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President Barack Obama weighed in Friday on the shooting of unarmed black teenager Trayvon Martin, calling it a national tragedy - and saying that it reminded him of his own children.

"When I think about this boy, I think about my own kids," Obama said in Rose Garden remarks. "And I think every parent in America should be able to understand why it is absolutely imperative that we investigate every aspect of this. And that everybody pull together.

"But my main message is to the parents of Trayvon Martin. You know, if I had a son, he'd look like Trayvon," Obama said. "All of us as Americans are going to take this with the seriousness it deserves."

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The tragic death of Miami teen Trayvon Martin at the hands of self-appointed neighborhood watch captain George Zimmerman in Sanford Florida has sparked nationwide outrage and calls for Zimmerman’s arrest have echoed from every media source, so you know we had to talk about it! Listen to our conversation with Vic Grechniw, firearms instructor and the owner of Florida Ammo Traders in Tampa, where he talks about how firearms instructors in his circle of colleagues would never call Zimmerman did justifiable force in a concealed weapons class. We also speak with criminal defense attorney Marcus Tan about Florida’s now infamous stand your ground law and how it’s completely inapplicable in this instance. We get a LIVE call from protesters in Liberty City where hundreds of people took to the streets and Jonathon Perri of change.org tells us about the viral media campaign to bring Trayvon’s story to the masses.

In the past year we’ve heard a lot of bad things about the banks and their role in our country’s financial crisis, but what do people on the inside think about the whole thing? Miguel Guerrero joins us to tell us about his experience as a loan officer at Wells Fargo and how he saw the focus shift from helping people buy homes and start businesses to squeezing money out of unsuspecting customers. He also tells us about the opposition he faced when he attempted to speak out against his employer’s crooked practices. Finally we talk to former analyst for Bear Stearns and author of Pants on Fire, Paul Christopherson about his book, and the lies that are preventing people from attaining the American Dream and what he believes needs to be done to change things.

*Martin Luther King: "Injustice Anywhere is a Threat to Justice Everywhere!"
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The Miami Herald

Miami considers selling advertising space on public buildings, fire hydrants, rights-of-way
http://www.miamiherald.com/2012/04/25/2767920/miami-considers-selling-advertising.html#storylink=misearch#storylink=cpy
Fresh off a controversy over its preliminary approval of electronic billboards that Miami-Dade County says are illegal, the city of Miami has set off a new flap as it gets set to consider opening up the public streets and sidewalks to revenue-producing ads — on everything from lamp posts to fire hydrants, public buildings, fences and highway supports.

Settlement clears way for PortMiami dredging work
http://www.miamiherald.com/2012/04/25/2767230/settlement-clears-way-for-portmiami.html#storylink=misearch#storylink=cpy
PortMiami's controversial “Deep Dredge” appears back on schedule — but with an additional $2.3 million in Biscayne Bay restoration and monitoring projects added to the $150 million price tag.

Miami-Dade Mayor Gimenez says fleet reduction led to stockpiling of new, unused vehicles
http://www.miamiherald.com/2012/04/26/2769647/miami-dade-commissioners-have.html#storylink=cpy
Miami-Dade County has been stockpiling vehicles for five years because administrators bought hundreds of vehicles in 2006 — and then decided a year later to drastically reduce the size of the county fleet, leaving scores of new and surplus vehicles gathering dust.

Stadium closed over safety violations
A group of young ballplayers living at the Homestead baseball stadium have been relocated after fire inspectors discovered the stadium’s fire sprinkler and alarm systems don’t work.

El Nuevo Herald

Piden debatir de nuevo compra de autos del Condado Miami-Dade
http://www.elnuevoherald.com/2012/04/26/1187982/piden-debatir-de-nuevo-compra.html#storylink=cpy
El presidente de la Comisión del Condado Miami-Dade, Joe Martínez, dijo el miércoles que solicitará un nuevo debate para ratificar o cancelar una millonaria compra de 121 patrullas tras descubrirse que centenares de vehículos nuevos permanecieron abandonados por varios años en un edificio
Comisionados de Miami-Dade sabían de autos almacenados

http://www.elnuevoherald.com/2012/04/27/1189065/comisionados-de-miami-dade-sabian.html#storylink=cpy
En el 2007 la administración del Condado Miami-Dade emprendió un programa de reducción de su flota vehicular con el retiro de casi un millar de unidades. Sin embargo, a la vez, se recibieron 908 vehículos que habían sido ordenados el año anterior, indicó el jueves un informe condal.

Sun-Sentinel
No County news

South Florida Business Journal

PortMiami dredge opposition dropped after $1.4M agreement


Environmental opposition to the PortMiami dredge project has been withdrawn pending approval of a $1.4 million agreement.

MIA ranks 10th among America’s best airports

The list is compiled through survey results from Travel + Leisure readers on various aspects of the airport.

The Journal of Commerce

Miami Settles Environmental Objections to Dredging

http://www.joc.com/portsterminals/miami-settles-environmental-objections-harbor-deepening
Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez announced that pending approval by the Board of County Commissioners, the county had reached agreement with the Tropical Audubon Society, Biscayne Bay Waterkeepers and a county resident, Dan Kipnis.

CBS 4

Miami’s Airport Lands On Travel Magazine’s Ten Best List

The readers of Travel and Leisure magazine have named Miami International Airport as one of the ten best in the nation.

Deal With Environmental Groups Clears Way For “Big Dredge”

A dredging plan considered critical for the economic future of PortMiami will be allowed to move forward if Miami-Dade commissioners approve an agreement satisfying the objections of organizations who wanted the plan blocked.

NBC 6

Cargo Plane With Blown Out Tire Lands Safely At Miami International Airport: Officials
Miami-Dade Fire Rescue on Thursday said a cargo plane with a blown out tire landed safely at Miami International Airport.

Miami-Dade Police Arrest 36 in Domestic Violence Operation

Three dozen individuals were arrested Wednesday by Miami-Dade Police as part of a city-wide effort to reduce the number of domestic violence offenders on the streets.

Protesters: Investigation Into Firefighter's Trayvon Martin Comment Moving Too Slow

Demonstrators gathered outside the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue headquarters Wednesday to protest the pace of an investigation into a firefighter's comments over the Trayvon Martin shooting made on his personal Facebook page.

WSVN 7

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Local 10

County vehicle report released after Local 10 investigation

The mayor said there are a total of 157 vehicles in the Earlington Heights Metrorail Garage, and those vehicles will be deployed in the immediate future.

Miami-Dade Now

Miami-Dade Ahora

The Maritime Executive

Environmentalists Drop Lawsuit Against Port of Miami Deep Dredge

Following a five-month legal battle, environmentalists have lightened up on their protesting over the plan to deepen the Port of Miami using explosive charges.

WEEKLY CLIPS

The Miami New Times

Barbara Jordan’s Sister Who Defrauded the County Is On Her Campaign Payroll

For Barbara Jordan, blood is thicker than water. How else can the Miami-Dade County commissioner...
Obtained by Judicial Watch

justify the $5,000 her reelection campaign paid to the company owned by her sister Sandy Walker, a once-powerful lobbyist who five years ago pleaded guilty to defrauding the county?

Port of Miami Deep Dredge Clears Final Hurdle As Environmentalists Drop Lawsuit
After a five-month legal standoff over a controversial plan to deepen the Port of Miami using explosive charges, environmentalists have relented. Three groups opposed to the project have dropped their lawsuit in exchange for legal fees and the establishment of a $1.31 million trust fund to mitigate effects of the deep dredge.

Miami-Dade Police Watched Photog’s Facebook Before Arresting Him at Occupy Miami Bust
Carlos Miller isn’t shy about his M.O. -- he believes photographers have the right to photograph police on the job, and he’s more than willing to get arrested to prove his point.

South Dade News Leader

No County news

South Florida Times

Greynolds festival a rascally ‘blue eyed soul’ affair
http://www.sfltimes.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=9797&Itemid=331
The Miami-Dade Parks 9th Annual Greynolds Park Love-In festival returns with the legendary Felix Cavaliere’s Rascals in concert on Sunday, May 6, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The Miami Times

Beckman under fire for insult to Black parents
http://miamitimesonline.com/beckman-under-fire-for-insult-to-black-parents/
Miami-Dade County Fire Captain Brian Beckmann is finding the heat at County Hall can be just as hot as any fire in the field.
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Subject: Do you know Marissa Alexander? I think you two should meet

Tonight at 7PM! We're covering 3 major topics. Tune in!

