Mayor's Blue Ribbon Taskforce
for the
Miami-Dade Public Library System

Discussion Agenda for Taskforce Recommendations
Board of County Commissioners Chambers
Stephen P. Clark Center, 2nd Floor
111 NW 1 Street, Miami, FL 33128
Friday, February 21, 2014, at 9:30 A.M.

1   SERVICE NEEDS

1A

Taking into account the diverse interests and needs of our community, are there specific programs or service areas that the Taskforce would recommend to prioritize and/or phase-out as the Miami-Dade Public Library System (MDPLS) prepares its *Master Plan for 2014 and Beyond*? (i.e. technology, lending resources, community space, life-long learning, programming for children).

2   SERVICE MODEL

2A

Does the MDPLS currently have an appropriate number of points of service?   Are points of service accessible to library users? Should all points of service offer the same service delivery model?   Are there specific recommendations from the Taskforce regarding the future service delivery models to be offered by the MDPLS?

3   FUNDING

3A

After consideration of the study presented on January 17, 2014 regarding countywide library services, the *Blue Ribbon Funding Working Group's* presentation shared on December 18, 2013, and the background information provided to all Taskforce members, does the Taskforce have a recommendation regarding the incorporation of the Library District into the General Fund.

3B1

        After consideration of the services currently provided by the MDPLS, the community and employee surveys, the presentations provided by the four *Blue Ribbon Working Groups* and the additional background information provided to all Taskforce members, does the Taskforce have a recommendation regarding library funding within its current structure? (i.e. lower the millage rate, sustain the current millage rate, increase the millage rate to sustain current service levels, increase the millage rate to enhance service levels).

3B2

        After consideration of the services currently provided by the MDPLS, the community and employee surveys, the presentations provided by the four *Blue Ribbon Working Groups* and the additional background information provided to all Taskforce members, does the Taskforce have a recommendation regarding funding library services through alternative approaches? (i.e. independent taxing district, a sales tax as an alternative to ad valorem funding, non-ad valorem fee, referendum on a temporary millage increase).

4   AWARENESS, ADVOCACY, AND MARKETING

4A

        After consideration of the community and employee surveys and the presentation provided by the *Blue Ribbon Awareness, Advocacy and Marketing Working,* is the public aware of library services available in Miami-Dade County? Does the public demonstrate an understanding of how library services are funded? If it is determined that there is a need to increase education and awareness in these areas, what specific strategies does the Taskforce recommend to the MDPLS Leadership Team to include in the proposed MDPLS *Master Plan for 2014 and Beyond*?

4B

        The MDPLS already has established entities that lead advisory and advocacy activities for the department. Are there specific strategies that the Taskforce recommends related to the MDPLS's work with these entities?

4C

        If changes in service delivery and/or funding levels are recommended by the Taskforce, are there specific strategies the Taskforce recommends to inform and engage municipalities, community stakeholder groups and Miami-Dade County residents?