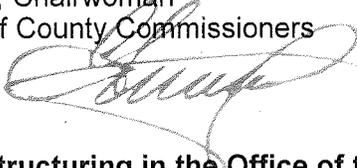


Memorandum



Date: July 23, 2014

To: Honorable Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor 

Subject: Staff Changes and Restructuring in the Office of the Mayor

As you may be aware, Deputy Mayor Genaro "Chip" Iglesias informed me that he will be leaving Miami-Dade County government effective July 31, 2014.

Chip has an exemplary record of public service to our community that dates back several decades. Before agreeing to serve in my administration beginning in 2011, he was my Chief of Staff when I was a County Commissioner and also when I was the Manager of the City of Miami. Prior to that, Chip was a firefighter and paramedic for 24 years in the City of Miami where he reached the rank of Captain.

Chip has always placed service to others at the forefront of his professional career and he will be missed. He is a long-time adviser and friend, and I wish him all the best as he takes his skills and talents to the private sector.

Effective August 1, Deputy Mayor Russell Benford will oversee the public safety portfolio which includes oversight of the Miami-Dade Police, Fire Rescue, Corrections and Rehabilitation and Medical Examiner departments. Russell's current portfolio includes the Community Action and Human Services, Public Housing and Community Development, and Juvenile Services departments, Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust, Miami-Dade Homeless Trust, Miami-Dade Zoo Oversight Board, CareerSource South Florida, Youth Crime Task Force, and the Miami Children's Initiative.

Prior to joining my administration in 2011, Russell was the City Manager of North Miami from 2010-2011, City Manager of West Park in Broward County from 2005-2010 and the Village Manager of Hawthorn Woods (Illinois) from 2000-2005.

Community Information and Outreach (CIAO), which was also a part of Deputy Mayor Iglesias' portfolio, will now report to Communications Director Michael Hernandez. Adding the department to Michael's portfolio makes sense given that among other key services, CIAO facilitates information between Miami-Dade County government and our 2.5 million residents.

Overall, this restructuring will reduce the number of Deputy Mayors from five to four, and result in significant savings in the mayor's office budget. Going forward, I will continue to identify ways to save taxpayer dollars and make our government as efficient as possible, as I have been doing since first being elected Mayor three years ago. In other words, I will continue to lead by example during these difficult budgetary times by doing more with less.

Please join me in thanking Chip for his service to the people of Miami-Dade County, and in congratulating Russell and Michael.

c: Honorable Harvey Ruvin, Clerk, Circuit and County Courts
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