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To: Honorable Carlos A. Gimenez, Mayor, Miami-Dade County
Honorable Jean Monestime, Chairman
and Members, Board of County Commissioners, Miami-Dade County

From: Mary T. Cagle, Inspector General 

Date: December 5, 2016

Subject: David Carcache-Guzman Pleads Guilty to Election Crimes in Connection with the
August 2014 Community Council Races for Councils 11 and 12, Ref. IG14-32

David Carcache-Guzman (Carcache), a would-be lobbyist who was criminally charged for manipulating several Community Council races in the August 2014 elections, pled guilty and was sentenced last Friday, December 2, 2016. Carcache pled guilty to three elections-related third degree felonies and five counts of Falsifying Records, a first degree misdemeanor. He was sentenced to two years of house arrest followed by three years of probation. Carcache is also required to pay investigative costs to the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) and the State Attorney's Office (SAO). He is also prohibited from having any involvement with political campaigns and charitable organizations while serving his sentence.

The Miami-Dade County Elections Department contacted the OIG in July 2014 when it learned of certain irregularities related to the unauthorized use of a Kendall resident's home address. The resulting joint OIG and SAO investigation uncovered that Carcache had solicited three unqualified individuals for seats in Community Councils 11 and 12. Carcache was attempting to install his chosen candidates in order to bolster his own lobbying and consulting business. The three candidates did not reside in the areas that they sought to represent. Carcache controlled the candidates' qualification process by filing false and fraudulent documents with the Elections Department, and through creating and controlling the candidates' email accounts. He also submitted fraudulent campaign treasurer finance reports on their behalf.

Two of the three fake candidates actually won their elections, but because of the criminal investigation they resigned from their seats. The third candidate withdrew his candidacy in the midst of the investigation prior to the election.

The OIG appreciates the County's Elections Department for forwarding the original complaint to us and for their cooperation throughout the criminal investigation. We would also like to thank the Planning and Zoning Division of the County's Regulatory and Economic Resources Department for their cooperation and support throughout the course of the criminal investigation.

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