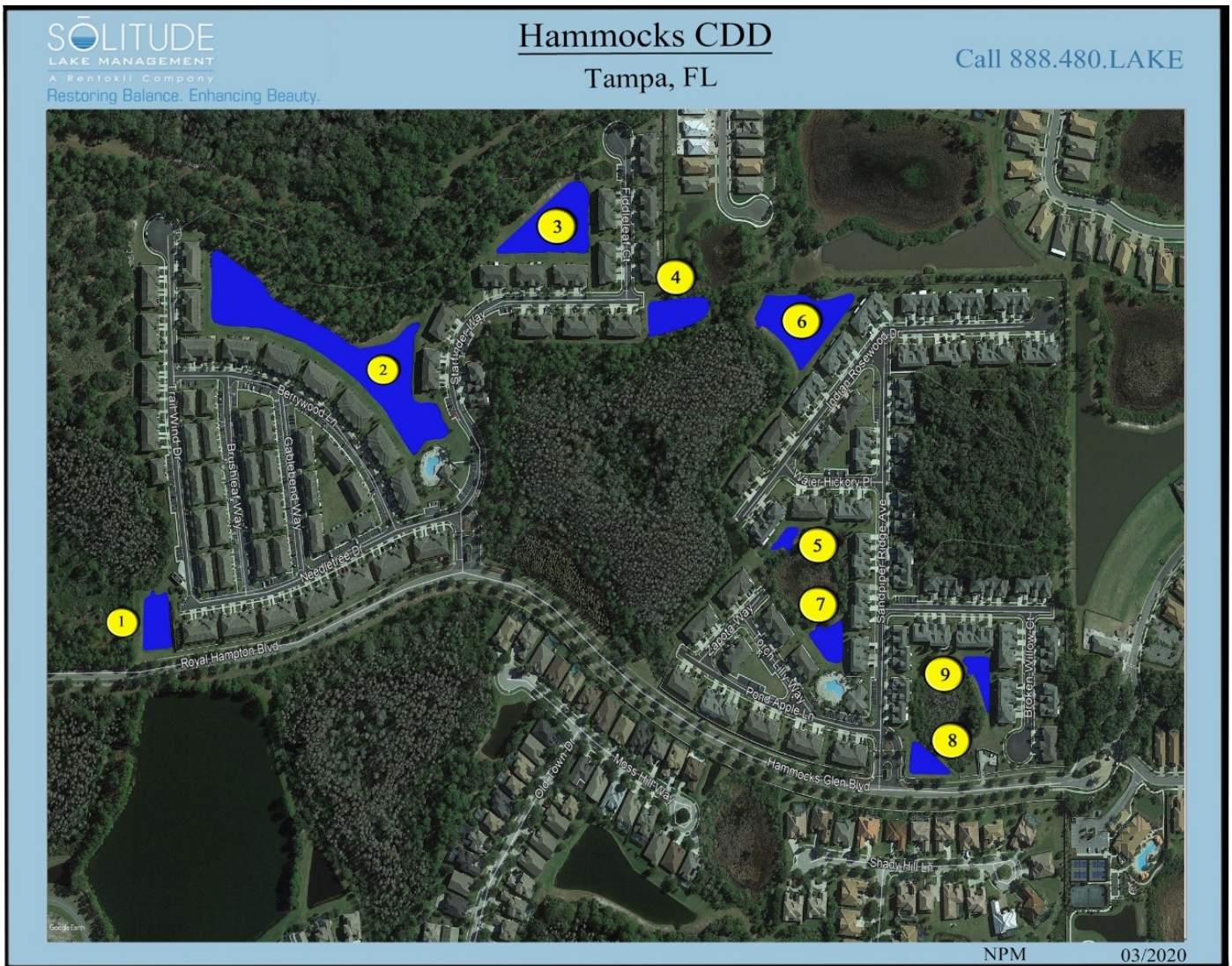
Blue dye is still be utilized and will minor rain is forecast it should hold well.

If there are any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out: [Kyle.Wilson@solitudelake.com](mailto:Kyle.Wilson@solitudelake.com)

Thanks for choosing Solitude Lake Management!



