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**RESPONSE FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE TO MEDIA STATEMENTS ON A
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION AGAINST COMMISSIONER FORD**

Frankie Dakin, Press Secretary for Mayor Lee Harris: “Mayor Harris has never had any conversations nor has he met with the special counsel hired to investigate an alleged *quid pro quo* involving Commissioner Ford. Furthermore, Mayor Harris was not involved in any way in the decision to hire the special counsel. These are only allegations and everyone, including Mr. Ford, is entitled to the presumption of innocence. The Mayor plans to stay mission-focused on the work ahead, which includes advancing a series of ethical reforms that were already in the works, but that now seem even more urgent.”

(end of statement)