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REPLY TO: Miami

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Re: Councilmember Frantz Pierre
Request for Payment of Legal Representation
Miami-Dade Commission On Ethics Case No. K15-032

Dear Ms. Joseph:

I am providing legal representation to Frantz Pierre in connection with his position as Council Member for the City of North Miami Beach. The pending matter requiring legal representation arises from a Mandatory Subpoena Duces Tecum to Council Member Pierre by the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics & Public Trust. The subject of that inquiry concerns a complaint involving a code enforcement officer.

Because the matter involves Council Member Pierre in his official capacity, he is entitled to have his legal defense provided by the City. In this instance, the City has a conflict in providing independent legal representation to Council Member Pierre, so he has engaged my law firm to provide legal assistance. The cost of that legal representation is the responsibility of the City of North Miami Beach.

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Please make arrangements for payment of my legal fees and necessary case costs in this matter. At the present time, I am amenable to entering into a fixed fee arrangement with the City in the amount of \$5,000.00 plus reimbursement for costs. Alternatively, I will bill the City at my ordinary hourly rate of \$650.00. Other lawyers in the Firm will bill at their ordinary rates.

Please let me know when you are available to discuss this matter with me.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Benedict P. Kuehne". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B'.

BENEDICT P. KUEHNE

Copy:
Councilmember Frantz Pierre