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Mr. Lee Feldman, Manager
City of Fort Lauderdale
100 North Andrews Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

Dear Mr. ^{Lee}Feldman:

This letter serves as an invitation to sit on the Advisory Board of the Florida International University Metropolitan Center. Since its inception in 1997, the Center has provided municipal governments and nonprofit agencies with a wide array of technical assistance and training designed to enhance their productivity and effectiveness. We have also undertaken a wide array of research related to economic development of localities throughout the Tri-County area. Our academic home is the School of International and Public Affairs, a division of FIU's College of Arts and Sciences.

I envision the Advisory Board as serving several functions. First and foremost, I hope its members help "get the word out" about our work. Second, the Board should provide guidance for strategic direction of the Center, given its members connections with current operations. And lastly, we hope to consult with the Board members collectively and individually, for advice and counsel on individual projects and initiatives where expertise warrants.

The Board will convene no more than three times a year. I envision occasional phone calls or visits to remain in touch and to seek counsel. I have not set a formal term length, but we hope you will serve for at least two years.

I am enclosing a brochure that further details our activities. You can also visit us at: <http://casgroup.fiu.edu/metropolitan/> to learn more about us. Your talent and experience as in the city management profession will be a vital asset for the Board; I hope your commission grants permission to serve.

Cordially,

Dr. Howard A. Frank
Professor and Director

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