



DATE: May 13, 2025
TO: City Commissioners
FROM: Nguyen Tran, CRA Director
Kimberly Vazquez, Redevelopment Project Manager III

THROUGH: Gregory P. Harrison, Executive Director

RE: Rising Tide Car Wash – 2851 W Atlantic Boulevard – Use Allowed as
A Special Exception

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The Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) fully supports the development of the Rising Tide Car Wash facility proposed for 2851 W Atlantic Boulevard. The subject property is zoned B-3 (General Business), which accommodates a diverse range of moderate-intensity retail, service, and office uses. These uses are intended to meet the needs of residents, businesses, and the broader community. A car wash facility is considered a permissible use under a Special Exception within this zoning designation.

Rising Tide Car Wash, is a nationally recognized leader in workforce inclusion. Their planned expansion into Pompano Beach will create over 25 new jobs specifically for Pompano Beach residents with autism. This is particularly impactful in a city where it is estimated that more than 1,900 adults with autism are currently unemployed.

Beyond job creation, Rising Tide Car Wash is dedicated to providing career pathways for individuals with autism, equipping them with the skills, experience, and confidence needed to pursue other roles in the community. Their proven model in Margate, Coral Springs and Parkland have a track record of helping employees move on to new jobs in a variety of industries, supporting long-term career success and independence.

This project fully aligns with the CRA's mission to stimulate economic development, enhance quality of life, and foster projects that make Pompano Beach a more inclusive and progressive city. For this reason, CRA staff is in full support of this Special Exception in the B-3 (General Business) district for 2851 W Atlantic Boulevard.

Sincerely,

Nguyen Tran, CRA Director

cc: Greg Harrison, CRA Executive Director