

GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE!

COMMISSIONER EDMONSON, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR INVITING ME TO BE PART OF THIS IMPORTANT CELEBRATION.

I'M REMINDED THAT THIS DAY IS 20 YEARS IN THE MAKING. AND THANKS TO COMMISSIONER EDMONSON'S LEADERSHIP, WE'VE COMPLETED THE FIRST PHASE OF THIS REVITALIZATION PROJECT.

THAT DESERVES A ROUND OF APPLAUSE.

COMMISSIONER EDMONSON, I THINK WE CAN AGREE THAT THIS PROJECT IS YET ANOTHER SIGN THAT LIBERTY CITY IS ON ITS WAY UP. AND BY WORKING TOGETHER, WE WILL CONTINUE TO RISE.

THE SEVENTH AVENUE TRANSIT VILLAGE HAS REALLY BEEN A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT. I WANT TO BEGIN BY RECOGNIZING OUR MULTIPLE COMMUNITY PARTNERS. COMMISSIONER HARDEMON ... PASTOR COOK ... MR. FENN AND MR. NAYLOR, THANK YOU ALL FOR THE ROLE YOU'VE PLAYED IN BRINGING THIS PROJECT TO OUR COMMUNITY.

FROM THE COUNTY SIDE, OUR DEPARTMENTS OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS, TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS, AND PUBLIC HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT HAVE HAD A BIG HAND IN THIS PROJECT'S SUCCESS.

WE CAN SEE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF OUR CULTURAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT RIGHT HERE IN THIS BEAUTIFUL STATE-OF-THE ART CULTURAL CENTER.

THE SANDRELL RIVERS THEATER WILL BRING PREMIER MUSICAL CONCERTS, DANCE PERFORMANCES AND THEATER PRODUCTIONS -- LIKE THE ONE WE JUST ENJOYED FROM "THE M ENSEMBLE" -- TO LIBERTY CITY.

I WANT TO THANK SENIOR ADVISOR AND DIRECTOR MICHAEL SPRING, AND HIS ENTIRE TEAM IN THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, ESPECIALLY ALEX PERAZA, FOR THEIR HARD WORK ON THIS PROJECT.

IT JUST SO HAPPENS THAT THE THEATER WE'RE IN TODAY IS LOCATED DIRECTLY ADJACENT TO THE NEW, COVERED TRANSIT HUB THAT OUR

TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS BROUGHT TO LIBERTY CITY.

THIS HUB GIVES RESIDENTS EASY ACCESS TO FOUR DIFFERENT BUS ROUTES AT THE MOMENT, AND MORE TO COME.

I WANT TO THANK DIRECTOR ALICE BRAVO AND HER TEAM, ESPECIALLY ERIC THORNE, FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP ON THIS PROJECT.

AND LASTLY, GIVING RESIDENTS ACCESS TO QUALITY, AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS WHERE OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT HAS PLAYED A ROLE.

MY THANKS TO DIRECTOR MICHAEL LIU AND HIS TEAM FOR THE 76 UNITS THAT ARE FULLY OCCUPIED TODAY.

IN PHASE 2 OF THIS PROJECT, WE'LL BUILD ANOTHER 100 UNITS, ALONG WITH RETAIL SPACE AND MORE AMENITIES FOR RESIDENTS.

I'LL LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL HERE AGAIN TO CELEBRATE ANOTHER MILESTONE IN THE RISING OF LIBERTY CITY.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME THIS AFTERNOON,
EVERYONE.**

**MAY GOD BLESS YOU, AND MAY GOD CONTINUE TO
BLESS MIAMI-DADE COUNTY!**

THANK YOU.

