



MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

NO. LTC # **274-2011**

LETTER TO COMMISSION

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

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: November 4, 2011

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Letter and Information sent to State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle Regarding the Miami Beach Athletic League

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The purpose of this Letter to Commission (LTC) is to share with you a letter I sent to State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle regarding the Miami Beach Police Athletic League (PAL).

As you may know, her office already reviewed the Internal Affairs Report and issued a close out memo dated September 3, 2010. In light of Mr. Steve Cohen's continued allegations of wrongdoing at the Miami Beach PAL, I have asked the State Attorney to review the information I have provided her and proceed with any actions she deems appropriate.

I have provided copies of the internal audit to review the Miami Beach PAL's operation as it relates to the City of Miami Beach, the Internal Affairs Report relating to the investigation of the Miami Beach PAL Board of Directors, which were conducted at my request, as well as copies of emails sent by Mr. Steve Cohen.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

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Attachment



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November 1, 2011

Katherine Fernandez Rundle
Miami-Dade Office of the State Attorney
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Dear Ms. Fernandez Rundle:

For the past couple of years, Steve Cohen, resident and former Miami Beach Police Athletic League (PAL) Board Member, has made allegations of improprieties at the Miami Beach PAL by the former Executive Director and Executive Board members.

As a result, an internal audit to review the Miami Beach PAL's operation as it relates to the City of Miami Beach, as well as an Internal Affairs investigation of the Miami Beach PAL Board of Directors were conducted at my request. My understanding is that the Internal Affairs report was shared with your office.

Notwithstanding these steps and the resulting personnel and operational changes at the Miami Beach PAL, Mr. Cohen appears to still not be satisfied and continues to allege wrongdoing at the Miami Beach PAL.

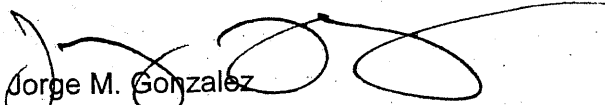
I am attaching copies of the internal audit report, Internal Affairs report, State Attorney Close Out Memo and a CD with emails received from Mr. Cohen since 2009 to the present relative to the Miami Beach PAL.

I would like to request that your office please review the attached information and proceed with any actions you see fit as the State Attorney. In addition, please advise what actions, if any, I should undertake at this juncture.

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Please let me know if there is any other assistance or information that I can provide.

Sincerely,


Jorge M. Gonzalez
City Manager

c: Mayor and City Commission
Carlos Noriega, Police Chief
Steve "Bubba" Cohen
Johni Hardiman, State Attorney's Office

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