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TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: February 21, 2014

SUBJECT: Governor Rick Scott Appoints Miami Beach Police Chief Raymond A. Martinez to the Florida Violent Crime and Drug Control Council

This Letter to the Mayor and City Commission is to provide information on the appointment by Florida Governor Rick Scott of MBPD Chief Raymond A. Martinez to the Florida Violent Crime and Drug Control Council.

The Florida Violent Crime and Drug Control Council was established to financially assist local law enforcement agencies working violent crime, major drug and money laundering investigations, and victim/witness protection and relocation efforts. The Council is comprised of 14 members to advise the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Executive Director and make recommendations on the development and implementation of initiatives to combat violent crime, drug trafficking, and money laundering. Eight members of the Council are standing members by virtue of their positions, and 6 are appointed by the Governor. Members appointed by the Governor serve a 2-year term.

The Council reviews funding requests and discusses crime issues having the most impact on Florida's citizens and visitors. The Council is briefed by experts in various disciplines on emerging crime trends and issues in Florida. Members of the Council and the Regional Coordinating Teams (representing state and local law enforcement agencies in each of the FDLE regions) collectively discuss solutions to combat drug and violent crime; these solutions often include legislative recommendations, technology innovations, improved investigative techniques, enhanced communication, and advanced training for law enforcement officers and criminal justice agencies.

The participation of Chief Martinez in this important State of Florida law enforcement advisory council will potentially enhance the awareness of the crime issues facing the City of Miami Beach at the State level and provide information on additional funding opportunities for the MBPD to combat violent crime and drug trafficking.

Please join me in congratulating Chief Martinez on his appointment to the Florida Violent Crime and Drug Control Council.

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