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Commissioner Javier D. Souto, District 10, the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and the Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department host groundbreaking ceremony for the Westchester Cultural Arts Center

Held at Tropical Park on Friday, July 14, 2017 at 10 AM

(Miami – July 13, 2017) – Miami-Dade County Commissioner Javier D. Souto, District 10, and the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and the Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department are hosting a groundbreaking ceremony for the Westchester Cultural Arts Center, which will be located at the main entrance to Tropical Park, 7930 SW 40 Street, Miami. Designed by Zyscovich Architects, the building plans feature a 200-seat Studio Theater and support spaces.

The Center, which is funded by the voter-approved Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond program, will provide cultural programming and instruction focusing on Hispanic arts and culture and will serve the needs of residents in the western region of Miami-Dade County. Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and the Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department worked together to develop program and project scope for the Center which will be an important element of services provided to the community at Tropical Park.

WHO: Miami-Dade County Commissioner Javier D. Souto, District 10, Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and the Miami-Dade Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department

WHAT: A groundbreaking ceremony for the construction phase of the Westchester Cultural Arts Center. RSVP is required. Please call the Office of Commissioner Javier D. Souto at 305-222-2116.

WHERE: Site of the Westchester Cultural Arts Center at the main entrance to Tropical Park, 7930 SW 40th Street, Miami, FL 33155

WHEN: Friday, July 14, 2017 at 10 AM

For more information on the Westchester Cultural Arts Center and other Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs-managed facilities please visit our website at <http://miamidadearts.org/facilities>.

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About Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs

The Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs Cultural Affairs Council develop cultural excellence, diversity and participation throughout Miami-Dade County by strategically creating and promoting opportunities for artists and cultural organizations, and our residents and visitors who are their audiences. The Department directs the Art in Public Places program and serves its board, the Art in Public Places Trust, commissioning, curating, maintaining and promoting the County's art collection. The Department also manages, programs and operates the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center, a campus of state-of-the-art cultural facilities in Cutler Bay, as well as Miami-Dade County Auditorium, Joseph Caleb Auditorium and the African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, all dedicated to presenting and supporting excellence in the arts for the entire community. Through staff, board and programmatic resources, the Department, the Council and the Trust promote, coordinate and support Miami-Dade County's more than 1,000 not-for-profit cultural organizations as well as thousands of resident artists through grants, technical assistance, public information and interactive community planning. The Department receives funding through the Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners, The Children's Trust, the National Endowment for the Arts, the State of Florida through the Florida Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture, and the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. Other support and services are provided by TicketWeb for the Culture Shock Miami program, the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau, the South Florida Cultural Consortium and the Tourist Development Council.