First, MARISSA ALEXANDER. Is a Florida mother of three really about to go to prison for 20 years for defending herself while not hurting anyone? We'll talk to Marissa's ex-husband and current advocate Lincoln Alexander and her sister Helena Jenkins. Second, DO THE RICH PAY THEIR FAIR SHARE IN TAXES? We've got a debate between famous economist Marshall Aeurback and American Enterprise Institute's Alex Brill. Third, REMEMBERING BP OIL SPILL w/ Dr. Doug Inkley, Wildlife Biologist + Captain Dan Kipnis

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

The other side of "Stand Your Ground": The case of Marissa Alexander

1. If Marissa Alexander "stood her ground," then why is she in jail?

While the debate about Florida's Justifiable Force (aka "Stand Your Ground") law rages on, the debate seems to be missing the story of what happens to people that really feel that they must use force to defend themselves. One of those people is Marissa Alexander. The 31-year-old mother is sitting in a jail cell in Duval County, the same county where Angela Corey (Trayvon Martin's "special prosecutor") heads up the local State Attorney's office. Although Marissa didn't hurt or kill anyone, has a documented history of being a victim of domestic violence and was a lawful gun owner, she faces 20 years in prison for what she claims was a warning shot to defend herself against an abuser. Is a mother of three really about to go to prison for 20 years for defending herself while not hurting anyone? Find out on our show tonight as we talk to Marissa's ex-husband and current advocate Lincoln Alexander and her sister Helena Jenkins. You can also check the Change.org petition here.

2. Do the rich pay their fair share in taxes? If not, should they?
This week is tax week, and it is one of those times that we are reminded of just how much we pay in taxes. Congress almost voted on the "Buffet rule" this week, inspired by billionaire Warren Buffet's plea to his rich friends to pay a little more of what they owe. But do the rich really skirt their responsibilities? Do they really pay their fair share? Find out as we talk to friend of the show, economist Marshall Auerback and as well as the American Enterprise Institute's Alex Brill.

3. Remembering the BP Oil Spill
This week marks the two-year anniversary of the British Petroleum Oil Spill. And while most Floridians are happy that they don't have to swim in sludge, we aren't quite sure what the long term impacts of the spill will be. Join us as we talk to Dr. Doug Inkley, Wildlife Biologist and friend of the show Captain Dan Kipnis as we look at the long term impacts.

You know the rules...tune in! call in! Let's Talk About It!

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A Community Based Response to Miami Dad County Fire Captain
The issue of Trust and Concern for the women whom are served has been aroused by the social profiling statement made openly public by a Public Official about a class of people and their children. Is this a trend of fear being felt by public servant about the taxpayers and citizens oath to serve, whether walking driving or black .in hoodies?

Rally and Network with advocates and program of service providers to African American and Inner City Mothers and Children or any other hoodie mothers, concerned mothers of murdered children will be in attendance, women, parents rights organization, positive action groups, womens health experts, and student organizations and you are invited.

Come by hear, speak, and share your resources, Invite a young man with a Resume for South Florida Workforce or invite to come and share lunch.

Social Economic Justice and Ethical Solutions About Racial Profiling of Youth!

"WE ARE ALL TRAYVON and MOTHERS"
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Beckerman Facebook Response in reference to Trayvon Martin.
Whats under a Your Hoodie?

The question was asked as to how we change the history of our failing community. Many people have come up with ideas, but there still are many more people that need to be touched. As I pondered over the recent amount of killings, and corruption in Miami to Baltimore, I came to the understanding that the change must come within. You have to fix the mind before you can bestow the blessing. Until you fix the mind everything that we give will fall on hollow ground. If the communities mind change then the major problems that we have will have decreased by over 50%.

With the recent amount of problems that the city of Miami-Dade fire chief has brought to our attention has really taken us overboard. Capt. Beckmann's remarks were very much out of frustration, and heaviness that Mr. Zimmerman was charged, and without thinking he wrote these words the world.

"Listening to Prosecutor Corey blow herself and her staff for five minutes before pre-passing judgment on George Zimmerman. The state seeks reelection again, truth aside. I
and my coworkers could rewrite the book on whether our urban youths are victims of racist profiling or products of their failed, sh*tbag, ignorant, pathetic, welfare dependent excuses for parents, but like Mrs. Corey, we speak only the truth. They're just misunderstood little church going angels and the ghetto hoodie look doesn't have anything to do with why people wonder if they're about to get jacked by a thug."

Capt. Beckmann's comments damaged public trust. The community within his area of influence is now forced to question his ability to provide safety and security to all residents regardless of race, ethnicity, and religion. Beckmann caused this problem when he decided to post, for public view, his incendiary remarks. These same attitudes can result in racial profiling which, as we've seen with George Zimmerman, can have tragic consequences. Brian Beckmann's blatant racism should not go unpunished. He MUST be removed from his position within Miami-Dade's fire department.

No more are we coming together to lose our voice, we have a vision that with the legislation's help, we will be able to reach the hearts of the community-based projects. Our first priorities are the removal of Capt. Beckmann's position. The second is to be able to use the community relation board as a liaison between the defendant and the community to ensure justice is obtains in any case. The third priority is to be able to create a place and training program for the youth to stay off of the streets. Basketball, fishing, camping, training, motivation, and discipline will be enforced into the youth.

It is with sincere apology that this letter had to be written, but enough is enough. It is time for the nation to move pass the stereo-type of thinking and come together for the betterment of all people.

WHITFIELD
Happy moments, praise God.
Difficult moments, seek God.
Quiet moments, worship God.
Painful moments, trust God.
Every moment, thank God.
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CBS 4

New Norwegian Cruise Ship To Call PortMiami Home

West Miami Man Dies In Police Custody, Family Wants Answers

Mayor Weighs In On Controversial Trayvon Martin Facebook Comments

Whooping Cough Confirmed In Miami-Dade, Monroe Counties
http://miami.cbslocal.com/2012/04/18/whooping-cough-confirmed-in-miami-dade-monroe-counties/#respond

Northwest Miami-Dade Business Goes Up In Flames

Protesters Want Fire Capt. Disciplined For Trayvon Martin Facebook Rant
http://miami.cbslocal.com/2012/04/18/protesters-want-fire-capt-disciplined-for-trayvon-martin-facebook-rant/

Dade Firefighter's Facebook Post On Trayvon Martin Sparks Firestorm
http://miami.cbslocal.com/2012/04/16/dade-firefighters-facebook-post-on-trayvon-martin-sparks-firestorm/

NBC 6

Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Battles Warehouse Blaze

Protest Against Firefighter Who Made Trayvon Martin Case Facebook Comment
WSVN 7

Norwegian Getaway docks at Port of Miami

Crews put out warehouse fire

Multi-car crash sends 1 to hospital

Protesters want fire captain punished

Local 10

Pelicans released back into wild

Miami-Dade County cars sit idle

Miami-Dade to turn strip malls into green space

Firefighters battle warehouse fire

Activists call for firefighter's apology

Miami Herald

Miami-Dade's Baynanza celebrates 30th anniversary this weekend
http://www.miamiherald.com/2012/04/18/2755459/miami-dades-baynanza-celebrates.html#storylink=cpy

Miami-Dade Charter Review Task Force to hold first meeting
http://www.miamiherald.com/2012/04/18/2755942/miami-dade-charter-review-task.html#storylink=cpy

Large Miami-Dade warehouse complex burns in three-alarm fire
http://www.miamiherald.com/2012/04/18/2755659/large-miami-dade-warehouse-complex.html#storylink=cpy
El Nuevo Herald

Comisión no llega a acuerdo sobre contrato en MIA
http://www.elnuevoherald.com/2012/04/18/1181288/comision-no-llega-a-acuerdo-sobre.html#storylink=cpy

Fallece honorable jueza Margarita Esquiroz

Carlos Giménez anuncia recortes a beneficios de funcionarios
http://www.elnuevoherald.com/2012/04/17/1180519/gimenez-anuncia-recortes-a-beneficios.html#storylink=cpy

Diario las Américas

Regresan fondos federales al transporte de Miami-Dade
http://www.diariolasamericas.com/noticia/138907/33/regresan-fondos-federales-al-transporte-de-miami-dade

Norwegian tendrá su puerto en Miami
http://www.diariolasamericas.com/noticia/138906/33/nuevo-barco-de-norwegian-tendra-su-puerto-en-miami

Falleció la jueza cubanoamericana Margarita Esquiroz
http://www.diariolasamericas.com/noticia/138905/33/fallecio-la-jueza-cubanoamericana-margarita-esquiroz

Univision 23

Chapistería en la 77 Calle es consumida por fuego

Other Media Sources

New judge to preside over Zimmerman case
http://www.kansascity.com/2012/04/18/3562820/new-judge-to-preside-over-zimmerman.html#storylink=cpy

Protestors Want Florida FF Disciplined for Trayvon Martin Posting
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Network Updates, Apr 12 - Apr 19

Featured Updates

Gilbert K. Squires, P.E., Esq., Fellow CCA is now connected to Geneth Bell and 4 other people

Jennifer Vasquez Join us at the Arlington County Latino Community Forum on 4.19 at 6:30 p.m., Walter Reed Ca how to access resources for jobs, healthcare, and education.

