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To: Elected Officials and Department Heads

From: Commissioner Jerry Cirino

As you know, we will be passing a Resolution in December adopting a temporary budget for next year. We will then be proceeding with budget hearings to discuss spending and projects for next year with department heads who wish to be present. We will then pass our permanent budget sometime in March.

I am writing because there has been some unwarranted confusion as a result of comments made by outgoing Commissioner Troy at recent Commissioner's meetings. For some reason, he has suggested that department heads and some officials should be concerned about spending cuts in their areas and that they should begin to think how to work with less funding. This is entirely without basis for several reasons. First, a single Commissioner should not give budget guidance. Budget decisions are made by the Commissioners acting as a body, in public session. Secondly, prognostications about next year's spending by someone who will not even be a Commissioner in 2019 are wholly inappropriate. I am not aware of any initiatives to roll back department spending in general so the comments made were unfortunate and intended to spread fear among our management team.

The Commissioners will follow the normal protocol for administering budgets based on expected revenue and the needs of the community. Do not be led astray by comments which have no basis in fact and that are politically motivated.