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ALEX PENELAS
MAYOR

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Mr. Chris Mazzella
Inspector General
19 West Flagler Street
Suite 220
Miami, FL 33130

Dear Chris:

The results of yesterday's election were a great victory for Miami-Dade County and much of credit must go to you and your staff.

After the debacle of the September 10th primary, our community needed a strong, independent and objective voice to analyze our failure and point the way to a solution. It was immediately clear to me the right person for the job was you.

You were given only one week to isolate and define our flaws and mistakes; and create a blueprint for the future. My faith in you was rewarded with a document that brilliantly evaluated the problem and pointed the way to a solution.

The document you submitted was a blueprint of vision. With geometric logic you gave us the answers that the members of the County Commission and I were looking for.

As you read and watch the accolades that the media is at last bestowing upon us, I want you to know that, in my mind, it would not have been possible without your help.

On behalf of the people of Miami-Dade County, I thank you and your staff for a job done brilliantly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alex Penelas".

Alex Penelas
Mayor