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To: Board of County Commissioners
From: Mayor Teresa Jacobs
Subject: Tax Collector's Office Feasibility Task Force

Currently, the Orange County Tax Collector's Office is a "county office," commonly referred to as Constitutional Office, under Article VIII, Section 1(d) of the Constitution of the State of Florida. At the June 19, 2012 Board meeting, we discussed the formation of a task force to analyze the feasibility of transferring all of the duties of the tax collector's office to Orange County government or another Constitutional Office, thereby abolishing the Orange County Tax Collector's Office.

As I outlined during the meeting, the task force will be composed of nine members. I will appoint three members and each district commissioner will appoint one member. Task force members should be residents of Orange County, but not elected officials or current candidates for public office. The membership should include individuals with the ability and expertise to examine the organizational structure of the tax collector's office and discern potential cost savings, as well as recognize financial impacts and potential or perceived conflicts of interest. The task force will evaluate whether there are efficiencies gained by consolidating the tax collector's office while being mindful of the necessity that appropriate checks and balances within the office(s) have to be maintained. Racial and ethnic diversity should be considered as a factor when making appointments, as well as confirmed time commitments to the task force process from potential candidates. I expect the task force's analysis to be completed in four to six months.

I have scheduled confirmation of the task force appointments for the July 10, 2012 Board meeting. Please submit your appointments, including contact information, to Cheryl Gillespie by July 2 for inclusion on the agenda. In the meantime, please contact Ajit Lalchandani or Jeffrey Newton with any questions.

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c: Ajit M. Lalchandani, County Administrator
Jeffrey J. Newton, County Attorney
Cheryl J. Gillespie, Supervisor, Agenda Development Office