Updates from Your Extended Network

Connect with them to see what they're up to

C C REED Historic Rally named "VICTORY CELEBRATION 4 TRAYVON MARTIN!!!", postponed and reschedule...from 12:00 Noon to 6 p.m.

Ernesto Vega, P.A., G.R.I., C.I.P.S http://lnkd.in/kYHF6v

South Florida Real Estate News: Palm Beach, Fort Lauderdale offer... Real estate investors seeking to rent out single-family homes would be wise to head to South Florida, a n released today by CoreLogic shows. Capitalization Rates for single-family homes that are rented out...

Melton Mustafa Check on our latest cd Scenes From Miami Vol.1 Http://www.iTunes.com/Meltonmustafa

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Maribel Balbin, LEED Green Associate has created an event.

League of Women Voters Annual Meeting
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Will Marissa Alexander Do 20 Years for Standing Her Ground Against an Abuser?

- Written by Subhash Kateel
- Friday, 20 April 2012 05:13

While Florida is still raw from the death of Trayvon Martin, a new incident of injustice may be unfolding a few hours away in Jacksonville, Florida, the home district of Angela Corey, the "special" prosecutor in Trayvon's case. In a slight twist of irony, the "stand your ground" (or more properly "justifiable use of force") statutes are also being invoked in this case, except by an alleged victim of domestic violence that says she was defending herself against an abusive husband.

Her name is Marissa Alexander. As we speak, she sits in a jail cell in Jacksonville awaiting a potential sentence of 20 years in prison for what she claims was self-defense. However, unlike the Trayvon Martin case or almost any other case that would elicit a 20-year sentence, Marissa didn't kill anyone or even hurt anyone. She seems to have simply fired a weapon into the air in what we commonly know as a "warning shot" to repel her husband. But that didn't stop a jury in Jacksonville from convicting her of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Marissa Alexander is now 31 years old and a mother of three. On August 1, 2010, she had just given birth to a premature baby. While the baby was still in the hospital, she was embroiled in a heated argument with her husband, a man she claims abused her several times, even during her pregnancy. As told by her ex-husband and current advocate Lincoln Alexander on our show, her husband physically confronted her while she was in the bathroom. While in the bathroom, her husband also reportedly threw a cellphone at her. Marissa then
attempted to leave the house through the garage, when the garage door wouldn't open, she took a legally owned gun from her car's glove compartment and went back upstairs.

When she went upstairs, she was face to face with her husband and two of his children. When police arrived on the scene, Marissa's husband claimed that Marissa pointed her gun at him and his children. Marissa's family contends that her husband lunged at her saying, "I am going to kill you." At that point, Marissa's family fired a warning shot into the ceiling, an action that caused her husband to leave the house. Two points are not in dispute, Marissa never fired more than one shot and no one was injured in the incident.

Beyond this, the media, even those sympathetic to the case, have focused more on the "stand your ground" and "he said/she said" aspects of the case and have largely ignored the most damning piece of evidence: a November 22, 2010 sworn deposition from Marissa's husband/"crime victim"/alleged abuser (found on [here](http://example.com) or [here](http://example.com)). In the 66-page document, he not only admits to abusing her at least five times, he also affirms that Marissa never pointed the gun at him or his children and that he did walk toward her before she shot in the air and began "cursing" at her. Some of the most chilling admissions from her husband are made on page 36 in reference to his state of mind during their August 1, 2010 encounter:

"...I just don't know what would have happened. If my kids wouldn't have been there, I probably would have put my hands on her."

"Probably hit her. I got five baby mamas and I put my hand on every last one of them except one."

"I physically abused them; physically, emotionally, you know, it's like...Me, the way I was with women, they was like they had to walk on eggshells around me. You know, they never knew what I was thinking... or what I might do... hit them, push them."

It is unclear to those of us newly acquainted with the case whether or not a jury ever heard or read those words from the deposition. It is also unclear if her husband ever recanted those statements in court. But even for legal minds that acquired their knowledge through watching *Law and Order*, it does seem clear that her husband's admissions raise enough reasonable doubt that she did nothing wrong. If you look at Florida's "justifiable force" (what is now known as "stand your ground") statutes, the intro basically says it all:

"776.012 A person is justified in using force, except deadly force, against another when and to the extent that the person reasonably believes that such conduct is necessary to defend himself or herself or another against the other's imminent use of unlawful force."

Judging by her husband's own statements, he believed he had the potential to use "imminent force" against Marissa. According to the law, Marissa had a right to be in her own home and had no "duty to retreat." For some reason, the jury chose to convict her and on Monday she may be sentenced to some serious time in prison. According to some lawyers following the case, the punishment for her crime, which amounts to deadly assault on ceiling paint, is punishable by a *mandatory minimum* sentence of 20 years in prison!

It is not insignificant that the *prosecutors in this case* work under the supervision of Angela Corey, the "special" prosecutor in Trayvon Martin's case. The fact that she has received a decent amount of praise for her role in that case presents an even more puzzling picture of the role her office has played in the prosecution of Marissa Alexander.

But Marissa's family and her supportive ex-husband/advocate/friend have ensured that this case receives more attention. Currently, there is a *Change.org* petition for her circulating around the country. On Wednesday, her family hit the airwaves, winning the attention of Michael Baisden (and by extension, Al Sharpton), even making a pit stop on my show. For those of us that watched Trayvon Martin's case closely, this case deserves
the same amount of scrutiny, thoughts and action. It is up to us collectively to ensure that laws do not victimize
the very people we are told they are made to protect.

Don't forget to sign the change.org petition here, and tune in to our interview with Marissa's family here. You
can also catch our show every Wednesday at 7pm.
NAACP Branch meeting April 23, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at Victor T. Curry Christian Community Empowerment Center at New Birth Baptist Church East Campus in the Sanctuary, 13230 N. W. 7th Avenue.

Draft PROGRAM:
1. Update and action items re: racist facebook page post of Miami Dade Fire Dept. Captain – presenter Captain Faye Davis
2.
3. Review of legal aspects of Trayvon Martin’s trial= Presenter Att. Chris Benjamin NAACP Vice President
4.
5. School to Prison Pipeline Issues Vice President and Fl. NAACP Education Chair Dr. Shirley Johnson and Miami NAACP Education Chair Dannie McMillon
6.
7. Voter registration efforts, check on your voter registration, update it if needed, register for vote by mail, know the new rules, Attn. Kishasha Sharpe Miami Dade Civic Engagement Director and Ms Ebony Jackson, Youth Council Advisor and Youth Council members
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To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Subject: Re: Address NAACP Branch Meeting?

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To: BRAD BROWN <jabaribrad@aol.com>
Sent: Thu, Apr 19, 2012 4:23 pm
Subject: Address NAACP Branch Meeting?

Is the address correct: NW 7th Avenue

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Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2012 4:14 PM
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Dr. Brown:

Looks very interesting. I will try to attend. Thank you.

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To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Subject: Re: Speak Out Venue

I very much like your idea of having Mr. Dixon speak with Mr. Woodson with an attempt to secure the Carol City High School. I think he will allow us to use that venue, and the charges, if any, should be nominal.

From: "Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)" <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
To: walter richardson <wtrichardson@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Thu, April 19, 2012 5:30:33 PM
Subject: Speak Out Venue

Dr. Richardson:

I agree with Dr. Capp that the Betty Ferguson Center may be preferable to conducting the event in a church that is not really well located for folks who are not familiar with the area and who may take public transportation (like high school students). I am checking out the capacity of the center, however, we originally went to Miami Carol City because the brand new auditorium holds 900 people. The auditorium is very, very well suited to our purposes. I believe we would have a much better turn-out at the high school, however, I very much share the concern about the DCPS commitment to the event. Not only was the event canceled at the last minute, but the way it was done was unnecessarily rude and underhanded. Frankly, I am having some difficulty getting over my interaction with Mr. Woodson and question whether we should tolerate working with him again.

