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Subject: Fwd: MPO Membership

Mayor and Commissioners,

Please see my email to counsel for the MPO below. This matter will be discussed at the City Commission meeting on December 8th.

Please do not reply to all, and please call with any questions.

Craig E. Leen
City Attorney

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Leen, Craig" <cleen@coralgables.com>
Date: November 30, 2015 at 5:31:47 PM EST
To: "Bokor, Alexander (CAO)" <abokor@miamidade.gov>
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Subject: Re: MPO Membership

Alex,

Thank you for your response. I am placing the MPO issue on the upcoming City Commission agenda to brief the Commission and, as you requested, will provide them the information in your email below. The City continues to firmly believe that it should have representation on the MPO as a city with a population of more than 50,000. I would note once again that there is precedent supporting an interdecennial census being used to designate an urbanized area of over 50,000 in Flagstaff, Arizona that is expressly referenced on the USDOT website.

Best regards,
Craig

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On Nov 18, 2015, at 11:14 AM, Bokor, Alexander (CAO) <abokor@miamidade.gov> wrote:

Craig,

It is good to hear from you and it was nice to see you last week. I am including the MPO clerk on this email chain. I know we have discussed this issue previously but for purposes of this email I would simply note that the decennial census listed on that very same link that you reference in your email below lists Coral Gables as having a population under 50,000. MPO staff has previously communicated with City of Coral Gables staff and officials that according to Florida Statutes 339.175(4)(a) (emphasis added), "the Governor shall review the composition of the M.P.O. membership in conjunction with the decennial census as prepared by the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, and reapportion it as necessary to comply with subsection (3)." I would kindly ask that you convey the MPO's position and statutory support when discussing this issue so that your officials may have that information for their consideration.

Of course, please do not hesitate to contact me with any additional questions or comments.

Best Regards,

Alex Bokor

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Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 10:57 AM
To: Libhaber, Bruce (CAO); Bokor, Alexander (CAO)
Cc: Price-Williams, Abigail (CAO)
Subject: MPO Membership
Importance: High

Bruce and Alex,

Good morning, I hope you are doing well. Please see the information below. The US Census Bureau presently lists the City of Coral Gables as having a population of 51,227, which makes it an Urbanized Area of over 50,000. It is the City's position that it should have a seat on the MPO, and that the MPO should work with the City to ensure it has one. Please share this email with the MPO. I am placing this

matter on the upcoming City Commission agenda for discussion as to how to proceed, and I will be forwarding this email to the City Commission and City Manager as well.

The link where you can see the City's population is here: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/12/1214250.html>

Best regards,
Craig

Craig E. Leen
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