Site	Comments	Target	Action Required
1	Site looks good		Routine maintenance next visit
2	Site looks good		Routine maintenance next visit
3	Site looks good	Shoreline weeds	Routine maintenance next visit
4	Normal growth observed	Submersed vegetation	Routine maintenance next visit
5	Site looks good	Shoreline weeds	Routine maintenance next visit
6	Site looks good	Shoreline weeds	Routine maintenance next visit
7	Site looks good		Routine maintenance next visit
8	Treatment in progress	Surface algae	Treat within 7 days
9	Site looks good		Routine maintenance next visit



**Inframark**

2005 Pan Am Circle, Suite 300  
Tampa, FL 33607

Phone: 656-247-3501

**Date:** 11/21/2025

**Work Order #** 057-036-4-25

**Customer ID:** The Hammocks CDD

**Quotation valid until** 12/30/2025

**Prepared by:** Nate Montagna

Description		Unit Price	Quantity	Amount
Pressure Washing fence: pressure washing Both sides of white vinyl fence along the main road outside of both communities. Any fencing that borders a separate community or wooded areas with little to no access, we will only wash the interior side of the fence This includes a light chemical wash and labor Maps included at bottom of proposal		\$0.19	37,088	\$7046.72
<b>Total</b>	<b>Labor and Materials</b>			\$7,046.72

**Full payment is due within 60 days of finalizing the project.**

If you have any questions concerning this quotation, contact Nathaniel Montagna at [nmontagna@Inframark.com](mailto:nmontagna@Inframark.com)

**By:** Nathaniel Montagna

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** 11/21/25

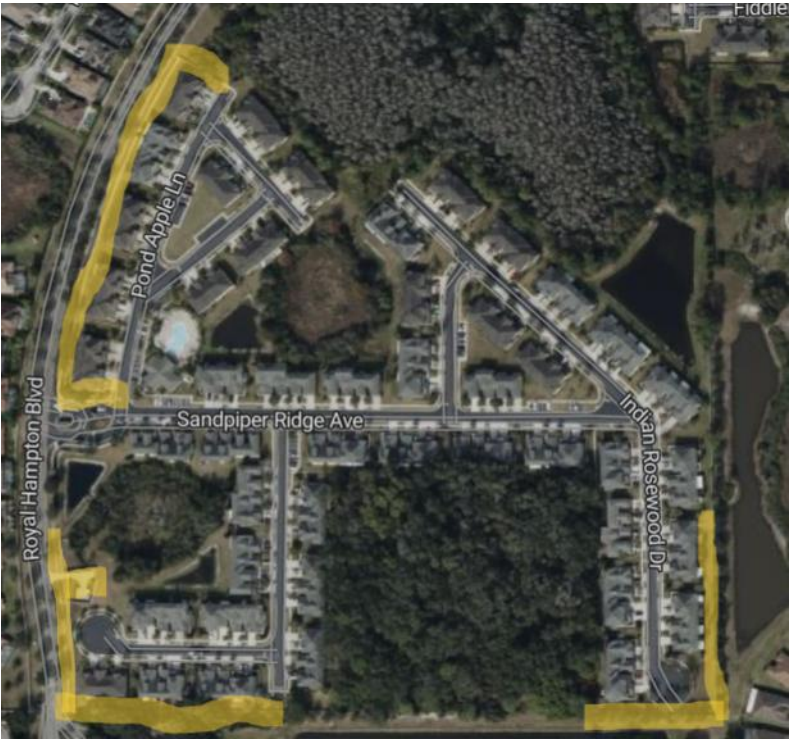
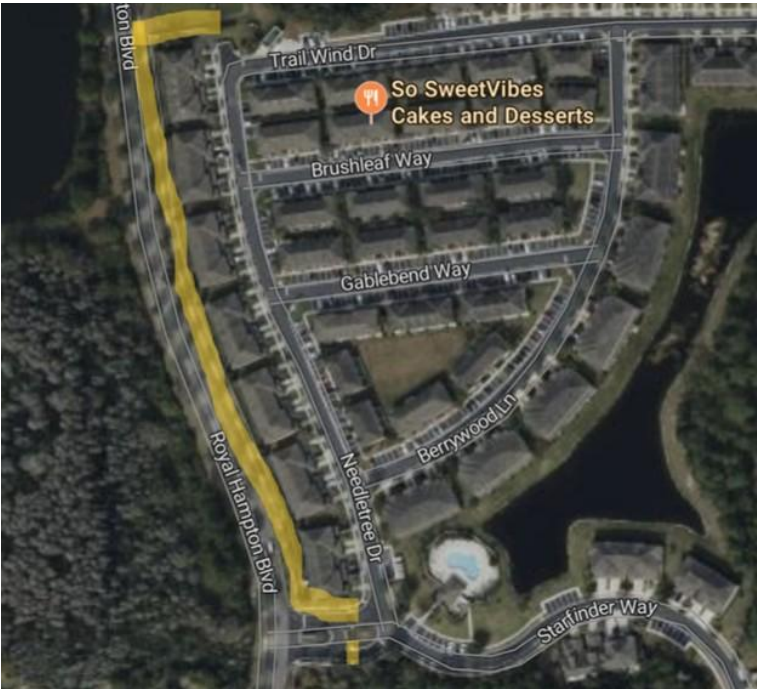
**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**The Hammocks CDD**

