

**Public Works and Waste Management** 

Special Taxing District Division 111 NW 1st Street • 5th Floor Miami, Florida 33128 T (305) 375-5514

June 6, 2015

John Doe 1234 Main Street Miami Florida 12345 **Property Address:** 1234 Main Street **Folio Number:** 3040230120080

## **RE: Special Taxing District Program Administration and Notice of Proposed Rate Increase**

## Dear Property Owner:

The Miami-Dade County (County) Special Taxing District Division is responsible for the management and operation of 1,068 active special taxing districts providing services such as street lighting, security guards, multipurpose maintenance, and capital improvements/road maintenance to approximately 389,740 households in unincorporated and municipal neighborhoods throughout the County.

The County's Audit and Management Department has conducted an audit of all special taxing districts managed by the County. The ongoing audit process and subsequent management review have revealed issues with management and accounting practices that are currently being addressed that includes rate adjustments based on services provided and costs for service.

In the next week, you will receive a notice which will include a proposed rate increase in YOUR special taxing district(s) assessment. Florida Statute 197.3632 requires a public hearing for all non-ad valorem assessments prior to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) taking final action on the Non-ad Valorem Assessment Roll. We invite you to participate in the public hearing process or you may file your comments in writing (by letter or email) by June 28, 2015 with the Public Works and Waste Management's Special Taxing District Division at the following address:

Special Taxing District Division Director 111 NW 1 Street, 15th Floor Miami, Florida 33128 Via Email – STDP@miamidade.gov

In addition to my appointment as the new Division Director, please be assured that we have taken all of the necessary steps to ensure that all processes, operating procedures, associated policies and accurate rates for the management of the Special Taxing District Program are in place. We apologize for any inconvenience the proposed corrected rate increase may cause you. My staff and I stand ready to respond to any questions or concerns that you may have about the Special Taxing District Program and the services provided. You can reach division staff at 305-375-5514, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or via email at STDP@miamidade.gov.

Sincerely,

Mike Bauman

Division Director, Special Taxing District Program