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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: April 14, 2015

SUBJECT: **Notice of visit from a delegation from the South Korean government on April 17, 2015.**

On April 17, 2015, a group of approximately 46 individuals representing various central and local government agencies in South Korea, including the National Emergency Management Agency and Disaster Preparedness Division, will be visiting the City of Miami Beach for a few hours for a tour and presentation of public safety facilities and procedures. This visit mirrors one conducted last year, on April 1, 2014, in which a group of 39 South Korean government representatives visited the EOC, City Hall, PSCU, and Ocean Rescue Headquarters.

Their visit this year will focus again on learning various safety protocols and procedures in coastal communities that they can implement back in their own communities in South Korea. In particular this year, the group has requested a focus on hurricane safety protocols, including preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery procedures.

The delegation will be visiting other municipalities during their trip to the United States to learn more about safety procedures and protocols in cities known to be at the forefront of public safety and preparedness. Hazards and threats associated with coastal communities is an international issue, and fostering international relationships and sharing information across political and cultural lines is critical to protecting economic and community stability, life safety, and preservation of property across the world.

JM/CT/CF/CB