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**November 10, 2025**

**Playground Sod Renovation Proposal**

**For**

**The Hammocks CDD**

**Attn: Wesley Elias**

**welias@inframark.com**

- Kill off declining turf and weeds at playground area
- Cut out with sod cutter and haul away debris
- Install 7,500 sq ft St Augustine Sod
- Includes all materials, labor, hauling and dump fees

**Total: \$16,875.00**

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**Authorized By:**

**Date:**

Proposal submitted by Kevin Smith – Senior Landscape Designer / Advisor  
[ksmith@redtreelandscape.com](mailto:ksmith@redtreelandscape.com) / Cell phone: (727) 426.3679



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### **Proposal & Quotation**

To: Mr. Alex Manero

8504 Sandpiper Ridge Avenue

New Tampa, FL 33607

■ (727) 432-0756

From: Golf Coast Sports LLC

Date: November 12, 2025

Project: Full-Size Basketball Court Installation

### **Scope of Work**

Construction and installation of a regulation-size outdoor basketball court measuring **94 ft x 60 ft (5,640 sq ft)**, including all materials, labor, and finishing as outlined below.

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## Scope of Work (continued)

Item	Description	Price
1. Concrete Court Slab	4"-thick reinforced concrete pad at 3,000 PSI with thickened toe around perimeter (5,640 sq ft).	\$72,875
2. Basketball Goals	Two (2) premium 60" regulation goals, installed and leveled.	\$8,100
3. Chain-Link Fencing	Black vinyl-coated chain link fence, 10 ft height behind each goal, tapering to 4 ft along both 94 ft sides.	\$23,000
4. Acrylic Surface Paint-Out	Two-coat acrylic surfacing system, including primer, color finish, and court line markings.	\$12,785

### Total Project Cost: \$116,760.00

(All pricing includes labor, materials, and equipment. Taxes not included if applicable.)

### Notes & Exclusions

- Price valid for 30 days from proposal date.
- Project assumes level, accessible site with proper drainage.
- Any unforeseen sub-base remediation or site prep beyond standard excavation is subject to additional charge.
- GOLF COAST SPORTS LLC is fully licensed & insured.

**Acceptance**

Please sign below to authorize project commencement under the terms listed above.

Client Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# ***Eva Sahakian, Ph.D.***

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## **PROFILE**

I am a Senior Research Scientist III/Translational Research with 20+ years of experience in basic science research across cellular and molecular biology, genetics, cancer biology, and immunobiology. Currently holding a position as a Senior Research Scientist at Dr. Javier Pinilla-Ibarz's laboratory at Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute, with affiliations in the Departments of Immuno-Oncology/Clinical Science Labs and Malignant Hematology. I also hold the academic rank of assistant professor at the University of South Florida's Morsani College of Medicine, Department of Oncologic Sciences. The underlying principle of our laboratory studies is to gain a deeper understanding of the biology of specific B-cell malignancies. The goal of our laboratory is to evaluate novel strategies designed to (1) circumvent the lack of immunogenicity in chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL), (2) reverse impaired T cell polarization (by inhibiting PI3K $\delta$ ), and (3) improve the defective immune synapse in CLL. Our lab is also investigating S100A9 and Gal-1 as immunotherapeutic targets in the myeloid (nurse-like cell) compartment of CLL. Moreover, we are interrogating the metabolic changes in the CLL T-cell compartment to target and reverse T-cell dysfunction, ultimately leading to a more efficacious adoptive cell therapy. Our ongoing studies also interrogate metabolic reprogramming in the CLL T-cell compartment, intending to reverse immune exhaustion and optimize immunotherapeutic approaches. These investigations will culminate in a translational proof-of-concept study utilizing both patient-derived samples and murine models.

