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Community Redevelopment Agency

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CRA Media Tour Overtown and Omni **Invitation to the Press**

THE BUZZ IN OVERTOWN AND OMNI **The Communities Ready to Strut Their Stuff**

MIAMI, FLORIDA, NOVEMBER 26, 2008 - - City of Miami Mayor Manny Diaz, Commissioner Michelle Spence-Jones, Chair of the Southeast Overtown/Park West and Omni Community Redevelopment Agencies (CRA) invite the media to a grand tour of the areas and a news conference unveiling the 3rd Avenue Street Scape Project, the Purvis Young murals, the grand reopening of the Jackson Soul Food Restaurant and the kick-off to Folk Life Fridays. The events take place **Friday, December 5, 2008, 9 am at 950 NW 3rd Avenue in Overtown** the home of Jackson Soul Food Restaurant.

The tour is significant as the Overtown and Omni Districts are among the oldest communities in the City and both are vital to the economic engine in Miami. With assistance from the CRA, funding business renovations, streetscape improvements, and community beautification projects, revitalization of these areas is moving by leaps and bounds. The tour provides the best opportunity to document the very complicated, yet extremely efficient effort by the CRA to fund and complete community rebuilding projects.

The tour kicks off on December 5th, 2008, with a media appreciation breakfast at the bustling and newly renovated Jackson Soul Food Restaurant, market. The tour will slide north along NW 3rd Avenue, then turn east into Omni, the Performing Arts and Entertainment districts and culminating back in Overtown at the site of the Folk Life Fridays.

Folk Life Fridays kicks off at 11 am celebrating the revitalization of Historic Overtown. This event will include a Grand Holiday Season Toy Drive, live entertainment, food, arts & crafts, and much more. On Saturday, December 6th, the Folk Festival goes on from 11 am to 7 pm, celebrating the Holidays with live entertainment, food, legacy exhibits and much more, including games, a Toy Give-Away, a visit from Santa, and many more activities for the children.

WHO: *Miami Mayor, Manny Diaz, Commissioner Michelle Spence-Jones, Community Redevelopment Agency Board members, elected officials, business leaders, and area residents*

WHAT: *Media Tour, News Conference And The Overtown Folk Life Festival Kick-Off*

WHEN: *Friday, December 5, 2008, at 9 am*

WHERE: *950 NW 3rd Avenue, Miami*