




MEMORANDUM  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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**DATE:** December 5, 2005

**TO:** Honorable Commissioner Bruno A. Barreiro  
District 5

**FROM:**   
Carlos Alvarez, Mayor  
Miami-Dade County

**SUBJECT:** Revised: Election Campaign Financing Trust Fund  
December 6, 2005 Board of County Commissioners Meeting: Item 7C

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I am aware that concerns in relation to the Election Campaign Financing Trust Fund have been an important topic of conversation in the past weeks. Most recently, discussion has arisen regarding whether or not County tax payer dollars should be used to subsidize campaigns for individuals seeking local public office.

You have introduced an ordinance regarding the Election Campaign Financing Trust Fund and it should be evaluated on its own merits. I truly believe that every voter should have a say in the final outcome of the Election Campaign Financing Trust Fund. However, the item as it stands does not provide a date for the election. Therefore, I strongly suggest a date be selected during discussion in tomorrow's meeting prior to a final vote.

Furthermore, I would like to note that County wide general elections will occur on September 5 and November 7, 2006 of next year. Efforts should be made to place this item on the ballot on one of these dates. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

c: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez and Members,  
Board of County Commissioners  
George Burgess, County Manager  
Murray A. Greenberg, County Attorney  
Kay Sullivan, Director, Clerk of the Board