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MIAMI-DADE TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL SOLICITS NOMINATIONS TO FILL BOARD VACANCIES

Submission Deadline is Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 4:00 PM

(Miami, February 22, 2016) The Miami-Dade Tourist Development Council is soliciting nominations to fill five (5) vacancies on the board. Individuals meeting the qualifications and interested in the vacancies should submit a cover letter and resume to the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs, 111 N.W. 1st Street, Suite 625, Miami, FL 33128; via fax (305) 375-3068 or via email at ndb1@miamidade.gov by Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

Nominees must be qualified electors of Miami-Dade County and may not be members of another county board and must have one of the following qualifications: be an owner or operator of motels, hotels, or other tourist accommodations subject to the tourist development tax in Miami-Dade County; or be involved in the tourist industry and have demonstrated an interest in tourist development; or be an elected municipal official nominated by her/his City Commission.

The <u>Tourist Development Council (TDC)</u> provides support to promote Miami-Dade County's appeal as a tourist destination by sponsoring tourist-oriented sports events, cultural and special events. The TDC is a nine member volunteer advisory board established by Florida-Statute that meets four times annually to review and make funding recommendations to the Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners.

The TDC works in partnership with other tourism-promoting agencies, including the Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau. The Department of Cultural Affairs serves as staff to the TDC and helps to manage the Tourist Development Council Grants Program that offers funding support on a competitive basis to eligible tourism-oriented events and projects.

For information about the TDC program contact the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs at (305) 375-4634 or on the web at www.miamidadearts.org. It is the policy of Miami-Dade County to comply with all of the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. To request materials in accessible format, sign language

interpreters, and/or any accommodation to participate in any Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs program or meeting, please contact Francine Andersen at 305-375-4634 culture@miamidade.gov at least five days in advance to initiate your request. TTY users may also call 711 (Florida Relay Service).

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The Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and the 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. 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.