Having said all that, I think we should try for Carol City High again and ask Mr. Dixon to meet with Dr. Woodson early on and get something in writing from him assuring us of our agreements. There may be other impediments that MDEAT has, particularly as to the amount of funds demanded by the DCPS. Barring any such impediments, I have been anticipating that this would be the way to go, however, the new intercourse from other CRB members is creating a need for CRB leadership to set the priorities. Please advise. Thank you.

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Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2012 5:45 PM  
To: Capp, Larry Dr. (MDCR); Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)  
Subject: Re: Sponsors of the CRB?MDEAT Youth Speak Out

I agree with Dr. Capp

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To: "Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)" <AMY2@miamidade.gov>; walter richardson <wtrichardson@bellsouth.net>  
Sent: Thu, April 19, 2012 5:37:12 PM  
Subject: RE: Sponsors of the CRB?MDEAT Youth Speak Out

Greetings,

I think that it would be very appropriate to have the NAACP Youth Council involved as a co-sponsor and incorporate them into the established program and panels. Amy, have you not received a response from Dr. Johnson at all? If not, we could ask for their participation at Monday night’s branch meeting. After all, the NAACP both locally and statewide via Adora have been in the heart of the protest activities since this movement took off. As for action items-support for the End Racial Profiling Act of 2011 and the repeal of Stand Your Ground laws are obvious ones, but there may very well be several others.

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Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2012 5:24 PM  
To: Capp, Larry Dr. (MDCR); 'waiter richardson '  
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Dr. Capp and Dr. Richardson:

The support of the NAACP Youth Council for the CRB/MDEAT Youth Speak Out is welcome. Dr. Richardson is aware that the CRB and MDEAT, under his leadership and through staff, have developed and agreed upon an agenda and format for the event. Youth involvement, as panelists and in various other facilitating roles, had been secured from student Council leaders at Dr. Krop, Norland, Carol City and American high schools, from the MDEAT Youth Court and from the Miami-Dade County Youth Commission. Additionally, at least a dozen elected officials, police leaders, the SAO and Public Defender, along with Dr. Richardson and Ronald Fulton have agreed to serve on the adult panel. As a co-sponsor, I would anticipate that the NAACP youth and/or the branch would anticipate a primary role. As our plan has been to replicate the model already implemented, I have some concern about inviting another major player. Please advise so that we may communicate our intentions to Dr. Brown. Please also be aware, that I have spoken to Dr. Brown about the need to engage with the NAACP Youth Council in order to provide an avenue for newly aspiring youth to get more involved in their communities. I have reached out to Dr. Johnson and will do so again. Thank you.

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The Youth Council is a separate charter from the Branch so it would be their decision I am sending your email to Dr. Shirley Johnson chair of the Branch’s Youth Work Committee and her daughter Ebony Jackson who is the Advisor of the Youth Council. You could talk with them at the meeting but the youth would be the finally deciders and they would need to run it through the National Office. I take it you are proposing he NAACP sponsor the meeting with CRB. I think it would be great and we would include both the adult Branch and the Youth Council if everyone agrees. You can bring it up at the Branch meeting and then a decision would be made the first Mon. of May at the Executive Committee meeting.

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In the spirit of gold and blue, we wish to congratulate those students graduating May 1 and joining our illustrious list of FIU-SJMC alumni. Best Wishes!

AT THE SJMC

FAILURE NOT AN OPTION AT SJMC
The New York Times this week published a story on graduate student success rates across the country and institutions' willingness to give students a second chance. In it, reporter Abby Ellin highlights FIU's Global Strategic Communications master's program and alumnus Anthony Gutierrez who was given a second chance at FIU in spite of his poor grades. The SJMC faculty reviewed his case, felt he was a strong candidate and allowed him to improve and, in the end, he successfully completed his degree.

SJMC TO WEIGH IN ON FACEBOOK IPO
On May 8, FIU will host a panel discussion for journalists covering Facebook's upcoming initial public offering (IPO) and its implications. FIU experts from a wide array of fields, including the SJMC's own Dean Raul Reis and Associate Professor Rosanna Fiske, will discuss what to expect in the coming months and what reporters should look out for as the world's largest social media site goes public. The in-person discussion, which is free and open to the public, will be streamed live on Facebook and Ustream, where viewers are encouraged to post questions and comments. Following the panel, The Miami Herald Business Editor Jane Wooldridge will moderate a discussion about the future of a publicly-held Facebook and its impact on Wall Street, user privacy, software development and social media networking and communications, among others.

ALUMNI NEWS

PRESIDENT AND DEAN CELEBRATE EMMY WINNING ALUMNI
Last week, the SJMC faculty, alumni and friends joined President Mark B. Rosenberg for a special reception honoring the school's 2011 Suncoast Emmy Award nominees and winners. The SJMC continues to congratulate this fine group of alumni for their outstanding accomplishments.

FACULTY NEWS

DUAL PROJECT PROVES SUCCESSFUL FOR GLOBAL LEARNING FACULTY
The Office of Global Learning Initiatives announced this week the 2012 Global Learning Faculty Fellowship awards for faculty possessing creativity and expertise to advance global learning at FIU. Dr. Fred Blevens, professor and Dr. Moses Shumow, assistant professor, were one of only two projects awarded this $5,000 Global Learning fellowship. The duo was awarded for their collaboration, "Mapping Miami-Dade's Immigrant Media: Information Communities, Civic Engagement, and Democracy." The fellowship is for research collaborations between faculty and undergraduate students
to generate new knowledge and new ways of facilitating engaged classroom global learning. Recipients will share research findings at the 2013 annual FIU Global Learning Conference, other conferences, and in high-impact journals.

STUDENT NEWS

GRADUATE STUDENT WORK ACCEPTED BY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL

Last week, as part of her capstone professional project, master’s (GSC) senior Heather Bermudez presented a comprehensive communications awareness campaign to the Miami-Dade Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Council (DVSAC). Following her presentation of research, proposed strategies and tactics, budget and evaluation plan the client accepted the project for implementation after she graduates. Dr. Maria Elena Villar, assistant professor and project chair, said, "The client was thrilled with Heather’s work. They will implement the campaign to the extent possible with current funds, and will seek grant funding for full implementation of her proposed "REAL Campaign" (R= Respect E= Educate A= Advocate L=Lead) to raise awareness of Youth Dating Violence and resources available through DVSAC." The implementation will include social media, peer leaders, and a launch event to create greater awareness of the cause. “This is a proud moment for the SJMC to showcase the quality work by our students and the opportunity of these projects for SJMC to engage in the community,” Villar added.

UGRAD AWARDED LAGRANT FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

PR/ADV undergrad Valerie Regis was one of 16 national winners to be awarded The LAGRANT Foundation (TLF) scholarship. The undergraduate students, whom are all minorities and are pursuing a degree in public relations or advertising, will each receive a $5,000 scholarship toward their studies.

STUDENT PENS HERALD 1A STORY

Alumna and South Florida News Service contributor Maria Bernal was front and center April 11 with her lead story in The Miami Herald’s Tropical section.

STUDENT LANDS HER DREAM JOB

PR student Lauren Jordan accepted a position as social media specialist (SMS) for Nordstrom at the Village of Merrick Park. In her new role, Jordan will be responsible for covering fashion news on location, pitching press releases to local media, and being the social media “face” of the store. “I get to do my two passions on a daily basis: Style people and make them feel beautiful in their own skin, and fashion PR,” said Jordan.

STILL TIME TO STUDY ABROAD IN BRAZIL

Spaces still remain for students to participate in this summer’s study abroad trip to Brazil. Students will travel to the Amazon to write, report, learn about the culture and region and immerse themselves in all that is Brazil. All majors are welcome. For complete details including costs and dates, visit the above hyperlink.

UPCOMING EVENTS

For all events and campus happenings, visit our Calendar of Events

SPRING COMMENCEMENT: MAY 1 -- CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2012.

THIS WEEKEND: SFBJA HOSTS PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON TRAYVON MARTIN

The South Florida Black Journalists Association will host "Trayvon Martin: Stand Your Ground, Media and Race, A Public Discussion" on Saturday, April 21, noon-1:30 p.m. at the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center, 2650 Sistrunk Blvd., Fort Lauderdale. The discussion will be led by panelists Sarah Gonzalez, reporter for StateImpact Florida; Michael Mayo, local columnist for the South Florida Sun-Sentinel; Tsitsi Wakhisi, associated professor of professional journalism practice at University of Miami’s School of Communication; and The Honorable Barbara Watson, a Democrat representing Florida House District 103 in Miami Gardens.