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## **EDUCATION**

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**    **MICROBIOLOGY AND MOLECULAR GENETICS, LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY**  
LOMA LINDA, CA, 2004 – Defended Sep. 2009 (Degree received May 2010)  
Thesis: Regulation of PIM-1 under hypoxia in prostate cancer.

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**    **MAJOR; CELLULAR BIOLOGY**  
**MINOR: CHEMISTRY**  
LA SIERRA UNIVERSITY, La Sierra, CA, 1999 – June, 2002

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## **SKILLS**

**Grant Writing/Manuscript preparation:** I am currently dedicating 60-70% of my protected time on preparation of manuscripts, lab reports, as well as institutional, state, and federal grants.

**Cell/tissue culture:** Mammalian cell culture, making fibroblast cell lines from tumor samples, making TIL cell lines from tumor samples, cell transfection, AMAXA nucleofection, luciferase assays, RNA extraction, DNA extraction, co-culture assays, 3D assays using tumor cells and cancer-associated fibroblasts.

**Cell death/survival assays:** Cell survival assays (crystal violet and MTT), caspase activity assays, mitochondrial membrane depolarization assay, ROS detection assay, LDH release assays, flow cytometric cell cycle analysis, and acridine orange lysosomal stability assay.

**Immunological techniques:** Allogeneic assays, flow cytometric analysis of cytokines, ELISpot analysis of cytokines, ELISA assays, qRT-PCR, NanoString analysis of PanCancer Assays, luminex based cytokine analysis, confocal microscopy analysis of cell death.

**Immunobiochemical techniques:** SDS-PAGE, Western blot analysis, immunoprecipitation assays, and immunohistochemistry. Flow cytometry, ChIP, and DNA-RNA analysis.

**In vivo techniques:** Mouse *in vivo* work.

**Programs:** Word, Excel, Powerpoint, GraphPad Prism, Flowjo, ImageExpress, Paint, Photoshop, BioRender,

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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### **2016-Present Senior Research Scientist III, Tampa, FL**

Senior Scientist at Dr. Javier Pinilla-Ibarz's laboratory at H. Lee. Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute, with affiliations in the Departments of Immunology, Clinical Science Labs, and Malignant Hematology. I manage all experiments from design through delegation and implementation. I mentor graduate students and postdocs and oversee all lab staff activities.

### **2016-Present Assistant Professor, Tampa, FL**

I hold the academic rank of assistant professor of oncological sciences at the University of South Florida, Morsani College of Medicine.

### **2014-2016 Research Scientist II, Tampa, FL**

Research Scientist at Dr. Javier Pinilla-Ibarz's laboratory at H. Lee. Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute with affiliations in Departments of Immunology, Clinical Science Labs, and Malignant Hematology.

### **2010-2014 Post-doctoral Fellow, Tampa, FL**

Training as a 5th-year post-doctoral fellow at Dr. Javier Pinilla-Ibarz and Dr. Eduardo M. Sotomayor's laboratory at H. Lee. Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute with affiliations in the Departments of Immunology and Malignant Hematology.

### **2009-2009 Post-doctoral Fellow, Tampa, FL**

I trained as a post-doctoral fellow at Dr. July Djeu's lab at H. Lee. Moffitt Cancer Center/Immunology Department. My primary research interest focuses on studying the contributions of Clusterin gene in chemoresistance of prostate cancer during inflammation and TLR4 activation.

### **2004-2009 Graduate Student-Ph.D Candidate, Loma Linda, CA**

Loma Linda University Graduate School/School of Medicine Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics Ph.D Candidate at the Center for Health Disparities and Molecular Medicine Laboratory of Carlos A. Casiano, Ph.D, Laboratory of Michael M. Lilly, M.D. Primary research interest at this laboratory is to study the role of PIM-1 protein in prostate cancer. A defining characteristic of solid tumors is the capacity to divide and spread under conditions of nutrient deprivation and limited oxygen availability. Survival pathways are activated within tumor cells to cope with these ambient stresses. We hypothesize that PIM-1 may be expressed in tumors in response to hypoxia and hif-1 $\alpha$  activation, leading to chemotherapy drug resistance in the malignant cells.

