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Senator Joseph Abruzzo
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Re: OPPAGA Review

Sent via email only

Dear Senator Abruzzo,

Thank you for your letter dated April 8, 2013. I agree with you it is imperative to have an independent and well operating Commission on Ethics. To that end, please note that the Commission on Ethics unanimously endorsed your requested audit at our April 4th meeting.

I received a copy of OPPAGA's audit request late in the afternoon of March 26, 2013. At that time, I instructed Ms. Rogers to cooperate with the request and gather information so that the Commission could be properly informed of the audit details. I also agree with your long held belief that periodic audits make for good government, and we look forward to the customary audit of our expenditures, policies and procedures.

We are very proud of our record of transparency and placing all facts before the public. I understand from your letter that you are concerned how the Commission conducts itself, that it be properly trained, be free from influence and that it not hold prejudices. I respectfully request that you share with us any specific instance where you believe the Commission failed so we can immediately address your concerns. I believe I speak for the Commission as a whole in welcoming your attendance at our June 6th commission meeting to explain any other concerns directly to us.

Thank you again for your letter. We welcome all input from our community in assisting with our mission of advancing the cause of open, transparent and responsive government.

Sincerely,

Manuel Farach, Chair
Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics

cc: Members of the Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics
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