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Dear Mayor Cava,

As you know, Governor DeSantis established the Florida DOGE team and charged us with identifying and reporting on excessive spending at the local level. We appreciated your response to our July 11, 2025 letter, which confirmed the 29% increase in countywide property tax revenues to Miami-Dade County between FY 20-21 and FY 23-24 – over \$430 million in additional countywide ad valorem revenue. Your response also documents the 56% increase in the revenue generated by local option food & beverage taxes, and substantial increases in numerous other revenue sources, totaling nearly \$3 billion more in county revenue in FY 23-24 than in FY 20-21.

Particularly in light of these increases in revenue, we are concerned about the \$400M+ budget gap that you have announced. We are therefore making the requests below for additional information about county expenditures. Pursuant to the Governor's authority under Article 4, Section 1(a) of the Florida Constitution, the Chief Financial Officer's authority under ss. 17.04 and 17.05, Florida Statutes, and the Office of Policy and Budget's authority under the Laws of Florida, chapter 2025(199), Section 124, please respond to the following requests by August 13, 2025.

After receiving your responses, we anticipate making a request for on-site access to data systems and responsive personnel on a subsequent date.

You may reach out to the Florida DOGE team and OPB regarding this request at 850-759-2440 or EOGDOGE@laspbs.state.fl.us.

Responses to the information requests may be provided electronically through the secure electronic portal to which you have previously uploaded documents.

You should note that financial penalties may accrue for your failure to comply with each of the following requests.



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Sincerely,

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Topic: Procurement and contracting

Request No.1 All policies, procedures, rules, and legal requirements for County contracts and purchases for which the mayor is delegated the authority to award pursuant to Miami-Dade County Ordinance § 2-8.1.

Request No. 2 You previously provided to us an Excel workbook titled “5-All Active Contracts Spend and PO Details,” which included a worksheet titled “Spending Summary.” For each Contract ID listed for which the total spending since FY23 exceeds \$75,000 and is less than \$5,000,000, please provide the line item or line items in the county budget in which the spending for this contract is budgeted.

Request No. 3 Provide the same information as for Request No. 3 for any new contracts exceeding \$75,000 since the date that previous workbook was prepared.

Request No. 4 Identify each exercise of the authority referenced in Request No. 1 since January 1, 2023 and provide the Contract ID, amount awarded, and amount spent. You may provide this information by adding it to the Excel workbook referenced above or by providing the information separately.

Request No. 5 Since the beginning of FY 23, all information supporting the determination of the reasonableness of pricing for the awards responsive to Request No. 4.

Topic: Personnel Compensation

Request No. 1 You previously provided to us an Excel workbook titled “3A-List of current individual employee salary ranges,” which lists salary ranges by employee ID number. For each entry in that workbook, provide the amount of gross wages, regular pay, overtime pay, bonuses, other cash compensation, and total compensation.

Request No. 2 All rules, procedures, and guidance at the department-wide level or above regarding promotions, step or level increases, or bonuses from FY 2019-20 to the present.

Request No. 3 A list of all decisions to provide department-wide or county-wide salary increases or bonuses from FY 2019-2020 to the present.

Request No. 4 For all decisions responsive to Request No. 3, any analysis conducted of the costs of such increases, alternatives, and projections of future associated costs and how such costs would be paid.

Management Practices

Request No. 1 Records of all inventories of tangible personal property, including:

- a) the date of the most recent inventory performed to date
- b) the reconciliation of that inventory to property records
- c) records of disposal between inventories
- d) identification of attractive personal property items

Request No. 2 For any county-owned property leased to another entity, private or public:

- a) the amount of the lease
- b) the terms of the lease
- c) any assessment of the fair market value of the property
- d) the basis and determination that such lease constitutes the best use of the property.

Request No. 3 For any purchase or sale of public-owned property, the most recent appraisal made prior to such purchase or sale.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:

Request No. 1 Since January 1, 2023, all jobs with the responsibility to advance the diversity, equity, inclusion, or so-called anti-racism. Diversity, equity, and inclusion includes any form of preferential treatment based on race, ethnicity, gender, or the like (including the use of substitutes such as “cultural competence” or “lived experience” to conceal such preferential treatment), training sessions or other programs that separate people into groups based on intrinsic characteristics, and training or required statements about privilege, bias, diversity, racism, or belonging.

