



ORANGE COUNTY MAYOR-ELECT

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The Honorable Buddy Dyer
City of Orlando
City Hall, 3rd Floor –400 South Orange Avenue
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SUBJECT: Domestic Partner Benefits

Dear Mayor Dyer:

I am in receipt of your recent letter regarding the evaluation of establishing a domestic partner registry in the City of Orlando.

Upon coming into office, one of the first ordinances I brought to the board was the expansion of healthcare benefits for domestic partners, which was modeled after your ordinance. I appreciate the leadership the City took when adopting domestic partner benefits and I look forward to learning from your efforts on this issue.

Having devoted several months and many resources to establishing domestic partner benefits early on in my administration, we are now focused on tightening our ethics ordinance, economic development and undertaking a benchmarking study. In addition, we recently established two streamlining committees and a Prescription Drug Task Force; we are in the middle of redistricting and charter review; and our first budget worksessions are only weeks away. These matters will require much of my staff's time and attention in the coming months.

Therefore, due to the numerous issues we are currently addressing in Orange County, our evaluation of the domestic partner benefits matter will be considered at a future point in time. In the meantime, I look forward to reviewing the information you and your team produce on developing a domestic partner registry.

Again, thank you for informing me of your intentions to pursue the establishment of a domestic partner registry over the coming months.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Teresa Jacobs".

Teresa Jacobs

c: Board of County Commissioners
Ajit Lalchandani, County Administrator