



TAXICAB WORKSHOP
Board of County Commissioners
November 28, 2007

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EXHIBITS LIST

NO.	DATE	ITEM #	DESCRIPTION
1	11/28/2007		Letter address to Mrs. Cathy Grimes Peel --Director of Miami-Dade Consumer Service Department from Mr. Fernando Villacis Mata -- President of Cabbie Association, Inc.
2	11/28/2007		Petition submitted for the record by New Vision Taxi Drivers Association of Miami ,Inc.
3	11/28/2007		Letter address to Miami-Dade County Commissioners Submitted by Raymond Francois.
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CABBIES ASSOCIATION, INC.
Professional Taxi Drivers Fighting For Their Rights

July 19, 2007

Mrs. Cathy Grimes Peel, Director
Consumer Service Department
140 West Flagler Street, Suite 904
Miami, Florida 33130

Dear Mrs. Peel,

As an elected member of the Taxicab Advisor Group (TAG), I am assuming my responsibility as such, but also, as representative of the drivers of the Cabbies Association and I am questioning your decision not to call for new elections, so as to permit current members to stay in their positions for another year, in spite of the fact that their mandates has expired.

According to the Guidelines issued by you on February 6, 2007, current members have now served for the entire terms stipulated in their functions. Therefore, your obligation was to call for new elections, setting favoritism aside for those vested interests and fulfill your responsibilities in an impartial manner, for the benefit of the entire industry.

This decision of yours, without a doubt, only benefits the monopolist leader of this industry and owner of Yellow cab, the largest taxi company in Miami Dade county, Les Eisenberg by name, whose aspirations are to abolish current restrictions about transfers and inheritance of taxi medallions.

All that is left for me to suggest is that you rectify your position and call for elections, in order to appoint the new directors in a framework transparency and credibility for TAG.

Sincerely,



Fernando Villacis Mata
President

CC: Carlos Alvarez, Mayor, Metropolitan Miami-Dade County
George Burgess, Miami-Dade County Manager
Joe Mora, PTRD Director

CONSUMER SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR-HIRE TAXICAB ADVISORY GROUP

Section 31-84 of the Code of Miami-Dade County enables the Consumer Services Department (CSD) to establish a taxicab advisory group (TAG) to the department comprised of representatives from consumers, the industry, transportation related interests, municipalities and public interest organizations.

The functions of the TAG are to:

- Enhance communications between the diverse elements of the taxicab industry and provide a forum for the interchange of ideas.
- Work with CSD to develop, implement and evaluate new innovative taxicab services.
- Review changes, amendments or modifications to administrative orders establishing fees.
- Review the standardized reporting technique for operators.
- Perform the duties of the Taxicab Driver Incentive Program Committee

Membership. The TAG will be made up of 13 members. One member shall be a consumer; two members shall be taxicab passenger service company principals; one member shall be a for-hire taxicab license holder; three members shall be full time taxicab chauffeurs; two members shall be municipal employees; one member shall be a representative of the Office of ADA Coordination; one member shall be the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce Ground Transportation Committee Chairperson or Designee; one member shall be the Greater Miami and the Beaches Hotel Association President or designee; and one member shall be a representative from the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau. With the exception of the representatives of the taxicab industry, members shall not have a financial, beneficial or equitable interest in the private passenger transportation industry and any such interest shall be grounds for automatic removal from the TAG.

Term. The term of office for each TAG member shall be two (2) years, except that to provide for continuity, municipal appointees and representatives of the Chamber, Hotel Association and Bureau shall serve an initial term of three (3) years. Members shall not serve more than two consecutive terms. Appointments to fill a vacancy shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Automatic Removal. Members who fail to attend three consecutive unexcused meetings shall be removed from the TAG. If a member is absent for 50% of a meeting, this shall be considered to be an absence. If a member cannot attend a meeting, a written statement addressed to the Chairperson shall be submitted in advance to the Consumer Services Department. The TAG may remove a member for cause.

Quorum. A quorum shall be constituted when seven members are in attendance. The time period for reaching the quorum shall be 30 minutes from the announced commencement time for the meeting, unless waived by the Chairperson.

Frequency of Meetings. The TAG shall meet on a quarterly basis for regularly scheduled meetings in January, April, July and October. The TAG may meet for special meetings in response to a request of the Chairperson and the CSD Director or Director's designee.

Filling Vacancies. The TAG shall have the responsibility of filling vacancies on the TAG following initial establishment of the TAG by the CSD; provided, however, that the composition of the TAG shall mirror the community as to gender and ethnicity. There shall be a



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**Dear Honorable Board Commissioners
Miami Dade County:**

My honor we urge you to rewrite the taxi medallion's codes, so we can have a real medallion system where the drivers can be financed by banks instead of taxi companies that continue to exploit them with a 14 to 30% rate regardless their good credit record.