Request No. 2 The current positions and activities of any person who previously had such responsibilities and is still employed by Miami-Dade County

Request No. 3 Since January 1, 2023, the titles, dates of administration, and duration for any scheduled training for county personnel, or made available by the county to others (including but not limited to contractors, grant recipients, or members of the public) that included diversity, equity, inclusion, or anti-racism as a topic or subject.

Request No. 4 Since January 1, 2023, the titles of any unscheduled or self-service training for county personnel, or made available by the county to others (including but not limited to contractors, grant recipients, or members of the public) that included diversity, equity, inclusion, or anti-racism as a topic or subject.

Request No. 5 For any training responsive to Request No. 3 or Request No. 4, a copy of all training materials used, provided to participants, or made available for participants to obtain voluntarily.

Request No. 6 For any training responsive to Request No. 3 or Request No. 4, the identities and qualifications of those conducting the training.

Request No. 7 For any training responsive to Request No. 3 or Request No. 4, the names and positions of those attending the training.

Request No. 8 For any training responsive to Request No. 3 or Request No. 4, the identities and qualifications of those conducting the training.

Request No. 9 For any training responsive to Request No. 3 or Request No. 4, all costs and expenses associated with the training.

Request No. 10 For any training responsive to Request No. 3 or Request No. 4, if the training was conducted by a contractor or other external entity, all documents related to the qualifications, selection, and payment of such individual, contractor or entity.

Request No.11 Any program operated by the county on the basis of an individual's race, ethnicity, or gender, or targeted to a specific group based on the group's racial, ethnic, or gender characteristics.

Request No. 12 Any grant made by the county to an organization that operates on the basis of, or for the benefit of, individuals of a specified race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or gender identity other than male or female, or that targets a specific group or set of groups based on race, ethnicity, or sexual orientation.

Request No. 13 Any communication sent to all county staff, or to all staff within a county department, between January 1, 2019 and the present, regarding diversity, equity, inclusion, DEI, or so-called anti-racism.

Green New Deal

Request No. 1: Since January 1, 2023, any purchases or other expenses for the lease or acquisition of battery-electric vehicles (EVs), EV infrastructure, energy purchases associated with EV infrastructure, solar power systems, carbon credits, carbon charges, or

other emissions reduction mechanisms, , and for each such expense, provide any records, assessments, or analysis of:

- a) Any alternative purchase option, including but not limited to, no-purchase options, purchase or lease of internal combustion engine powered vehicles, power generated from other sources;
- b) any analysis of the impact of the action on global climate;
- c) records of the reliability of any EV, EV infrastructure, or solar power system in use by the county during the time period from January 1, 2019 to present;
- d) records of all training related to the topic of climate change, battery-electric vehicles, or solar power, including the justifications, content, and attendance records for such training, and the location and costs (including travel costs) of such training.

Grants and Other Financial Management

Request No. 1: Policies, procedures, rules, and legal requirements including procedures for making awards and for monitoring compliance and performance, for grants made to nonprofits, including community-based organizations.

Request No. 2: For all such grants made since January 1, 2023:

- a) the amount of such grant
- b) all grant documents
- c) the budget line item from which the grant has been funded in each fiscal year
- d) all records of payments made pursuant to such grants

Request No. 2: For all grants received by the county other than those made by a state agency, in partnership with a state agency, or administered by a state agency:

- a) the matching requirements for such grants, if any
- b) the source of funding for the match
- c) records of the decision to pursue such grant
- d) analysis of the impact of the grant, including any assumptions made in support of the analysis.

Transportation

Request No. 1: Since January 1, 2023, for all installations of traffic calming devices, included but not limited to speed tables, speed humps, raised intersections, curb extensions, and chokers, the following information:

- a) the location, capital, planned lifecycle, and expected annual maintenance costs
- b) the basis for the installation, including any plan, analysis, or recommendation
- c) information related to the consideration of any alternatives

Request No. 2: For all traffic calming devices not included in Request No. 9, the planned lifecycle and expected annual maintenance costs

Request No. 3: For all bicycle and pedestrian improvement projects funded since January 1, 2023, or planned as part of the current capital improvement plan, the calculations of maintenance and operating expenses and the assumptions on which these calculations are based.

Request No. 4: For all bicycle and pedestrian improvement projects completed since January 1, 2020, all actual maintenance and operating expenses.