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Attn: Commissioner John Morroni
Chairman

Dear Commissioner Morroni:

Greetings from Manatee County! I sincerely hope that this letter finds you and your family doing well.

I had been in communication with HR Director, Peggy Rowe over the last several months regarding my FRS Service Record, and after her recent departure, with Sr. Assistant County Attorney, Carole Sanzeri from the Pinellas County Attorney's Office.

When I first interviewed with Commissioner Welch for the Pinellas County IT Director Position, we discussed the FRS-Senior Management Class prior to my acceptance of the position. At the time, the IT Director Position was FRS-Regular Class, and while no commitment could be made (and was not made), I was told that there were actions in play to revisit this by then County Administrator, Steve Spratt, for a number of key senior positions throughout the County. While this was important to me, it was not a deal-breaker, and I accepted the position in anticipation that this would someday come to fruition; and it did.

At the BCC Meeting on June 7, 2005, Resolution No. 05-123 - Agenda Item #73 (attached) was adopted by the Board designating that the IT Director Position was to be changed from the FRS-Regular Class to the FRS-Senior Management Class. Further, the change was to be retroactive to October 6, 2003, which was my Service Date with the County; essentially eliminating any FRS-Regular Class from my Service Credit. Without hesitation, I viewed this action of the Board as further investment in me, and the outstanding partnership that we had during my 10 years of service with Pinellas County.

Subsequent to this approval in 2005, I worked with the County Attorney's Office to follow through with the change in FRS classification, but was informed at that time by the FRS (through the County Attorney's Office), that until such time as I exercised my 'Second-Election' Option within the FRS to move from the FRS Investment Plan (IP) to the FRS Pension Plan (PP), the change could not be done as approved by the Board.

I recently exercised my 'Second-Election' Option, and am now in the FRS Pension Plan (PP). Carole Sanzeri was able to confirm that indeed, I am now eligible to make the approved change retroactive to October 6, 2003. Specifically, this would entail a bump in Service Credit from FRS-Regular Class to FRS-Senior Management Class over the first 1.92 years of service with Pinellas County, (i.e. the period of time from October 6, 2003 until the classification was changed by the Board in 2005).

I am requesting the necessary actions to complete this, and would be happy to assist with any additional information or questions you may have.

Thank you so much for your help on this.

Sincerely,

Paul F. Alexander III

Attachment: BCC Board Meeting Minutes, June 7, 2005

Cc: Kenneth T. Welch, Commissioner District 7
Carole Sanzeri, Sr. Assistant County Attorney