NEXT WEEK: NAHJ JOURNALISM MIXER

The National Association of Hispanic Journalists (NAHJ) South Florida Chapter, the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) South Florida chapter and the Online News Association (ONA) South Florida are bringing together online, print and broadcast journalists for a social mixer. The event takes place April 25, 6:30 – 10 p.m. at the News Lounge, 5580 NE 4th Court, Miami. The first 50 attendees will get a free drink. To RSVP, contact Deborah Acosta of ONA.

PRSSA SUPPORTS COMMUNITY

The William C. Adams Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSSA) will represent the SJMC at a special community wide event in Sunrise. For complete details, click here.
FIU FAMILY HOSTS AMY LOPEZ MEMORIAL
Friends and alumni of the late FIU student Amy Lopez and alumni Shawn and Germania Huntington will celebrate their lives through a special performance on Friday, April 27, 7 p.m., in the Graham Center (GC). Proceeds will go to the Lopez Family. The performance will include participants from Intensity Dance Studio, FIU Dance Team, and local break dancers. Tickets include refreshments and will be sold in GC for $5 and $10. For more information, contact Nicole Moremen at 305-803-4698.

CAREER (AND OTHER) OPPORTUNITIES

PAID: WTVJ ASSISTANT NEWS DIRECTOR
For more information, click here.

PAID: WFOR CBS4 ASSIGNMENT EDITOR
WFOR CBS4 News is seeking an assignment editor with at least two years experience in the journalism field. The applicant must have strong written and verbal communication skills, be organized and able to successfully manage multiple tasks at the same time, and function well under stress and be able to make decisions quickly. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to monitoring police and fire scanners, keeping up with current events, making beat checks with local agencies, assigning reporters and photographers to stories and dispatching the chopper. If interested, email Jeanette Rodriguez, Assignment Manager.

SCRIPPS IMMIGRATION TRAINING PROGRAM
Scripps Howard is seeking applicants for its 2012 Scripps Howard Immigration reporting training program. The program, which brings together journalists from the U.S. Spanish and English-language media for a week-long training on how to cover immigration issues using multimedia tools, is scheduled to take place Sunday, July 15, 2012 through Sunday, July 22, 2012 in Washington, D.C. The application deadline is Monday, May 28, 2012.

PAID: S.C. NEWSPAPER
The Index-Journal, a 13,000-circulation, family-owned daily newspaper in Greenwood, S.C., is searching for a key member to join its award-winning team. For more information, visit the complete job description online.

The SJMC Wire is sent bi-weekly to all students, graduates, faculty and friends of FIU's School of Journalism and Mass Communication. Can't wait that long? Come visit the school on Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, LinkedIn and of course its website.

HOUSEKEEPING: Are your address and email changing? Have you changed jobs? Don't lose touch with the SJMC - to change your contact information email sjmcgrad@fiu.edu with the subject: "Update Me" or "Unsubscribe" if you wish to say good-bye. Something to say? Send us your news: sjmcnews@fiu.edu.

*The End*
Justin McCarthy

From: (Office of the Mayor) Office of Communications, <CEOCOMM@miamidade.gov>  
Sent: Friday, April 27, 2012 10:11 AM  
To: (Office of the Mayor) Office of Communications  
Subject: UPDATED - Daily and Weekly Clips for Thursday, April 26, 2012 and Friday, April 27, 2012  
Attachments: Clips April 26, 2012.pdf

*Please be advised that some of the articles, images, and/or videos posted in the daily e-clips may contain inappropriate matter that comes from independent websites that change their content on a daily basis. The views expressed in the independent websites are not a reflection of Miami-Dade County’s opinions and/or policies.

The Miami Herald

Miami considers selling advertising space on public buildings, fire hydrants, rights-of-way
http://www.miamiherald.com/2012/04/25/2767920/miami-considers-selling-advertising.html#storylink=misearch#storylink=cpy
Fresh off a controversy over its preliminary approval of electronic billboards that Miami-Dade County says are illegal, the city of Miami has set off a new flap as it gets set to consider opening up the public streets and sidewalks to revenue-producing ads — on everything from lamp posts to fire hydrants, public buildings, fences and highway supports.

Settlement clears way for PortMiami dredging work
http://www.miamiherald.com/2012/04/25/2767230/settlement-clears-way-for-portmiami.html#storylink=misearch#storylink=cpy
PortMiami’s controversial “Deep Dredge” appears back on schedule — but with an additional $2.3 million in Biscayne Bay restoration and monitoring projects added to the $150 million price tag.

Miami-Dade Mayor Gimenez says fleet reduction led to stockpiling of new, unused vehicles
http://www.miamiherald.com/2012/04/26/2769647/miami-dade-commissioners-have.html#storylink=cpy
Miami-Dade County has been stockpiling vehicles for five years because administrators bought hundreds of vehicles in 2006 — and then decided a year later to drastically reduce the size of the county fleet, leaving scores of new and surplus vehicles gathering dust.

Stadium closed over safety violations
A group of young ballplayers living at the Homestead baseball stadium have been relocated after fire inspectors discovered the stadium’s fire sprinkler and alarm systems don’t work.

El Nuevo Herald

Piden debatir de nuevo compra de autos del Condado Miami-Dade
http://www.elnuevoherald.com/2012/04/26/1187982/piden-debatir-de-nuevo-compra.html#storylink=cpy
El presidente de la Comisión del Condado Miami-Dade, Joe Martínez, dijo el miércoles que solicitará un nuevo debate para ratificar o cancelar una millonaria compra de 121 patrullas tras descubrirse
que centenares de vehículos nuevos permanecieron abandonados por varios años en un edificio condal.

Comisionados de Miami-Dade sabían de autos almacenados
http://www.elnuevoherald.com/2012/04/27/1189065/comisionados-de-miami-dade-sabian.html

En el 2007 la administración del Condado Miami-Dade emprendió un programa de reducción de su flota vehicular con el retiro de casi un millar de unidades. Sin embargo, a la vez, se recibieron 908 vehículos que habían sido ordenados el año anterior, indicó el jueves un informe condal.

Sun-Sentinel

No County news

South Florida Business Journal

PortMiami dredge opposition dropped after $1.4M agreement

Environmental opposition to the PortMiami dredge project has been withdrawn pending approval of a $1.4 million agreement.

MIA ranks 10th among America's best airports

The list is compiled through survey results from Travel + Leisure readers on various aspects of the airport.

The Journal of Commerce

Miami Settles Environmental Objections to Dredging
http://www.joc.com/portsterminals/miami-settles-environmental-objections-harbor-deepening

Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez announced that pending approval by the Board of County Commissioners, the county had reached agreement with the Tropical Audubon Society, Biscayne Bay Waterkeepers and a county resident, Dan Kipnis.

CBS 4

Miami's Airport Lands On Travel Magazine's Ten Best List

The readers of Travel and Leisure magazine have named Miami International Airport as one of the ten best in the nation.

Deal With Environmental Groups Clears Way For "Big Dredge"

A dredging plan considered critical for the economic future of PortMiami will be allowed to move forward if Miami-Dade commissioners approve an agreement satisfying the objections of organizations who wanted the plan blocked.

NBC 6
Cargo Plane With Blown Out Tire Lands Safely At Miami International Airport: Officials
Miami-Dade Fire Rescue on Thursday said a cargo plane with a blown out tire landed safely at Miami International Airport.

Miami-Dade Police Arrest 36 in Domestic Violence Operation
Three dozen individuals were arrested Wednesday by Miami-Dade Police as part of a city-wide effort to reduce the number of domestic violence offenders on the streets.

Protesters: Investigation Into Firefighter's Trayvon Martin Comment Moving Too Slow
Demonstrators gathered outside the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue headquarters Wednesday to protest the pace of an investigation into a firefighter's comments over the Trayvon Martin shooting made on his personal Facebook page.

WSVN 7
No County news

Local 10
County vehicle report released after Local 10 investigation
The mayor said there are a total of 157 vehicles in the Earlington Heights Metrorail Garage, and those vehicles will be deployed in the immediate future.

Miami-Dade Now
http://youtu.be/Xg1DFupdd-I

Miami-Dade Ahora
http://youtu.be/tKiS2N-qR9s

The Maritime Executive
Environmentalists Drop Lawsuit Against Port of Miami Deep Dredge
Following a five-month legal battle, environmentalists have lightened up on their protesting over the plan to deepen the Port of Miami using explosive charges.

