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LETTER TO COMMISSION

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

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: November 24, 2009

SUBJECT: Meeting with County regarding Indian Creek Fire Service

As you may recall, at the October 14, 2009 Commission meeting, the Commission considered an item on the agenda relating entitled "Discussion Regarding Examining The Financial Pros And Cons Of Providing Fire Service To Indian Creek Village." While there was no final motion approved by the Commission, there was direction given to staff and a request made of the Mayor that we meet with the County to discuss their position relating to the provision of fire services to Indian Creek Village. As you may recall, during the discussion there were statements made that either directly or indirectly asserted that the County understood Indian Creek's intent to separate from the County's fire service, and that the County would not be adverse to the City providing that service for the Village.

On Tuesday, November 17, 2009, Mayor Bower and I met with Mayor Carlos Alvarez, his chief of staff Denis Morales, and County Manager George Burgess to discuss several issues of mutual interest and concern. At that time we also spoke about the recent Commission discussion relating to Indian Creek, and requested clarification relating to the County's position on Indian Creek Village. Please see the attached letter from Mayor Alvarez memorializing their position on the matter.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or require additional information.


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CARLOS ALVAREZ
MAYOR

November 23, 2009

Honorable Mattie Herrera Bower
Mayor
City of Miami Beach
1700 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, FL 33139

Dear Mayor Bower:

For many years, the various fire departments in Miami-Dade County have provided excellent service, protecting all of our residents across a wide geographic area with a broad demographic range. It is my desire and heartfelt belief that the current division of responsibilities not change.

As we discussed during our meeting of November 17, it is my strong position that Miami-Dade County, the City of Miami Beach and Indian Creek Village are all best served by preserving the current structure of fire and rescue service. I do not believe that the County or any current municipal fire department should encroach on anyone else's jurisdiction.

I appreciate your taking the time to meet with me, and I look forward to continuing the dialogue on this critical public-safety issue.

Sincerely,

Carlos Alvarez
Mayor

- c: Honorable Dennis C. Moss, Chairman
and Members, Board of County Commissioners
Honorable Edward L. Tobin, Vice Mayor
and Members, Miami Beach City Commission
Denis Morales, Chief of Staff
George M. Burgess, County Manager
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