We, the undersigned of this letter who have our own permit and tired with the present system pledge for the banks to take over.

No	First Name	Last Name	Cab #	Phone #
	Jean Claude	DESILE	3354	305-756-1797
	PALL PRAK	PHANDR	876	305-301-5366
	ANIE	FRANCOIS	3465	786-333-2803
	Cherrel	ALEXIS	3872	305-836-8579
	STEPHEN	GEORGE	3382	305-899-0170
	ELIASSANT G.	ALLIDAS	3041	305-779-4776
	JEAN B.	LESPINASSE	305	804-0279
	CLEMENT Justilien		921	786-286-7980
	ST Cyr A. Merv	A. ST CYR	209	305-303-4067
	MAXIME	Dieuveille	3311	305-962-7284
	Pierre Blond	TOUDY	3266	786-317-4520
	Neus Reed		3337	305-303-0565
	ERILEME	BRESIER	587	786-287-2823
	JOSEPH	Peter-Beno	1093	305-335-9515
	Gerard	Clestin	714	305-300-4712
	Genes Jean Simon		3520	305-221-9330
	SALHAEL	JANVIER	1747	954-962-7608
	Marc R. Petit Honoré		7602	786-499-7764
	TONY CASIMIR	CASIMIR	0033	786-965-0859
	Nekerson Q.	Lesperance	3147	786-306-4521
	Seldere	Philippe	1930	786-281-0942



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No	First Name	Last Name	Cab #	Phone #
	GERMAIN	Dazile	971	
	Pierre E	Geac	1826	305.793.1211
	Jean D'Suzet	Chery	3119	305-336-3296
	Samson	JOLY	3154	(305) 970-6074
	José	Cheroffant	3347	786-826-4892
	Richard Lounst	Lauriston	644	786-426-1163
	JERH, E JERH JACQUE		1504	786-577-3894
185	CHRISTIAN DORCELUS		185	786-399-4573
	Solage	Jasbath	183	786-247-6689
	Manes Escarmant		3346	305-300-2754
	Jean Dornard		1805	305-244-3687
	Acene Poll		3304	786-277-7043
	Ernest Joseph		3266	786-317-4820
	Berthony	Aury	704	786-262-0601
	ANDRE	BERNARD	1470	786-663-6922
	Jelit-Jenne	Cenebus	0189	305-8074-764
	Josner	Pierre	988	786-312-7375
	Joseph	Duc H	786	285-9106
	Donald R	Franz	786	346-4742
	Martin	Ronald	982	277-4327
	FRANZ Romaine	H	786	426-1286



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No	First Name	Last Name	Cab #	Phone #
	JEAN G	Petit-Fond	3128	305-3239321
	LOUIS	M-Die	3054	305-588-1669
	JULES	JOSEPH	3442	786 2870757
	AUGUSTE D. EDUARDO	EDUARDO	3121	7862479782
	EliFrite	Predehus	3371	786-3177903
	Abraham S.	JOSEPH	3445	305-3005249
	Emmanuel Cherud	Cherud	3336	(305) 244-5215
	Edner TIERRE	TIERRE	1688	786-443-2220
	GERARD STEFELIX	STFELIX	4352	786 2736808
	SAMUEL	PAUL	3339	305-753-3572
	METAYER, JS	Joseph	1832	786-546-5497
	Antoine	PIERRE	7621	786-346-4742
	FRANKLIN	TIERRE	233	786-346-4742
	Wilfred	Thelusma	944	(786) 267-1034
	ALFRED	DORVAL	3295	306 779-3538
	WILJEAN	MARCELINE	1239	305-7756652
	LAURISTON	CHARLES	6444	(786) 4261163
	Hickson	CAMPANA	3103	305-4091256
	STAMOUR	Jean	3467	305 722-6712
	Wilson	Nereus	3272	305970-6136
	JOSEPH R	PHILEMOND	1286	786-2775200



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**Dear Honorable Board Commissioners
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My honor, I know everybody would like to move on with the new technology. However, it's not fit for cab drivers in Miami-Dade County yet, too many things left behind. The least hybrid car costs \$25,000.00. Therefore, the type insurance we have in the taxi business does not cover the car. As a result, we cannot invest our money in a car like this. Whenever we get involve in accident we will lose everything.

I believe it is time for all cab drivers and the cabs cover under the taxi's insurance. So we can move together with the New World. **On be half of New Vision Taxi Drivers Association of Miami**, I Thank you and may God bless you all.

**Respectfully yours,
Raymond Francois
New Vision Administrator**