



City of Miami— Community Relations

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Fair Immigration Delegation



(Top Row) Gerard Philippeaux, Dr. Larry Capp, Nadia Perre, Commissioner Audrey Edmonson, Hon. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Henry Petithomme, Rev. Wilfred Sain-Jean, Justin Manuel, Lucie Tondreau, Dr. Harold Vieux, and Dr. Rudofe Moise (Bottom Row) Didier Fabien, Jennifer Vasquez, Amy Carswell, Marjorie Weber, and Barbara Bisno

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As a diverse city and county with an influx of immigrants from all over the world, immigration reform is on our agenda. In that regard, members of the City of Miami Community Relations Board (Barbara Bisno, Jennifer Vasquez and Marjorie Weber) joined the Miami-Dade Community Relations Board (CRB) in two full days of meetings with members of the House of Representatives and the Senate working on immigration reform legislation. The May 2-3, 2007 trip, organized by the Miami-Dade CRB and the County's Washington D.C. office, could not have occurred at a more opportune time; weeks before immigration reform was scheduled to be debated in the Senate.

The delegation of city and county community and business leaders, led by County Commis-

sioner Audrey Edmonson, met with legislative members and their staff, including House members Kendrick Meeks, Mario Diaz-Ballard, Alcee Hastings, Ron Klein and Ileana Ros Lehtinen as well as representatives of Senators Martinez and Nelson. While moving through the various buildings on Capitol Hill, the group was afforded the opportunity to meet with various staff and elected members from both houses of Congress, from Florida and elsewhere. Each office engaged in dialogue pertaining to immigration, sharing perspectives and positions on the issue as well as answering questions and addressing concerns.

The first meeting was with Congressmen Meeks, who explained the steps being taken

TURN TO FAIR IMMIGRATION, 2

Community Relations Board Members

Haydee Regueyra

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Appointed by: Mayor M. Diaz

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Appointed by: Mayor M. Diaz

Jennifer Vasquez

Appointed by: Comm. Tomas Regalado

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Marjorie Webber

Appointed by: Comm. Michelle Spence-Jones

District 5

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Who's Who



Haydee Regueyra, the current Chair of the Community Relations Board (CRB), has been a CRB member since 2004 and an employee of the City of Miami for the last 14 years. Mrs. Regueyra takes great pride in serving the City of Miami community as a CRB member striving to improve community relations and as the NET Administrator for North/East Coconut Grove. She has invested long hours fostering the CRB's mission by developing community partnerships, responding to community tensions, participating in CRB committees, and by working to provide resolutions to community conflicts.

Natasha Colebrook-Williams, the Community Relations Outreach Specialist, joined the City of Miami Office of Community Relations in October of 2005. In her previous role as the Director of Community Relations for the YWCA of Greater Miami, Ms. Colebrook-Williams worked to empower and build relationships among multi-ethnic and multi-cultural communities. She successfully secured donors/members, planned special events and fundraisers.



Through her professional career and volunteer efforts, she has accepted the civic responsibility of taking a genuine interest in the well-being of our community. She believes that community involvement, support, and loyalty builds public image and fosters a sense of community that is essential to the success of individuals. As the Community Relations Outreach Specialists for the Office of Community Relations, Mrs. Colebrook-Williams has implemented programs that recognizes the needs of the community and provides resources to improve the quality of life. She acknowledges that she cannot solve all problems related to community relations, but takes great pride in the notion that she is able to contribute to the solution through dedication and service.

Fair Immigration



Dr. Roudy Moise, Dr. Larry Capp, Honorable Mario Diaz-Ballard, Nadia Perre, Steve Foreser, and Jennifer Vasquez

by members of Congress and the Administration in developing this legislation. Florida members of the House and Senate were in leadership roles in this endeavor.

The group was also introduced to Honorable Zoe Lofgren (D. California) and Honorable Luis Gutierrez (D. Illinois), both of whom are members of the sub-committee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law and have been instrumental in furthering immigration reform in the House.