### **2002-2004--Research Assistant II, Children Hospital of Los Angeles, Dep. Bone Marrow Transplant/Immunology**

At USC/Children's Hospital of Los Angeles (CHLA), I was involved in research with the Division of Research Immunology and Bone Marrow Transplantation. Research within the Division includes both basic research and clinical trials. My primary research responsibilities involved the isolation of stem cells from cord blood and bone marrow. I examined the effects of cytokines and other factors on the production of B-cells from stem cells

### **2001-2002--Research Assistant I La Sierra University, CA**

In my position as a research assistant at La Sierra University/Riverside, I examined expression of the Ikaros DNA-binding protein in mouse cells by RT-PCR. This work has been published as part of **"Ikaros Isoform X is Selectively Expressed in Myeloid Differentiation."** *Journal of Immunology* 170(6):3091-8, 2003. Through this project, I gained experience with RT-PCR machines, imagers, and spectrophotometers.

#### **1989-2001--Facility Director Beverly Hills, CA**

Starting as a secretary with Beverly Hills Diagnostic in 1989, I worked my way up to front office coordinator, then to billing supervisor, and for the last three years of my employment, as the facility director. My job was to direct all the activities between our office & 26 other constituent MRI centers in Southern California. Working at this facility was an enlightening experience in my life, since working with patients and seeing advances in medicine were the driving forces behind my decision to become a scientist.

### **TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE**

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#### **2017-Present—Cancer Biology Instructor at Moffitt Cancer Center**

*Moffitt Cancer Center Department of Immunology*

**Responsibilities:** Teaching immunobiology and vaccine immunotherapy to cancer biology graduate students.

#### **2009-Present--Research Mentor. Tampa, FL**

*Moffitt Cancer Center, Department of Immunology.*

**Responsibilities:** Training rotating graduate students and Interns in basic science and immunologic assay techniques, as well as presentation compilation and delivery skills, and general basic science career development.

#### **2007-2008--Immunology Instructor, La Sierra University, CA**

I have worked as a contract instructor/lecturer in the biology department at La Sierra University, teaching Immunology. I have had, on average, 40-45 students in each class (a total of 2 classes), mostly pre-dental or pre-medical students.

#### **2008-2009--Teacher's assistant, Medical Microbiology Laboratory Course, Loma Linda University's School of Medicine, CA**

I served as a TA for Loma Linda University's School of Medicine. Primary duties included assisting in preparing samples, preparing lectures for lab students, preparing lab quizzes, and teaching microbiology laboratory techniques.

#### **2002-2006--Teacher's assistant for Gross Anatomy/Human Physiology, La Sierra University, CA**

I have been a TA for La Sierra University's Biology Department since 2002, working with Dr. Eugene Joseph in the Gross Anatomy section. Primary duties included assisting with cadaver dissection, preparing lectures for lab students, preparing lab quizzes, teaching using body parts, and guiding students in their gross anatomy lectures.

#### **2001-2002--Teacher's assistant for Bio-Chemistry II and Bio-Chemistry III, La Sierra University, CA**

My duties were to plan experiments for the students in the class, following the requirements set by the course director, Dr. M. Payne. Second part of my duties was to oversee the student progress, troubleshoot, guide, grade, and direct lab activities.

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• -Loma Linda University Annual Research Symposium	Awarded Excellent Scientific Poster (3 <sup>rd</sup> Place)	2005
• -Loma Linda University Annual Research Symposium	Awarded Excellent Scientific Poster (1 <sup>st</sup> Place)	2006
• -Loma Linda University Annual Research Symposium	Awarded Excellent Scientific Oral Presentation (1 <sup>st</sup> Place-)	2008
• -AACR “Pathobiology of Cancer”	Invited Participant (Snowmass Village, CO)	2009
• -NCI T32 Post-doctoral Training Grant	Tumor Immunology/Moffitt Cancer Center	2009-12
• -Moffitt Scientific Symposium	(Awarded best oral presentation)	2010

- -Moffitt Scientific Symposium (Awarded best oral presentation) 2012
- -American Society of Hematology Meeting Abstract Achievement Award Recipient 2013
- -American Assoc. of Immunologist Meeting Abstract Achievement Award Recipient 2013
- -Award of Excellence Scientist Awardee Moffitt Cancer Center 2018

## LEADERSHIP AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

### **2011-Present Member of Government Relations Task Force (GRTF-Moffitt)**

Primary responsibility is to represent Moffitt's postdoctoral committee to national and state officials, educating them about biomedical/cancer research. Our task force has organized several site visits for various congresspeople to protest funding cuts and emphasize the availability of additional funding opportunities to train more research scientists.

