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LETTER TO COMMISSION  
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TO: Mayor David Dermer and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: January 5, 2007

SUBJECT: Cultural Arts Council Vacancies

There are currently six (6) appointments to be made to the Cultural Arts Council (CAC). Three are vacancies resulting from the resignations of Alfredo Richard and Ricky Arriola, and from the term limit of Ada Llerandi. There are also three members up for reappointment: Ileana Bravo, Lidia Resnick and Merle Weiss. Adhering to the guidelines set forth in the Ordinance establishing the CAC, a Nominating Committee was convened to review and screen all interested candidates and subsequently make recommendations to the CAC. At its January 5, 2007 meeting, the CAC reviewed the list submitted by its Nominating Committee and unanimously approved the following recommended nominees. The list below is provided in alphabetical order for your consideration. Additionally, their resumes are attached for your review.

- Jill Bauer
- Ileana Bravo-Gordon (current member eligible for re-appointment)
- Trudy Browne
- Stuart Dornfield
- Marilyn Freundlich
- Solomon Genet
- Marina Kessler
- Lidia Resnick (current member eligible for re-appointment)
- Merle Weiss (current member eligible for re-appointment)

Pursuant to Section 2-55(d) of Ordinance No. 97-3075, as amended, establishing the Miami Beach Cultural Arts Council (CAC) "vacancies on the Council shall be filled by the Mayor and City Commission. In filling any vacancy, the Mayor and City Commission may select a replacement Council member from a list of three (3) candidates which shall be submitted by the remaining members of the Council." Further, "the individual members of the City Commission may supplement the Council's suggested list with additional names of candidates or, if neither the candidates on the Council's suggested list nor the additional names submitted by the individual members of the City Commission are approved, the Council shall submit an entirely different list" for consideration.

The CAC is eager to have these appointments made and respectfully requests that you consider these appointments at your January 17, 2007 City Commission Meeting. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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c: Hilda Fernandez, Assistant City Manager  
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Gary Farmer, Cultural Affairs Program Manager

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