Eventful.com
9th Annual Greynolds Park Love-In
http://eventful.com/northmiamibeach/events/9th-annual-greynolds-park-lovein-/E0-001-047830927-1
It’s that time of year again, when fans of “Flower Power” put on their bell-bottoms, halter tops, fringed leather vests and love beads for the Greynolds Park Love-In festival and concert. Now in its 9th year,
WEEKLY CLIPS

The Miami New Times

Barbara Jordan’s Sister Who Defrauded the County Is On Her Campaign Payroll
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Greynolds festival a rascally ‘blue eyed soul’ affair
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The Miami-Dade Parks 9th Annual Greynolds Park Love-In festival returns with the legendary Felix Cavaliere’s Rascals in concert on Sunday, May 6, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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Beckman under fire for insult to Black parents
http://miamitimesonline.com/beckman-under-fire-for-insult-to-black-parents/
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>>> HELP: I NEED FINANCIAL HELP IF THIS IS TOO CONTINUE AFTER 12-YEARS AND HEADING INTO 13-YEARS IN MAY: If you think it is important to have someone watching your public institutions consider becoming a supporter or sponsor. For there is no trust fund, and I do have to live and I hope you or your organization will consider helping in a small or larger way and help keep another voice on line in the media. A convenient form is at the bottom of this week's Watchdog Report with all the instructions on how to support this newsletter and news service.

>>> CORRECTION: Miami-Dade Public Defender Carlos Martinez raised $72,800 for his reelection campaign and loaned it $40,000 more for $112,800, and he has won a new four year term after not being challenged on Friday by the filing-closing deadline.

ARGUS REPORT - Heard, Seen on the Street

>>> Dolphins Pro Bowl player Anderson kicks off 4th M-DC Park Summitt, but tens of thousands of other volunteers are the unspoken heroes in S. FL
Dick Anderson, 66, the Miami Dolphins all pro defensive back on the team’s perfect season is one of the tens of thousands of volunteers in Miami-Dade County that make a cross section of our parks, cultural facilities, schools and a host of other activities possible in many ways, and saving taxpayers tens of millions of public dollars in the process. Anderson spoke Tuesday to Miami-Dade Commissioners as the Parks Foundation of Miami-Dade vice president created in 2004 and the money and volunteers role these people play saves the county millions of dollars while also providing high programs for the kids of all ages and the community as a whole. http://www.parksfoundationofmiami-dade.com/index.html or to become a county parks volunteer go to www.miamidade.gov/parks and click on volunteer opportunities or call 305.961.2781.

The role of volunteers is going to be looked at in this issue of the Watchdog Report and these people give their time and sweat equity ranging from coaching peewee football, or being a referee, to guiding ticket holders to their seat at the Adrianne Arsht Center and it actually might be Adrianne Arsh himself taking you to your seat. The Watchdog Report thought about volunteers when I attended the fourth Annual Miami-Dade Parks Summitt held at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens on Thursday and volunteers are everywhere at the garden, that had a woman teaching some young children how past pioneers lived on a field trip to what I call Miami’s Camp David, given some of the political meetings that had been held in the serene setting over the years.

What about Arsht & Vizcaya volunteers?

John Richards the CEO of the Arsht Center told county budget officials a few weeks ago the organization has a core of about 330 volunteers that has 35 of them assigned “for each House’s performances,” he said. He noted these volunteers provided 31,000 hours of their time in the course of a year and that translates to “$660,000 in voluntary support from these people.” However, Richards said they could use some more people and “would love to see the number of volunteers double.” Since the Arsht Center opened, after a somewhat rocky start, two new CEOs have turned it around and Richards has done a remarkable job that had 500,000 people attending events last year including 75,000 of the community's kids going to Rock Odyssey over the last three years. http://www.arshtcenter.org/

In the case of the Historic Vizcaya Museum and Gardens, the role of volunteers is also critical with these people helping to the tune of 14,000 volunteer hours a year valued at $260,000. Since they provide help with operations and the visitors experience through daily guided tours, program support and maintenance of the art collection and gardens. Vizcaya, a community treasure, sits on a 50-acre site, includes 15-historic buildings and with 100 years in deferred maintenance, needs all the volunteers and outside help, it can get. For more go to: http://www.vizcayamuseum.org/

What about Public and Private school volunteers?

From the public schools PTA to a host of other organizations volunteers, these thousands of people are the backbone of enhancing education and range from City Year members in the schools helping teachers in struggling schools teach the community’s younger charges to helping on a sports team and possible being a driver or some other volunteer to a school event. www.dadeschools.net

What about Jackson Health & Baptist Health volunteers?

Jackson Health System also has a large number of people that work as volunteers or are donors to the Public Health Trust. And Baptist Health South Florida to name another organization has a host of volunteers who serve on oversight boards of the not-for-profit. And these people all make the community a better place in their own quite way with little fanfare and that is the way for many of them
how they like to participate. For further information how to become a volunteer go to: Jackson Memorial Foundation & www.baptisthealth.net

>>> White House press release: Remarks of President Barack Obama Weekly Address The White House Saturday, April 21, 2012

This week, I got the chance to sit down with some impressive students at Lorain County Community College in Ohio. One of them was a woman named Andrea Ashley. Two years ago, Andrea lost her job as an HR analyst. Today, she’s getting certified in the fast-growing field of electronic medical records. Before enrolling at Lorain, Andrea told me she was looking everywhere trying to find a new job. But without a degree, she said that nobody would hire her. Andrea’s story isn’t unique. I’ve met so many Americans who are out there pounding the pavement looking for work only to discover that they need new skills. And I’ve met a lot of employers who are looking for workers, but can’t find ones with the skills they’re looking for. So we should be doing everything we can to put higher education within reach for every American - because at a time when the unemployment rate for Americans with at least a college degree is about half the national average, it’s never been more important. But here’s the thing: it’s also never been more expensive. Students who take out loans to pay for college graduate owing an average of $25,000. For the first time, Americans owe more debt on their student loans than they do on their credit cards. And for many working families, the idea of owing that much money means that higher education is simply out of reach for their children.

In America, higher education cannot be a luxury. It’s an economic imperative that every family must be able to afford. That’s why next week I’ll be visiting colleges across the country, talking to students about how we can make higher education more affordable - and what’s at stake right now if Congress doesn’t do something about it. You see, if Congress doesn’t act, on July 1st interest rates on some student loans will double. Nearly seven and half million students will end up owing more on their loan payments. That would be a tremendous blow. And it’s completely preventable. This issue didn’t come out of nowhere. For some time now, I’ve been calling on Congress to take steps to make higher education more affordable - to prevent these interest rates from doubling, to extend the tuition tax credit that has saved middle-class families millions of dollars, and to double the number of work-study jobs over the next five years. Instead, over the past few years, Republicans in Congress have voted against new ways to make college more affordable for middle-class families, and voted for huge new tax cuts for millionaires and billionaires - tax cuts that would have to be paid for by cutting things like education and job-training programs that give students new opportunities to work and succeed.

We cannot just cut our way to prosperity. Making it harder for our young people to afford higher education and earn their degrees is nothing more than cutting our own future off at the knees. Congress needs to keep interest rates on student loans from doubling, and they need to do it now. This is a question of values. We cannot let America become a country where a shrinking number of people do really well, while a growing number of people struggle to get by. We’ve got to build an economy where everyone gets a fair shot, everyone does their fair share, and everyone plays by the same set of rules. That’s how the middle class gets stronger. That’s an economy that’s built to last. And I’m not only going to take that case to college campuses next week - I’m going to take it to every part of the country this year. Thanks, and have a great weekend.

>>> Press release: Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL) recently voted to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to approve the long-delayed Keystone XL energy pipeline within 30 days. The pipeline would bring crude oil from supply fields in Alberta, Canada to refineries in Oklahoma and Texas. Congresswoman Ros-Lehtinen has voted to support this important project four previous times. (Votes: H.R. 1938; H.R. 3630; H. Res. 370; H. Res. 501) Unfortunately, President Obama continues to reject the Keystone XL pipeline.
The President's decision is good news for China but terrible news for the millions of Americans who want and need jobs and energy independence. Approval of the Keystone XL Pipeline project would increase our domestic supply by 302 million barrels of oil per year. This project has the potential to change the current gas price dynamic in the consumer's favor. A Department of Energy analysis projects that the increased energy supplies and gains in energy efficiency could essentially eliminate U.S. dependence on Middle East oil. The U.S. already imports more oil from Canada than any other country and the enormous potential of this politically and economically secure source of energy can restore market confidence and could help gas prices while significantly rebalancing global oil markets toward North America's favor. In a statement, Ros-Lehtinen said, "Given that oil prices are so high, it is past time that real solutions are put on the table. The economy suffers catastrophically because of these high prices and the burdens being placed on American families only continue to grow. I am committed to measures that lower the price of gas in a responsible way and end our crippling dependence on Middle East oil."