### **2009-Present Board Member Moffitt Cancer Center Post-Doctoral Association**

The main responsibility of this position is to oversee PDA's activities at Moffitt Cancer Center and the University of South Florida.

### **2009-2010 President of Moffitt Cancer Center Post-Doctoral Association**

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### **2007-2008 President of Loma Linda University Student Association**

Loma Linda University consists of 12 schools, totaling 4000 students---From the School of Medicine to Pharmacy, Dentistry, etc. All students' activities on campus are coordinated by the Loma Linda Student Association (LLUSA). LLUSA consists of 10-12 officers all serving the student community on campus. As the President of this committee, I oversaw all student activities on campus. My duties included bringing together clubs, individual school Student Associations, faculty, and administration. I attended several administrative meetings and served on the Student Affairs Committee, the Chancellor's Committee, the Academic Affairs Committee, and as an invitee on the University Board of Trustees Committee.

#### **Community Services involved with this position:**

- Overseeing the LLU's "Malawi Project" (Humanitarian aid to Malamulu Clinic and schools) activities.
- Coordinating LLU's "Food Ministry" with the campus Chaplain's office.
- Coordinating LLU's "Ronald McDonald House" events with the CAPS (Community Partners Service) office.
- Organizing Mission trips with the SIMS (Students interested in Mission Service) office.

### **2006-2007 Academic Vice President for LLU's Graduate School Student Council**

In this committee, I serve as the Graduate School's academic vice president. This position has allowed me to work closely with faculty members to troubleshoot academic conflicts, redundancies, and complaints.

### **2001-2002 Vice President of La Sierra University Pre-Med club.**

In this position, I served as the VP of the Pre-Medical Society of La Sierra University. This opportunity allowed me to get involved with other students and to develop my leadership skills in an academic environment.

### **1999-2000 Troop Leader/Scout master (Troop 150 San Gabriel Council)**

Homenetmen Glendale chapter's scouting division is the most considerable scouting Troop in the San Gabriel council. With 435 members, it is divided into 23 groups, each with a scoutmaster. In 1997, I was assigned as the Troop leader in charge of this chapter. This position enhanced my ability to work as part of a team and to be a productive leader. Most importantly, I learned a lot about kids and the kind of care they require.

### **1994-1998 First Aid/CPR Instructor (American Red Cross)**

I believe that being a leader is not only about leadership and organization. Since I already had a passion for medicine, I joined the American Red Cross and became an instructor for community CPR and First Aid. For 4 years, I trained all the other scoutmasters and coaches in CPR and First Aid. Teaching is a noble profession

and an essential tool to enhance minds. Knowing that one day, one of my students might save a life is the greatest reward.

**1994-1998                      Executive Committee Member (Homenetmen Glendale Chapter)**

After completing my 3-year term as a scoutmaster, during our 1994 annual membership meeting, I was elected to the Executive Committee of Homenetmen. The committee includes 7 to 9 members who are responsible for daily operations, including activity details, finances, and interactions with the city's various non-profit organizations. Being a member of this committee for 2 years taught me organizational leadership and enhanced my understanding of management concepts.

**1996-1998                      Advisor (Glendale Adventist Medical Center)**

I joined the Advisory Board as an ANC member. My job was to consult with the hospital to empower community relations. In this position, I had the privilege of consulting with physicians and patients to improve feedback on patient care. I also volunteered at the Medical Center, helping with translations and patient transport. This experience broadened my understanding of caring for people in need within the context of medicine.

**1995-1996                      Media Relations Director (Armenian National Committee)**

For me, being involved in the community is very important. In 1995, I joined the Armenian National Committee in Glendale. ANC is a non-profit, community-based organization that addresses the city's socio-economic issues. In my position, I was mainly involved in community service activities and events—serving as a communication advocate between Armenian community organizations and other ethnic groups. This position made me realize how vital each individual is to a community or a group.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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<b>2005-Present</b>	American Association of Cancer Research
<b>2012-Present</b>	American Association of Immunologists
<b>2013-Present</b>	American Society of Hematology
<b>2012-Present</b>	American Society of Oncologists