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Subject: Letter from Mayor Kriseman

Good morning Mr. Burton and Pinellas County Commissioners,

Please see the attached letter from Mayor Kriseman.

Thank you,

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RICK KRISEMAN, MAYOR

May 6, 2019

Pinellas County Commission
315 Court Street
Clearwater, Florida 33756

Dear Commissioners,

I wish to clarify our plans for extending the lease agreement between the St. Petersburg Museum of History and the City of St. Petersburg.

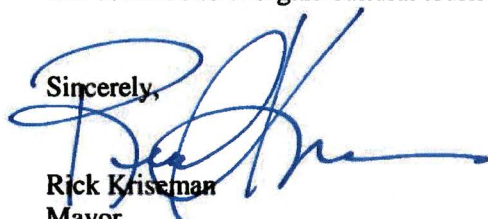
The Museum of History has held a lease with the city for 98 years, since 1921. Their current lease is for 10 years, and 3 years remain. However, because of the Museum's ambitious and essential expansion plans, we are working to issue a new lease for 10 years, beginning in 2019. This process has been delayed somewhat by the need to redraw the building footprint and rewrite the Museum's legal boundaries to accommodate the expansion and to assure that the new Museum facility is fully integrated into the new pier district. We expect this process to be completed within the next few months.

Further, we are also working on the development of a charter amendment referendum for the next appropriate election cycle that would allow a 25 year lease for the Museum. This not only assures the continued presence of the Museum as a vital part of Pinellas County's vibrant tourist industry, but it also protects our waterfront for public benefit.

The City of St. Petersburg supports the Museum's expansion plans and looks forward to the world-class exhibits and educational opportunities the new facility will provide. The Museum has been part of the fabric of this community and an anchor for the pier district for nearly a century, and the City is doing all it can to assure that it remains a focal point for our cultural heritage for another century as well.

I encourage you to provide essential funding and support to help the Museum achieve its expansion goals and continue to energize cultural tourism in Pinellas County.

Sincerely,



Rick Kriseman
Mayor
City of St. Petersburg

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