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To: The Honorable Oliver G. Gilbert III, Chairman
and Members, Board of County Commissioners, Miami-Dade County
The Honorable Daniella Levine Cava, Mayor, Miami-Dade County

From: Felix Jimenez, Inspector General 

Date: December 16, 2022

Subject: Celebrating 25 Years of Service

I am pleased to announce the 25-year anniversary of the creation of the Miami-Dade County Office of the Inspector General. Established by County ordinance, approved by the Board of County Commissioners on December 16, 1997, the OIG is empowered to investigate, audit, and review allegations of waste, fraud, abuse and mismanagement. The Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners determined that the oversight of such a large and diverse government required the organization and administration of the OIG to be independent and autonomous, to assure that no interference or influence external to the Office adversely affects the independence and objectivity of the Inspector General. At the time the ordinance was passed, one commissioner stated, “the unanimous vote will send a powerful message across all lines of County government that we mean business – clean business, to the best interests of all the citizens.”

We at the OIG strive to enhance County operations. Since its creation, our office has conducted hundreds of audits; administrative and criminal investigations; inspections; and reviews, including procurement and contract oversight engagements, resulting in the recovery of millions of dollars and the identification of millions more in questioned costs, damages, losses, overpayments, and cost savings. As a chartered, autonomous, and independent agency, our work often results in recommendations for improved integrity and efficiency of County services. The OIG provides both policy makers and administrative personnel with our independent assessment involving operational and contract compliance, and adherence to legal and administrative procedures. All our units contribute to our overall mission, which is to provide independent oversight of County affairs.

During this past year, the OIG received its third reaccreditation by the Florida Commission for Law Enforcement Accreditation and also achieved a successful peer review by the Association of Inspectors General.

I value the relationship we have developed with our elected officials, the administration, and with the many department directors and their staff who recognize the value the Office of the Inspector General provides to Miami-Dade County. Lastly, I am grateful to our first two inspectors general, Chris Mazzella and Mary Cagle, for their stewardship of the office and to the very talented and dedicated staff of the OIG. We look forward to continuing to serve the citizens of Miami-Dade County.