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**Commissioner Javier D. Souto, District 10, and the Miami-Dade
County Department of Cultural Affairs to Unveil Plans for the
Westchester Cultural Arts Center**

Meeting Held at Tropical Park on July 27, 2016 at 7:00 PM

(Miami, July 13, 2016) Miami-Dade County Commissioner Javier D. Souto, District 10, and the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs are holding a public meeting to unveil plans for the Westchester Cultural Arts Center, which will be located at the main entrance to Tropical Park, 7900 SW 40 Street. Zyscovich Architects will introduce the design and building plans which include a 200-seat Studio Theater, Dance and Rehearsal Studio, Lobby/Gallery space, class rooms and office space.

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 Zyscovich Architects

WHAT: Public meeting to unveil plans for the Westchester Cultural Arts Center to be located at the main entrance of Tropical Park

WHEN: July 27, 2016 at 7:00 PM

WHERE: Mary Abreu Community Center at Tropical Park – 7900 SW 40th Street, Miami, FL 33155

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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