



March 30, 2018

The Honorable Carlos Gimenez
Office of the Mayor
Stephen P. Clark Center
111. N.W. 1st Street, Suite 220
Miami, FL 33128

Dear Mayor Gimenez:

We applaud that the Miami-Dade County Chairman's Policy Committee approved unanimously the MDC/FPL Partnership Agreement on the issue of wastewater treatment on March 8, 2018.

As the item now goes to vote at the full County Commission on April 10, the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce encourages you to approve. There is a great deal of potential gain to businesses and the community. To begin with, it could mean lower water and electric bills since FPL and the County plan to split costs on the water treatment plant. This deal could also result in more opportunities for FPL to hire local businesses. And, because FPL is the highest property taxpayer in Miami-Dade, the company's continued investments in our community will further increase the local economy.

This investment will also help the County meet the state's 2025 deadline to stop sending wastewater to tide and reuse that resource. Using the treated water will also eliminate the consumption of aquifer water by FPL, which is important to our future drinking water supply. We all share the goal of resiliency, and the Chamber is a part of the County's Resilient305 initiative. Plans that support a cleaner future are definitely worth a closer look.

While there is much to research as to the feasibility of this project, the Greater Miami Chamber believes the potential upsides merit further exploration, and therefore encourage you to vote yes to move forward.

Sincerely,

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President and CEO

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