

Chiroles, Erick

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To: Ricky Arriola
Cc: Chiroles, Erick
Subject: followup on Fridays meeting

To: Comm. Arriola & Mr. Chiroles

Dear Ricky & Erick,

Thank you so much for taking the time to meet and discuss our concerns and vision for O Cinema Miami Beach. It is our great privilege to be a cultural beacon for the residents and visitors of North Beach. We're proud of our role in improving resident quality of life and making a positive economic impact in the area through our continuous, daily programming of the Byron-Carlyle Theater. The outpouring of support from the community has been thrilling and speaks directly to the value and vitality we bring. We want to build on that.

As discussed, we are in need of the city's support and assistance in the management of the facility so that we may continue to best serve the community.

We'd like to ask for the city's support in the following three areas:

- Amend our Management Agreement to waive the base use fees & revisit annual benchmarks.
- City support in providing the ongoing maintenance and repairs of HVAC, Septic, Sewer, safety systems, roof, & elevator.
- City support in covering utility costs of operating the facility.

In addition, to these specific items, we discussed an annual subsidy to support and expand our programming and activation at the facility. In particular, financial support will assist us in creating low-cost/free programs for children, families, and seniors. Also, we discussed a two-year extension to our current management agreement (which is currently set to end in Oct 2019.)

We hope that we can make our relationship with the city a true partnership where the cultural vitality of North Beach and the residents' quality of life guides our collaboration. With over 26,000 annual visitors and programs that have brought the best in independent film to our community, including collaborations with organizations like Sundance and the Miami Film Festival, O Cinema has taken an underutilized community asset and made into a thriving, neighborhood cultural center. We need your help to ensure we can continue to serve this community of which we're so proud to be a part of.

Many Thanks,

Kareem Tabsch

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