>>> Press release: Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL) released the following statement in response to the passage of H.R. 9, the Small Business Tax Cut Act of 2012, which provides all small businesses with a 20 percent tax deduction. Diaz-Balart comments: "While small businesses continue to struggle, President Obama continues to insist on job-killing policies like tax hikes and burdensome regulations. We must focus on creating an environment that promotes economic security and opportunity for our nation's job creators; we do not need tax gimmicks that punish small businesses. My home state of Florida has been hit especially hard with double-digit unemployment rates, and this tax relief is a step in the right direction to encourage job creators to expand and hire." Click here, to see how the bill is good news for Florida.

>>> Knight Center for International Media newsletter: One Water Continues to Reach Audiences Globally with Eight Screenings this World Water Day

The film continues to cross borders, physical and cultural, by showing at a variety of settings this World Water Day 2012. With screenings spanning the globe, from British Columbia to Hungary, One Water continues to be a popular choice in media for discussing the world's water crisis. All screenings of the film are free. If you are interested in organizing or holding a screening, large or small, please contact Lauren Janetos. For more about the film and related educational projects, visit http://onewater.org/education. www.knightfoundation.org

>>> See what was said about the Watchdog Report in the Miami New Times 2003 -- Best of Miami -- BEST CITIZEN -- Daniel Ricker - watchdogreport1@earthlink.net

Three years ago, we said Ricker was our Best Gadfly. Given his dedication and perseverance, this new honor, Best Citizen, is well deserved. Ricker goes to 2500 mind-melting meetings annually, from the Public Health Trust's purchasing subcommittee to the Efficiency and Competition Commission to the Alliance for Human Services' nominating council to the school board's audit committee. Sometimes he's the only public observer. Object: to be the Public Citizen for all those out there who can't attend, and to connect and serve as an information bridge among the special-interest-dominated Miami-Dade governmental institutions that seem so problematic and indifferent to the democratic process.

This month his e-mail newsletter, The Watchdog Report, celebrates its fourth anniversary (Now entering its 13th year May 5th). In a former life, Ricker made a handsome living as an international salesman of heart pacemakers. As the hard-working publisher of Watchdog Report, though, he's struggling financially -- this despite the fact that his weekly compendium of meeting summaries, analysis, interviews, and commentary has become essential reading for anyone involved in public affairs. What his written work may lack in polish, it more than makes up for in comprehensiveness. So
raise a toast to the man whose official slogan says it all: "A community education resource -- I go when you cannot!"

>>> All photos in the Watchdog Report are taken from public government sites, and the Report goes online at www.watchdogreport.net on Monday sometime during the day usually. >>> If you believe it is important to have someone watching your public institutions consider supporting the Watchdog Report for I am a low cost news service, yet I do have to live, thank you! Further, I have been honored over the years by being named a WFOR-4 Hometown Hero in 2000, being profiled in a major way by The Miami New Times and was Best Citizen in the 2003 Best of Miami of The Miami New Times, profiled twice in The Miami Herald, and the Orlando Sentinel ran a nationwide story on me in the Tribune papers on Jan. 2003, and UNC Chapel Hill named me one of the top columnists in Florida in a multi-state study of the media back in 2004. I also thank Joseph Cooper for the opportunity to be on the WLRN/NPR show Topical Currents on www.wlrn.org since 2000, including yearly election coverage since then, and also numerous times over the past decade. Further, I am a frequent guest on WWW.WPBT2.ORG on Helen Ferre's show Issues, and have also appeared on Elliott Rodriguez's show News & Views on www.CBS4.com.

FLORIDA

>>> Gov. Scott signs $70 billion FL budget, South Florida whacked $25 million including $3.1 million for UM Med school

Gov. Rick Scott (Net worth $103 million) signed the $70 billion Florida budget last week, he cut $143 million from the legislative created budget, and South Florida got whacked to the tune of $25 million in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties. Scott has pushed the need for more educational funding and there is $1 billion more, but after past funding cuts around $2 billion each over the last few years. Critics say this new money cannot make up for the past reductions and much of it indirectly goes to servicing past school construction debt that is ballooning for some of the 67 public school districts in the state. Scott continues to approach the state budget as if he is running a business and the $500,000 for the Bay of Pigs Museum was slashed and the University of Miami Miller Medical School lost $3.1 million in state funding.

Scott a former healthcare executive of Columbia/HCA that paid a $1.6 billion fine to the federal government in the late1990s after widespread Medicare fraud was found in the well over 300-hospital chain nationwide resigned in the 1990s, but he was never charged. During the 2010 election, he was mum to a great extent about the federal settlement, the largest in the nation's history and the man ran on creating jobs and dominated the television airways with his campaign ads using his own millions. Now he has signed into law his second budget for the state and he has stayed on his pro business course that has the environmental community crying foul. After one environmental safeguard law after another is gutted or neutered by the governor's administration throughout Florida.

The governor already has started to raise money for his campaign in 2014, and so far termed out state Sen. Nan Rich, D-Broward is the only Democrat lined up to run against Scott. However, former Republican governor Charlie Crist's name has also surfaced as a possible candidate running as a Democrat after he switched to the Independent Party in his losing 2010 U.S. Senate race against then former Florida House Speaker Marco Rubio, R-Miami and Democratic Congressman Kendrick Meek, D-Miami that had Rubio coming out on top.

>>> AG Pam Bondi press release: I have always been committed to defending the interests of Floridians, businesses, and government entities that have suffered losses caused by the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. I had always wanted an audit in order to bring transparency to the Gulf Coast Claims Facility claims process. I requested that the audit include a review of unexplained discrepancies in
payments to similarly situated claimants and the documentation required by the GCCF. In response to prompting by my office, the Department of Justice, and the other Gulf Coast states, this fall Administrator Kenneth Feinberg agreed to an evaluation. On Thursday, the Department of Justice released findings and announced that approximately $64 million in relief will go to claimants who were adversely affected by GCCF errors. Approximately 4,450 Floridians will receive an estimated $37.7 million in relief. The roughly 4,450 Floridians account for more than 60 percent of the total estimated 7,300 claimants who were adversely affected by errors in claims processing. Thankfully, Floridians will now receive the millions in relief that they deserve. I will continue to monitor the claims process and help ensure that harmed Floridians are fairly compensated.

>>> Press release: I wish progress were easier, but it is not... Gov. Rick Scott just vetoed early learning legislation that was quite flawed despite the good efforts of leaders such as Marti Coley in the House and David Simmons in the Senate. The governor’s veto message emphasized the importance of arriving at a “uniform, nationally recognized pre- and post-assessment to ensure children are making education gains” while in school readiness programs. This is a major goal of The Children’s Movement. The governor is absolutely right on this. He’s asking Dr. Mel Jurado, who leads his Office of Early Learning, to get us to just that. To read his message, click here. That message said “solid early learning experiences” are “critical to our children being properly prepared for school success... I am committed to ensuring Floridians have access to high-quality early childhood education.” Amen, I’d say. That high quality must come to pass. Children’s futures depend on it. You in The Movement made a difference. We, together, have so much more to do.... Dave Lawrence Jr., Chair The Children’s Movement of Florida.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

>>> Charter Review Task Force taps state Sen. Garcia & Mayor Greer for leadership positions

The third Miami-Dade Charter Review Task Force since 2000 met Thursday and the members elected state Sen. Rene Garcia, R-Hialeah (Net worth $130,000 in 2008) chair of the body and former Pinecrest Mayor Evelyn Greer the vice chair. The 20-member group has four women, which is the same gender representation back in 2007, and 08 and Miami Beach attorney and Commissioner Victor Diaz chaired that past task force. Further, the 2000 charter review was held on the 29th floor of the Stephen P. Clark Government Center and former FP&L executive and Miami Beach commissioner Sid Levin chaired that one.

The Watchdog Report mentions this because throughout this charter review process I have covered all these meetings, that almost became a work program for me, and in this case, as well. I seemed to be the only press in the room. The group is planning to have public input sessions in five locations throughout the county hearing residents input, and then too get back together for further intense discussions before presenting their recommendations by July 17, to county commissioners and it is a tight time line to get the items on the Nov. general election ballot.

Anyone unusual on the task force?

