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**STATEMENT FROM DOI REGARDING AIR AMERICA'S REPAYMENT OF \$875,000**

During the course of DOI's investigation into allegations that officials at Gloria Wise Boys & Girls Club had falsified documents submitted to various City agencies and had approved significant inappropriate transactions, DOI discovered that Gloria Wise had transferred \$875,000 to Air America. DOI asked Air America to repay the \$875,000 to an escrow account controlled by DOI. Thereafter, Air America repaid only \$50,000 to an escrow account that is not controlled by DOI. DOI is pleased that Piquant LLC, the current owner of Air America, has agreed to DOI's request that, in lieu of making \$50,000 quarterly payments, Piquant transfer the full \$875,000 to the escrow account. While the total reimbursement reportedly has been made, DOI does not control the escrow account, although Air America's attorneys have represented that the money will only be disbursed with DOI's authorization. DOI's investigation is ongoing.

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