

Memorandum



Date: March 16, 2017

To: Abigail Price-Williams, County Attorney

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor

Subject: Public Release of Federal I-247 Forms Regarding Immigration Requests and Detainers

Miami-Dade County has received many public records requests for information related to immigration detainees, and we have disclosed as much information as is legally permissible. The County has provided information about inmates in our correctional facilities, including criminal history, current charges, and whether an inmate has been released to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Miami-Dade County prides itself on being an open, honest, transparent and efficient government. You have advised me that federal law prohibits the County from releasing Department of Homeland Security I-247 Forms related to immigration requests and detainees.

I strongly believe that the release of the forms is consistent with the County's practice of disclosure and transparency, and this information should not be withheld from the public. Therefore, I request that you immediately seek written authorization from the federal government allowing the County to release these forms to the public. While we will continue to comply with federal law, we will also continue to release and disclose public information, as permitted by law.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

c: Honorable Chairman Esteban Bovo Jr.
and Members, Board of County Commissioners
Geri Bonzon Keenan, First County Attorney
Harvey Ruvin, Clerk of the Courts
Russell Benford, Deputy Mayor
Daniel Junior, Interim Director, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
Office of the Mayor Senior Staff
Christopher Agrippa, Clerk of the Board