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**Re: Kevin Carrico, Jacksonville City Council President  
Response to Subpoenaed Records**

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Providing documents in response to a subpoena is legally and fundamentally different from complying with a public records request. The documents my client produced pursuant to the subpoena included numerous personal communications with family members and friends that happened to contain keywords responsive to the subpoena's scope but were neither sent nor received in his capacity as a public official.

The fact that private communications were disclosed in response to a subpoena does not transform those communications into public records subject to disclosure under Florida law. Florida's Public Records Act applies to records made or received in connection with the transaction of official public business, not to wholly private communications unrelated to governmental functions.

My client takes seriously his obligation to fully comply with Florida's public records laws. In responding to this request, he carefully reviewed the materials previously provided to the State Attorney's Office and withheld only those communications that were sent or received in his capacity as a private citizen and that do not constitute public records under Florida law.

While some media organizations may have hoped to obtain additional personal information through this request, satisfying media curiosity is not the legal standard governing public records disclosure. Compliance with Florida law is. My client has complied with that obligation fully and in good faith.

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