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Geraldine Muoio
Mayor
City of West Palm Beach
P.O. Box 3366
West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

Dear Mayor Muoio:

On November 15, 2017, the Department of Justice sent you a letter raising concerns regarding your compliance with 8 U.S.C. § 1373. In particular, the Department expressed concern that West Palm Beach City Commission Resolution 112-17 may violate section 1373. On November 29, 2017, you responded to that letter. After reviewing your submission, on January 24, 2018, the Department sent you a request for documents. On February 6, 2018, you responded to that request.

Since the Department received your document production, the City of West Palm Beach and the Department of Justice have been engaged in ongoing discussions. As a result of those discussions, West Palm Beach agreed to send the following memorandum to its employees:

All personnel are reminded that you may share—and it is consistent with City Resolution 112-17 and federal law to share—with federal authorities, including the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, any and all information, including information regarding citizenship and immigration status, to which you have access or knowledge as a result of the performance of your job duties for the City of West Palm Beach, regarding any individual.

In light of our ongoing discussions and your agreement to and sending of a memorandum to all employees stating that they are not restricted from sharing information with DHS, we find no evidence that you are currently out of compliance with section 1373. As a reminder, compliance with section 1373 is an ongoing requirement that the Department monitors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jon Adler".

Jon Adler
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