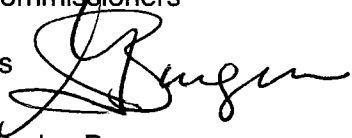


Memorandum



DATE: December 1, 2006

TO: Honorable Carlos Alvarez, Mayor
Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez and Members,
Board of County Commissioners

FROM: George M. Burgess
County Manager 

SUBJECT: Retirement of Dr. Carlos Bonzon

Please be advised that Assistant County Manager Dr. Carlos Bonzon will end his Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) period on December 31, 2006. Carlos has been a dedicated County employee for over 35 years, and an extremely loyal and valuable member of my top management team for the last three years. The unique mix of expertise that Carlos brought to the County Manager's Office is one that will be difficult to duplicate. As a professional engineer, Carlos has left an imprint in the areas of transportation, development and construction within the County organization. His "straight talking – say it like it is" approach, is one which I respected and found quite refreshing.

Carlos began his County career as a Civil Engineer in the Public Works Department, and his experience spans from Aviation, Building & Zoning, Public Works and Miami-Dade Transit. One of his most significant accomplishments was leading the planning and management of all design, engineering, construction and contract administration associated with the existing \$1.4 billion Metrorail and Metromover systems. While serving as the Director of the County's Building & Zoning Department, Carlos was instrumental in the initiation of innovative County processes to speed reconstruction after Hurricane Andrew. As Deputy Director at the County's Aviation Department, Carlos was responsible for the overall direction, planning and management of the design and construction of the department's massive capital expansion program.

Carlos' experience in urban mass transit and major capital development programs made him an ideal choice to join my management team in 2003. Carlos has been at the fore of the People's Transportation Plan (PTP) initiative overseeing and/or supporting Miami-Dade Transit, Public Works, the Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust. I am most appreciative of when, in 2004, Carlos agreed to serve as the Interim Aviation Director at a critical juncture in the Airport's capital expansion. Dr. Bonzon handled an array of extremely complex Airport issues with great skill. Upon his return as Assistant County Manager, Carlos has also provided oversight of capital improvement programs and headed negotiations for the Port Tunnel, in addition to continued oversight of the PTP.

I am very fortunate that Carlos served as a key member of my executive team over the last three years of his County career. While I wish him and his family the best as he leaves the County, I would not be surprised to see Carlos re-join the County family if the right opportunity presents itself.

C: Honorable Bennett Brummer, Public Defender
Honorable Joseph P. Farina, Chief Judge, Eleventh Judicial Circuit
Katherine Fernandez-Rundle, State Attorney
Honorable Harvey Ruvin, Clerk, Circuit and County Courts
Marvin O'Quinn, President, Public Health Trust Honorable
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