



**Community Relations Board  
Board of County Commissioners  
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Honorable Carlos Gimenez  
Mayor, Miami-Dade County

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Dear Mayor Gimenez:

The Miami-Dade Community Relations Board (CRB) and the Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT) are convening a special forum on Thursday, April 12, 2012 to allow young people an opportunity to discuss the Trayvon Martin case and related issues. The "Youth Speak Out" event will be held at Miami Carol City Senior High's auditorium, 3422 NW 187<sup>th</sup> Street, in Miami Gardens from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

On behalf of the CRB, please approve the deployment of six county employees to serve as Goodwill Ambassadors (GWA) who will assist students and community members who attend. The Ambassadors will be needed from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Mr. Yvans Morisseau, Office of Community Advocacy will recruit and coordinate the GWA's. Please grant the GWA appropriate leave.

The event will allow young people ages 21 and under will address a panel of youth leaders and local officials and be heard before the community at large. Parents, educators, community leaders, and concerned residents are welcome to listen and observe. Youth panelists include student council leaders from Dr. Michael Krop, Norland, Carol City, and American senior high schools, members of Miami-Dade's Youth Commission, and the Miami-Dade MDEAT Student Court. Other officials expected to be in attendance include Miami-Dade County Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan, School Board Member Dr. Wilbert Holloway, Miami Gardens Mayor Shirley Gibson, State Senator Oscar Braynon, State Representative Cynthia Stafford, Miami-Dade Public Defender Carlos Martinez, Miami-Dade School Superintendent Alberto Carvalho, representatives of the Miami-Dade Black Affairs Advisory Board, and personnel from the police departments of Miami-Dade, Opa-locka, and Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

For more information, please contact Amy Carswell, CRB Program Officer at 305-375-1406. Thank you for working with us to reduce community tensions and build bridges of understanding and respect.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Walter Richardson", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Dr. Walter T. Richardson,  
Chairman, Community Relations Board

