Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: June 2, 2015

To: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
And Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor

Subject: Craigslist Safe Haven – Directive 150527

The attached information is provided in response to Resolution No. R-126-15 adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on February 3, 2015 requesting me to examine the feasibility of providing at least four (4) locations in Miami-Dade County to serve as a safe haven for anyone seeking to complete an internet sale transaction related to a classified advertisement website. These locations should be sites that deter criminal activity, be well populated, and provide a safe location to conduct internet sale transactions.

Police departments across the country are responding to an increasing trend of internet sale transactions that result in robberies and thefts. These actions affect the larger number of individuals who are conducting their sales in an honest manner and ensure that these transactions occur safely.

The Internal Services Department (ISD) has identified four (4) locations, one in the north, south, west, and central parts/areas of Miami-Dade County for all residents who wish to complete safe internet sale transactions. The locations identified by ISD are as follows:

1. North Dade Justice Center
   15555 Biscayne Boulevard
   Security until 6:00 pm

2. South Dade Government Center
   10710 SW 211 Street
   Security until 6:00 pm

3. West Dade Permitting and Inspection Center
   11805 SW 26 Street
   Security until 8:00 pm

4. Stephen P. Clark Center
   111 NW First Center
   Security onsite 24 hours / 7 days a week

Except for the Stephen P. Clark Center, these County facilities conduct business Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, and provide, for a limited timeframe, after-hour security. The Stephen P. Clark Center is the only County facility identified that is open 24 hours a day / 7 days a week.

In addition to the four (4) County facilities listed above, if any member of this community feels unsure or unsafe about conducting their internet sale transactions, they may use any Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD) District facility parking lot. A list of MDPD Districts can be found at http://www.miamidade.gov/police/contacts-us.asp. In addition, I am also asking that MDPD create safety tips for internet sale transactions and make them available on their MDPD website.

Per Ordinance 14-65, this memorandum will be placed on the next available Board of County Commissioners meeting agenda.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Tara Smith, ISD Director, at 305-375-1135 or J.D. Patterson, Jr., MDPD Director, 305-471-3272, or me directly.

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