A special thank you is extended to the leaders of the Florida delegation in the Senate and the House of Representatives, as well as other members of Congress, who took the time to meet with this group of emissaries from the City of Miami and Miami-Dade County.

CRB Ultimate Business Fair in Little Havana



Office of Community Relations Staff

The City of Miami Community Relations Board (CRB) and Office of Community Relations in collaboration with the Office of Commissioner Joe Sanchez, S.C.O.R.E Chapter 9, and the Neighborhood Enhancement Team (NET) hosted the CRB Ultimate Business Fair on April 25, 2007, at Domino Plaza in Little Havana.

The concept of the CRB Ultimate Business Fair was originally launched in Little Haiti and because of its great success; what started as a pilot program is now being offered across the City of Miami.

The fair is designed to provide assistance to anyone who is interested in starting a business, expanding an existing business, or is interested in making a company more successful. Information booths are staffed with agency representatives prepared to answer questions and provide direct assistance. As a long-term initiative S.C.O.R.E Chapter 9 offers private counseling.

City of Miami 6th Annual MLK Reclaim the Dream Candlelight Memorial Service

This year the annual MLK Reclaim the Dream Candlelight Memorial Service presented by the Martin Luther King Economic Development Corporation (MLK EDC) was kicked off with a ribbon cutting ceremony; celebrating the new roadway improvements and the opening of the Edison Marketplace located at 645 NW 62nd Street.

Keynote speaker Rev. Al Sharpton, led the symbolic unity march following the ribbon cutting. The event featured gospel performances by Lee Williams and the Spiritual QC's, Vickie Winans and The Williams Brothers.

Reclaim the Dream is a campaign established in 2001 to revitalize Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Several initiatives to improve MLK Blvd. have or are in the process of being completed which includes, Edison Marketplace, the MLK Roadway, and Commercial Façade Beautification Projects.



(left to right) Rev. Al Sharpton, Commissioner Michelle Spence-Jones, Commissioner Audrey Edmonson, and Mayor Manual Diaz

This year MLK EDC in collaboration with the City of Miami and Miami-Dade County have launched a new campaign entitled *Live Your Dream*. The *Live Your Dream* campaign emphasis is improving the quality of life for residents of Liberty City. This campaign's area of focus is improving the quality of housing; ensuring that roadways on MLK Blvd. remain clean and providing continued support for local businesses throughout the Liberty City.

“For a community to be whole and healthy, it must be based on people’s love and concern for each other.”

- Millard Fuller

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **City of Miami Community Relations Board Meetings**
3rd Thursday of Each Month @ 6:00 P.M.
Location to be Announced
- **CRB Programs & Community Outreach Committee Meetings**
1st Thursday of Each Month @ 6:00 P.M.
Miami Riverside Center
444 S.W. 2nd Avenue - 10th Floor Conference Room
Miami, Florida 33023
- **CRB Law Enforcement Committee Meeting**
2nd Tuesday of Each Month @ 6:00 P.M.
Location to be Announced
- **Goodwill Ambassador Training**
August 1st and 8th, 2007
2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
City Hall
3500 Pan American Drive
Miami, Florida 33133

*Meeting dates and times are subject to change. For more information on meetings please call the Office of Community Relations at 305-416-1034.

Super Bowl Weekend



Goodwill Ambassadors pose for a photo with City Manager, Pedro Hernandez and City of Miami Police, Lt. Joseph Schillaci

The Goodwill Ambassadors proudly represented the City of Miami, serving to promote harmonious relationship during several Super Bowl events that took place within the City of Miami. Activities included a block party at the Design District and a free concert at Bayfront Park.

The objective of the Goodwill Ambassadors Program is to assist the city Manager’s Office in providing a stabilized component that would serve to promote peaceful resolution to conflicts. Goodwill Ambassadors are comprised of full-time City of Miami employees and are required to complete mandatory training offered annually. For more information on how you can become a Goodwill Ambassador, please contact the Office of Community Relations at 305-416-1034.