

# Memorandum



**Date:** May 24, 2012  
**To:** Honorable Joe A. Martinez, Chairman  
**From:** Carlos A. Gimenez  
Mayor   
**Subject:** Reorganization Savings/Ad Valorem Revenues

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As we move into the final phase of developing the FY 2012-13 Proposed Budget, I am considering the possibilities related to the savings we have already attained as a result of the reorganization this year and what will be included in the Proposed Budget, as well as the potential for limited property tax roll growth. I received your May 17, 2012 memorandum on the subject, and as a former member of the Board of County Commissioners for seven years, I fully understand that the final allocation of these revenues is the decision of the Board of County Commissioners.

My Proposed Budget will include a reduction of more than 500 positions, which are currently vacant, and more than \$40 million of savings associated with the reorganization to 25 departments. The prospects are likely that there will be slight growth in the property tax roll. Last year, I made promises to both our residents and our employees that my Proposed Budget will be a continuation of a two-year effort. It will save our taxpayers more than \$370 million and keep or enhance services. In addition, my Proposed Budget will recommend reorganization savings and ad valorem revenue growth be used to reduce the employees' contribution to group health care costs by up to four (4) percent, as well as allow a possible reduction to the millage rate.

In the coming weeks, I will be meeting with each Commissioner individually to review my Proposed Budget and answer any questions. I look forward to full and open discussion of my Proposed Budget prior to the setting of the tentative millage rates in July.

- c: Honorable Vice Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson and Members,  
Board of County Commissioners
- Honorable Harvey Ruvlin, Clerk, Circuit and County Courts
- Honorable Pedro Garcia, Property Appraiser
- Robert A. Cuevas, Jr., County Attorney
- Christopher Agrippa, Division Chief, Clerk of the Board
- Charles Anderson, Commission Auditor
- All County Employees
- Benjamin Borges, President, AFSCME Local 199
- Gregg Blackman, President, GSAF Local 100
- John Rivera, President, Dade County PBA
- Emilio Azoy, President, AFSCME Local 121
- Rowan Taylor, President, IAFF Local 1403
- Carl Martin, Administrator, TWU Local 291
- Antonio Eiroa, President, AFSCME Local 1542
- Joel Hernandez, President, AFSCME Local 3292