



July 23, 2018

The Honorable Carlos Gimenez
Stephen P. Clark Center
111 N.W. 1st Street, 29th Floor
Miami, Florida 33128

Dear Mayor Gimenez:

It has come to our attention that after 25 years in Davie, the Miami Dolphins would like to relocate their practice facility to Miami-Dade County, adjacent to the Hard Rock Stadium. Their owner, Stephen Ross, has committed to privately finance a state-of-the-art \$75 million training complex and pay full property taxes. In addition, they are requesting an increase in the marquee event performance-based grant they can earn from Miami-Dade County. As the voice of business in South Florida, the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce encourages the Miami-Dade County Commission to approve their request and bring the entire Miami Dolphins staff home.

Across the NFL, more teams are moving their practice facilities closer to their stadiums. For Miami-Dade County, this means an increase in property taxes, sales taxes, and most importantly, jobs. According to estimates by the Dolphins, more than 100 full-time jobs will relocate to Miami-Dade County. Hundreds more will be created from the facility construction. These construction jobs will greatly benefit our local firms and labor pools. According to *NBC Sports*, if approved, Stephen Ross' investment will be more than \$600 million in the past three years.

The Dolphins request for an increased maximum marquee event performance-based grant will help generate more Florida tourism and will continue to keep Miami front and center of the sports and entertainment industries. Qualifying events include, but are not limited to, college football kickoff classics, Pan American games, WrestleMania, and international soccer showdowns.

The Miami Dolphins have remained committed to our community through their franchise history, and as a Chairman's Circle member, they are one of our most committed members. The Chamber believes that this new facility and grant will increase economic development and job creation.

Best regards,

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Alfred Sanchez
President and CEO

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Carlos Orta
Chair

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