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Honestly? I'm disappointed at the entire process.

Our Charter Review Committee meetings ended on May 20th. Other than a Zoom meeting on June 29th, which was not even necessary, nothing was sent to the committee for over a month. What did you accomplish on our behalf during that time? Had the work been done when it should have been, none of us, and especially not the Commission, would have been scrambling against an impossible deadline.

The fact that Andrise needed to leave to be with her loved ones, which, by the way, was not something you needed to discuss at the Commission meeting because it was nobody's business, should not have mattered if all of this had not been left until the eleventh hour.

You also sent the commissioners the proposed ballot question, which had already been drafted to satisfy the legal requirements for placement on the ballot, at 4:15 p.m. yesterday, while telling them it was up to them to decide whether they approved the wording or wanted changes. You gave them virtually no opportunity to review it. At that hour, the elected officials were most likely driving to City Hall for the 5:00 p.m. Commission Conference or getting ready to leave for the meeting. Then, at last night's meeting, there was no meaningful opportunity to address the issue. On top of that, the commissioners only received the redlined version the day before the special Commission meeting, and the hard copy was not provided until the night of the meeting. You left the City Commission to receive, review, and comprehend important legislation with very little, if any, guidance or support.

From the very beginning of our Charter Review Committee meetings, I stressed how quickly we needed to get to work. On May 20th, I expressed my concern that we were already too close to the deadline, with only two Commission meetings remaining, one of which was last night. That left less than three days, and even less time when measured in business hours, to get everything to the Miami-Dade Elections Department. There was simply no room for delays or unexpected issues.

Throughout this process, you did not appear to be championing this effort or fulfilling the leadership role I expected from the City's Attorney. The Charter Review Committee invested countless hours into this process, and that effort deserved better. So did the elected officials. They deserved adequate time, guidance, and support to fully understand this important legislation before being asked to make decisions that will ultimately affect the voters.

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