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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: July 3, 2008

SUBJECT: 5 - Year Re-Accreditation

In October 2003, the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) awarded national accreditation to the City of Miami Beach Parks & Recreation Department. CAPRA accreditation is the premier professional certification for America's Parks & Recreation organizations. We are among less than 3% of nationwide organizations to have earned this prestigious mark of excellence. Our Department was recognized by complying with over 150 standards deemed essential to the quality of services, the professionalism of its operations and for the delivery of best practices.

Today, the Parks and Recreation Department is proud to announce that we are in the process of our 5 year re-accreditation submission and would like to cordially invite you attend the "Meet and Greet" being hosted to welcome the CAPRA evaluation team. The event will be held at the Miami Beach Golf Club on July 14th, 2008 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. See invitation attached.

We encourage your participation in support of the Parks & Recreation family as we continuously strive to provide a higher level of customer service excellence!

Should you have additional questions, please contact Kevin Smith at (305) 673-7730.

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c: Robert C. Middaugh, Assistant City Manager
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