



VILLAGE OF PINECREST  
Office of the Mayor

September 15, 2017

Good evening, Pinecrest,

FPL has informed me that it will not be able to restore power by the Sunday deadline. The new deadline has changed to Tuesday for all areas in the southeastern part of the county.

This is extremely disappointing. Patience is critical as we come together as a community. The Village Council will be taking action. We are not only disheartened; but outraged that FPL will not meet the deadline.

FPL says too much damage occurred in this area and the restoration is too complex. While many individuals within the company have been working diligently with the Village, and we appreciate their efforts, the performance of FPL as a whole is completely unacceptable. The company's response to Hurricane Irma in our community is irresponsible and is placing many at risk. FPL's negligence over the years has left us with inferior infrastructure. It was not prepared for the recovery and left us for days without repair crews. The costs to the citizens of Pinecrest has been dear in discomfort, lost work and damage to property, health and safety.

The Village has been, in good faith, working with FPL all week and accepted their assurances that power would be restored by Sunday. A commitment they reaffirmed as late as this afternoon. I have asked the Village Attorney to prepare any and all necessary documents to take immediate legal action against FPL especially in light of our continued discussions with FPL representatives of the special needs of Pinecrest residences dependent on well water. I will convene an emergency Village Council meeting to seek approval for authorization to direct the attorney to proceed and take an aggressive stance against what has been substandard service and an unacceptable recovery. FPL's response is not to the level we expect from ourselves or will tolerate from others.

The Village unfortunately inherited a long-term franchise agreement signed by Miami-Dade County with FPL just prior to the Village's incorporation in 1996. Coupled with the county's unwillingness to meet their obligations of extending potable water to the balance of Pinecrest has resulted in this deplorable situation.

We are all in this together - neither myself nor any members of your Village Council have electricity. We will all have power soon, and normalcy shall return, but we will not abandon our efforts to make this right and hold FPL and Miami-Dade County accountable in the aftermath of this storm.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Corradino".

Joseph M. Corradino  
Mayor

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