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TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: August 4, 2008

SUBJECT: **EVALUATION COMMITTEE FOR REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) NO. 36-07/08 FOR PLANNING, ARCHITECTURAL, ENGINEERING AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PLANNING, DESIGN, BID AND AWARD, AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR CERTAIN LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MIAMI BEACH BOTANICAL GARDEN PROJECT WITH FUNDING PROVIDED FROM THE PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED SERIES 2000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND FUND 383.**

The purpose of this LTC is to update the Mayor and City Commission on Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 36-07/08, For Planning, Design and Construction Administrative Services of Landscape Improvements to the Miami Beach Botanical Garden.

At this time, the City needs to hire a design team that includes landscape architecture and engineering components to undertake the planning, design, bid and award, and construction oversight process for landscape improvements to the Miami Beach Botanical Garden, pursuant to the mission and vision of the Garden Conservancy, which is to provide and promote free public access to the facility; demonstrate USDA Zone 10 subtropical horticulture; promote environmental stewardship and green lifestyle; present environmental and ecological education programs for children and adults; preserve urban green space and tree canopy; and to serve as a venue for visual and performing arts, a community resource for weddings, parties and events and a tourist destination.

I am considering appointing the following individuals to serve on the Evaluation Committee on the above subject RFQ:

- Richard Toledo, President, Miami Beach Garden Conservancy
- Donna Higgins, Secretary, Miami Beach Garden Conservancy
- Laura Jamieson, Executive Director, Miami Beach Garden Conservancy
- Ray Breslin, Miami Beach Resident
- Mario Gonzalez-Pola, Senior Capital Projects Coordinator
- Robert Reboso, Asst. Asset Manager, Asset Management Division
- Chris Latt, Chief Arborist, Parks & Recreation

I would appreciate your comments and/or suggestions by August 8, 2008.

Thank you,

c: Gus Lopez, Procurement Director

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