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Dear Mark:

I am writing to inform you that the Miami Beach Cinematheque has decided not to pursue a long term new lease at our space. As you have been briefed by Brandi, MBC has been in discussion with O Cinema regarding partnering with us on programming and taking over the lease of the space. With MBC's focus on specific projects for the future, and with the changes and questions involved with O Cinema's current spaces, this is a good time to combine forces to continue our common mission of providing independent and art cinema on Miami Beach. As you know MBC invested close to a half million dollars to build the current space through donated funds, and we are very happy that O Cinema is interested in retaining the legacy and momentum that we have built, but also in retaining the O Cinema presence in this area. If this arrangement can work out it would be a "win win" situation for everyone involved - MBC, O Cinema, the City of Miami Beach and the public. An important and beloved cultural anchor on Washington Avenue would be retained, where it is needed.

In the interim, while the details of this arrangement are being explored with O Cinema and between them and CMB, MBC would like to remain in the space on a month-to-month basis starting in March. To do so, we would find it acceptable to pay half the current monthly rent, an amount equivalent to the rent paid by the LGBTQ Chamber, our non-profit neighbor across the hall which has comparable square footage. They have benefitted from this lower rent for years in an arrangement made with the City.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Dana Keith

Miami Beach Cinematheque