

GOOD MORNING EVERYONE!

¡BUENOS DIAS A TODOS!

IT'S A PLEASURE TO JOIN THE RESIDENTS OF THE GRAN VIA APARTMENTS AND ALL OF YOU TO CELEBRATE THE OFFICIAL GRAND OPENING OF THIS LOVELY NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDING.

FATHER ANGULO, THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVOCATION.

COMMISSIONER ZAPATA, THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE AND FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS PROJECT AND THROUGHOUT YOUR DISTRICT.

LET ME ALSO GIVE A SPECIAL THANKS TO FORMER COMMISSIONER JOE MARTINEZ WHO IS JOINING US. YOUR PERSISTENCE IN GETTING THIS PROJECT BACK ON TRACK HAS PAID OFF, AND WE ARE HERE THIS MORNING TO CELEBRATE THIS OPENING THANKS TO YOUR EFFORTS.

BIENVENIDO A LOS RESIDENTS DE LOS APARTAMENTOS GRAN VIA Y A TODOS USTEDES.

GRACIAS POR ESTAR CON NOSOTROS.

LE QUIERO DAR LAS GRACIAS AL COMISIONADO ZAPATA POR SU LIDERAZGO EN SU DISTRITO.

Y TAMBIÉN LE DOY LAS GRACIAS AL EX-COMISIONADO JOE MARTINEZ POR SEGUIR LUCHANDO PARA COMPLETAR ESTE PROYECTO.

DEAR FRIENDS,

TODAY'S GRAND OPENING OF THE 104 UNIT GRAN VIA APARTMENTS IS ONE MORE STEP TOWARD INCREASING AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPTIONS FOR RESIDENTS THROUGHOUT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY...

AND ESPECIALLY TOWARD SERVING THE HOUSING NEEDS FOR OUR COMMUNITY'S ELDERS.

AS MORE AND MORE SENIORS BEGIN TO RETIRE AND SEEK A PLACE TO SPEND THEIR GOLDEN YEARS, WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT AMPLE AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE TO THEM, AND THAT THESE BUILDINGS ARE DESIGNED TO MEET THEIR NEEDS.

FOR THE MORE THAN 50 RESIDENTS WHO ALREADY LIVE IN THIS BUILDING AND TO THE OTHERS WHO WILL JOIN THEM, GRAN VIA APARTMENTS OFFERS THE LATEST AND MOST MODERN ACCOMMODATIONS.

FIRST AND FOREMOST, WE HAVE YOUR SAFETY IN MIND. EVERY UNIT IS EQUIPPED WITH EMERGENCY CALL BUTTONS THAT ARE MONITORED BY STAFF ONSITE.

GRAN VIA IS ALSO "GREEN" AND DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE A MINIMUM "SILVER" RATING UNDER THE LEADERSHIP IN ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (LEED) CERTIFICATION.

AND, THERE ARE TWELVE SPECIAL ADA UNITS THAT COME WITH ADDITIONAL FEATURES FOR DISABLED RESIDENTS.

GRAN VIA ALSO OFFERS A GREAT VALUE TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IN THAT THE COST PER UNIT IS FAR BELOW OTHER AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS.

IN THIS AND EVERY SENSE, GRAN VIA IS AFFORDABLE HOUSING THAT WE CAN ALL BE PROUD OF.

EN EL CONDADO MIAMI-DADE, QUEREMOS QUE NUESTRAS PERSONAS MAYORES TENGAN LA OPORTUNIDAD DE PASAR SUS MEJORES AÑOS EN VIVIENDAS QUE TOMEN EN CONSIDERACIÓN SUS

NECESIDADES. POR ESO HEMOS CONSTRUIDO APARTAMENTOS DISEÑADOS CON ELLOS EN MENTE.

HOY, CELEBRAMOS LA APERTURA DE LOS APARTAMENTOS GRAN VIA. ESTE EDIFICIO TIENE CON TODAS LAS COMODIDADES MODERNAS QUE LE DAN A LOS RESIDENTES PAZ MENTAL. TAMBIEN REPRESENTA UN GRAN VALOR PARA LOS CONTRIBUYENTES DEL CONDADO.

ESTE ES UN EDIFICIO DEL CUAL PODEMOS ESTAR ORGULLOSOS, Y SABER QUE HEMOS HONRADO NUESTRO COMPROMETIDO CON NUESTRAS PERSONAS MAYORES.

FINALLY, AS WITH ALL OUR NEW PUBLIC BUILDINGS, WE'VE INCORPORATED A WORK OF ART IN IT. AND HERE AT GRAN VIA, WE CAN ALL DELIGHT IN A PIECE CALLED "DREAMING FOREVER-GLADES." THIS PIECE BY ARTISTS CARLOS BETANCOURT AND ALBERTO LATORRE REPRESENTS THEIR PASSION FOR NATURE, REPRESENTING OUR RIVER OF GRASS, THE

EVERGLADES, AND ALL THE NATURAL BEAUTY THAT SURROUNDS US.

GRAN VIA APARTMENTS WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY A GREAT TEAM OF PEOPLE WHO CAME TOGETHER TO TURN THIS PROJECT INTO A REALITY.

LET ME THANK OUR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ISD DIRECTOR LESTER SOLA AND HIS TEAM AT DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, PROJECT MANAGER JESUS FARINAS AND ARCHITECT OF RECORD FRANK SUAREZ.

OUR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS, RENE SIERRA & MIKE MARTI OF SILTEK GROUP.

AND OUR PUBLIC HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, RUSSELL BENFORD WHO IS OUR DEPUTY MAYOR, DIRECTOR MICHAEL LIU, AND ESPECIALLY FREDDY NAY.

THANK YOU ALL.

AND TO THE RESIDENTS OF GRAN VIA, CONGRATULATIONS AND MAY GOD BLESS YOUR NEW HOMES!

