



May 9, 2014

Mayor Barbara Sharief
Board of County Commissioners
Governmental Center
115 South Andrews Avenue, Room 410
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Dear Mayor Sharief,

This is to request an extension of the due date of the Alliance's annual audited financial statement for the 2012-13 fiscal year to June 30, 2014. The audit of our financial statement, which according to our contract is due within 90 days after the close of the Alliance fiscal year (October 1 – September 30) was delayed due to a retirement at the audit firm that performs this work.

Additionally, we would ask that the due date of the annual audit be changed in future years from 90 days after the close of the fiscal year to 180 days after the close of the fiscal year, making the audited financial statement due on March 31st of each year going forward. As a not-for-profit organization, we receive a discounted rate for the annual audit, and due to end-of-year deadlines, the December 31st due date that is in our current contract is a major challenge for the auditing firm to meet.

Thank you for the consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Ben Wesley
Chairman of the Board
THE BROWARD ALLIANCE, INC. d/b/a GREATER FORT LAUDERDALE ALLIANCE

c: Sandy-Michael McDonald, Director, Broward County Office of Economic and Small Business Development, Governmental Center, Room #A680, 115 South Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

c: Barry Somerstein, Esquire, Greenspoon Marder, P.A., Counsel for THE BROWARD ALLIANCE, INC. d/b/a GREATER FORT LAUDERDALE ALLIANCE, 200 East Broward Boulevard, Suite 1500, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

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