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Dear Citizens of Palm Beach County,

This letter is to inform you of what your Office of Inspector General (OIG) is doing to guard your taxpayer dollars during these challenging times. Our goal is to work with Palm Beach County and the thirty-nine municipalities as they quickly distribute pandemic-related relief funds and make rapid adjustments while maintaining accountability and transparency.

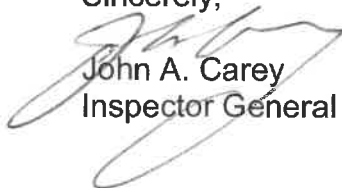
Recently, Palm Beach County received \$261 million in federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) funding, which will result in significant expenditures in a relatively short timeframe. Additionally, many Palm Beach County municipalities have their own programs for pandemic-related expenditures. Everyone's goal is to distribute the money to best serve the public interest.

We have been in contact with local, state, and federal OIGs to share information and best practices related to pandemic-related funds oversight. Additionally, we are actively working to coordinate our oversight activities with our partner agencies, including the County Clerk & Comptroller Division of Inspector General and the County Internal Auditor.

Our office will be conducting randomly selected reviews of businesses that accept CARES Act grants administered by the County and of other pandemic-related fund disbursements by both the County and municipalities. We will provide OIG monitoring, reviews, and audits. Additionally, our investigators are prepared to investigate complaints of suspected fraud, waste, or abuse.

Finally, our dedicated staff is committed to our mission as your independent watchdog, but ***we need your help!*** Should you have suggestions, concerns, or suspect fraud, waste, abuse, or mismanagement of pandemic-related funds or any taxpayer dollars, please do not hesitate to contact us at 1 (877) 283-7068, or via email at Inspector.pbcgov.org.

Sincerely,



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