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FROM: Karen E. Rushing, Clerk of the Circuit Court and County Comptroller

RE: **Clerks in the Sunshine: Ensuring Access to Information**

Florida's Sunshine Laws are among the strongest in the nation, giving every citizen access to information necessary for participating in the democratic process. These laws protect a citizens' right to know how government operates, making available information such as public events, government meeting minutes and court proceedings. The Clerk's office fully supports and embraces these laws.

I am pleased to announce a new feature of www.SarasotaClerk.com called "***Clerks in the Sunshine – Ensuring Access to Information***". Although the data is that which has always been available at the Clerk's office, *Clerks in the Sunshine* compiles all of our financial information, budgets and performance standards into one easy-to-find-section on our website.

Commitment, accountability, transparency, efficiency and giving our customers the openness they come to expect from any government office—These are the values we strive for.

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