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Commissioner Lois Wexler
Broward County Board of County Commissioners
115 S. Andrews Avenue, Room 437B
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Dear Commissioner Wexler,

In consideration of Broward County Commission Agenda Item # 54, on the recommendations from the Broward County Consolidated Communications Implementation Advisory Board for the consideration of E-911 communications and dispatch in accordance with Resolution 2012-159 of the Broward County Board of County Commissioners, I am steadfastly reaffirming the City of Plantation's opposition to a countywide consolidation of E-911 communication and dispatch systems and their funding through county ad valorem taxes.

In addition, we are strongly opposed to involuntary participation in a consolidated system for the following reasons:

- ◆ We advocate for a voluntary participation in the system through municipal service taxing units as mandated in the county commission resolution 2012-159 to ensure that each participating city pays its "fair share".
- ◆ We do not support subjecting our residents and commercial properties to a double taxation. Additionally, we feel as the way the system is set up today, it would bring an end to the City of Plantation's Volunteer Fire Department program.
- ◆ We also feel since the Plantation Police Department has been successfully accredited both internationally through CALEA, and state accredited through CFA, we question whether the system would meet the standards and highest level of service to our residents.

We respect other municipalities in their decision to support the I Board's recommendation. However, we strongly urge the County Commission to understand and recognize "Plantation's uniqueness" in the decision not to participate in the consolidation, and to oppose any additional financial burden to our residents to fund the system through a county wide ad valorem tax.

The City of Plantation welcomes the opportunity to voice our opposition at the February 26 Broward County Commission meeting. Prior to the February 26 Commission Meeting, please contact my office to answer any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Diane Veltri Bendekovic in cursive.
Diane Veltri Bendekovic
Mayor

Cc: Police Chief Howard Harrison
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