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Mayor Buddy Dyer City of Orlando 400 South Orange Avenue Orlando, Florida 32801

SUBJECT: City of Orlando's Pulse Memorial Funding Request

Dear Mayor Dyer:

I am acknowledging receipt of your memorandum dated March 10, 2025, requesting financial support of \$5 million from Orange County Government to build a permanent Pulse Memorial. I appreciate the information provided in your correspondence. We certainly value the work of the Pulse Memorial Advisory Committee, created by the City of Orlando (City) to develop a proposal to appropriately honor the victims of the tragedy.

As a next step, I invite you or your designee(s) to appear before the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) to make a thorough and detailed presentation on the proposed Memorial and address any questions the Board may have concerning the history, process, plans, funding, etc. associated with the proposal. This may assist the BCC in making a decision on contributing to a permanent Pulse Memorial.

A couple of possible dates for a morning presentation to the BCC are June 3, 2025 or June 17, 2025. Let me know your preference and we will reserve sufficient time on the BCC agenda. Additionally, I suggest that you contact each of the County Commissioners to offer an individual briefing to hear their comments and questions in advance of the BCC presentation.

We are certainly interested in the continued dialogue between city and county leaders on efforts that benefit this community. I look forward to your response on presenting to the BCC. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to have your staff contact County Administrator Byron Brooks if there are any questions regarding preparations for the meeting. I remain committed to honoring the victims in an appropriate and lasting way.

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Sincerely,

Mayor Jerry L. Demings

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