Joe Arriola, the treasurer of the Financial Recovery Board overseeing Jackson Health System is one of the task force members and Miami-Dade Commissioner Jose “Pepe” Diaz (Net worth $64,200) appointed him. Arriola, the past businessman who made his around $40 million fortune when he sold his printing business in the 1990s has since morphed into a City of Miami manager under Mayor Manny Diaz (Net worth $1.8 million), became a member of the PHT board and now is one of seven people on the FRB. He is respected for his business acumen, but he can be vulgar and a bully sometimes and this new role is more thoughtful in nature than his past posts, and he has a history of outbursts and definitely does not like the press or being criticized in any way. During the Charter Task
Force meeting that conflicted with his responsibilities at the FRB that held its monthly all day committee meeting. He provided periodic banter and quips during the discussion but the concern the Watchdog Report had was if he had the time for this new public task force.

Further, Arriola is also coming back as a major political fundraiser for upcoming state and local candidates running for office this year, though one countywide candidate demurred when Arriola asked if he wanted his help in this regard. And Arriola is also a frequent guest on radio shows. But all these activities put him in the center of a lot of local political drama while he has the very important task of keeping Jackson Health System financially afloat. And I write about this because I don’t know if he has the time because he did not return to the FRB committee meeting, after the task force broke-up around noon, and he missed the important future strategy discussion given by the institution’s new VP of strategy Jeffrey Crudele. After the previous strategic officer, Donn Szaro passed suddenly in his sleep a few weeks ago in Sarasota after working for ten months on a strategy to stop the fiscal bleeding and create a sustainable health trust for the 2.5 million county residents that includes the poor and needy of our community across all ethnic lines.

>>> Public in the dark how $275 million in county GOB money spent at Museum Park, closed to public scrutiny

The Watchdog Report has found that when it comes to the $275 million in 2004 GOB funding for the Perez Art Museum (MAM) and the Frost Science Museum going up in Museum Park on Bicentennial Park, the public, press and the county’s inspector general are in the dark. A Miami-Dade assistant attorney in the county attorney’s office who looked into this matter has concluded there were no open public record laws required when these organizations received the funding that is currently ongoing with MAM ahead in this public funding and will receive the last $26 million of its $100 million in the next county budget year beginning in October. The attorney did extensive research and the only organization possible similar was the Ringling Brothers Museum in Sarasota. However, the circus museum is a state agency when it comes to its public funding and these meetings are open to the public but the two museums here in Miami are not such an entity, and thus these board meetings are allowed to be closed.

And since that is the case, these two organizations boards and the chairs have a crucial role and must act as the community firewall when it comes to the oversight of these public funds. And any funding surprises in the future need to be minimal because the public trough is empty for unbudgeted hits and the public and taxpayers are putting their faith in MAM Chair Aaron Podhurst and the Frost Museum chair Dan Bell who in their leadership capacity are the overseers of this public money. And the Watchdog Report hopes these men do their duty and protect the public dime as well as building two new museums in the process, on time and on budget.

>>> MIA Abreu “cautiously optimistic” regarding new automated baggage & screening system, handling 30,000 bags a day at N. Terminal

The new over 10.5 mile automated baggage and security screening system at the North Terminal at Miami International Airport has completed a month of the trial run and its operation is “getting smoother,” said MIA Aviation Director Jose Abreu last week. The baggage system is actually 13 miles long if the spurs are included and American Airlines was hesitant to fire up the system initially, but with federal officials putting on pressure, the trial run began last month. So far the aviation guru said the baggage system had met “90 percent of the [test] criteria,” federal officials are assisting in tweaking the system, and we are “cautiously optimistic,” said Abreu. He said the baggage-handling rate is about 30,000 bags a day and when it came to the “unknown bags,” technicians are working to “minimize” those bags that were not photographed and have to be checked manually.
PROPERTY APPRAISER PEDRO GARCIA REMINDS SENIORS TO RE-APPLY FOR THEIR 2012 PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION - Press release: Miami-Dade County Property Appraiser, Pedro J. Garcia is appealing to homeowners who last year benefitted from the Additional Homestead Exemption for Persons 65 and Older (more commonly called the Senior Citizen's Exemption) to file their renewal applications for 2012. Although the deadline to file timely applications ended March 1st, Mr. Garcia says his Office will accept late applications for the Senior Exemption. The Senior Citizen's Exemption can reduce overall property taxes by $500 or more each year. To qualify for the 2012 Senior Exemption benefit, the Adjusted Gross Income cannot exceed $27,030. This limit applies to everyone who lives in the house whether they are owners or not. Mr. Garcia points out that in most cases social security income does not count towards qualifying for this benefit. He is advising seniors filing for the exemption to check the "Adjusted Gross Income line" on their Federal Tax Return to verify actual income amounts. Since December, the Property Appraiser's Office has sent notices to 42,341 seniors who received the benefit in 2011, reminding them that unlike the homestead exemption, this benefit does not automatically renew and they must re-apply for 2012. Mr. Garcia notes that 6,997 seniors have still not filed renewals for 2012. To file your senior renewal application, visit either the Downtown Miami or South Dade offices of the Property Appraiser:

Stephen P. Clark Government Center  
111 NW 1st Street  
Miami, Florida 33128-1984  
Suite 710, Public Information Counter  
Renewal applications can also be filed online at the Property Appraiser's website:
http://www.miamidade.gov/pa/exemptions.asp  
First-time applications have to be filed in person at either of these offices.

Garcia (Net worth $1.1 million)

PRESS RELEASE: MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES NEEDS YOUR HELP IN SOLVING ANIMAL CRUELTY CASE

Earlier today, the Miami-Dade County Animal Services Department received an anonymous tip that a dog had been severely beaten with a baseball bat. Upon arrival in the vicinity of SW 155th Terrace and SW 111th Avenue, a small black and tan dog was found with severe head trauma. Unfortunately, due to the extent of his injuries the dog could not be saved. The department is actively investigating this alleged crime and is requesting assistance in identifying the person responsible. If you have any information regarding this case, please contact 3-1-1 to file a report. "All pets are very important to us, whether they are a stray, abandoned or lost. They all have a right to be treated with love and kindness. Acts such as this cannot be tolerated," said Alex Muñoz, Director, Animal Services Department. Muñoz added, "If what was reported to us regarding this case is true, we need to find the responsible party in order to prevent them from committing future acts of animal cruelty."

PRESS RELEASE: The Bureau of Labor Statistics today released its employment and unemployment estimates for March. The latest release shows that payroll jobs (persons working in Miami-Dade) is regaining the growth momentum it experienced in the last quarter of 2011. The January estimate indicated a loss of approximately 4,000 jobs from the December peak of 1,016,500, but that loss was
Recruited in February and March. Payroll jobs, after accounting for regular seasonal variations, reached 1,017,400 March - a new peak since the end of the recession. The growth in payroll jobs has been led by the private sector, which has added 25,900 jobs over the past 12 months, while during the same period public sector employment has fallen by 2,700. Gains in consumer spending, healthcare, and tourism appear to be leading the gains in the labor market.

The number of unemployed workers and the unemployment rate, both adjusted for regular seasonal variations, fell in March. Unemployed workers last month declined by 2.3% from February, and the unemployment rate declined to 10% from 10.3% in February. The unemployment rate last March was 12.3%. More encouraging is that the decline in the number and rate of unemployment is that is entirely due to an increase in employment. The number of Miami-Dade residents holding jobs has increased 6% over the past 12 months. >> CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE REPORT<<

Robert D. Cruz, Chief Economist, Miami-Dade County.

>>> Press release: Registration Now Open for Miami-Dade Parks' Summer Camps! Exciting Summer Camps are being offered by the Miami-Dade Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department, June 11-August 17, 2012, at its parks around the County. Programs are affordable and fully-supervised. There's fitness, sports, nature-encounters, arts and crafts, field trips and more! Camp hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., with early drop-off/late pick-up available. Miami Dade Parks provides inclusion services for children with disabilities who want to attend typical summer camps.

>>> Press release: Adrienne Arsht Center AileyCamp Miami 2012 AileyCamp Miami is a summer day camp where middle school students are "turned on" to dance and come to respect the discipline of dance as a physical activity that requires athletic ability comparable to skills demanded by any sport. Also, campers will increase their leadership skills and enjoy a variety of social activities. Monday - Friday, June 25 - August 4, 2012; 8:30AM - 3:30PM. Ages 11-14, MDCPS Grades 6-8, SPACE IS LIMITED, NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

>>> SEED Foundation gets OK to start new charter school at old Bay Point campus in Cutler Bay, eventually will have student boarders, says Diaz-Balart

The school board on Wednesday approved the beginning of a new charter school on the old Bay Point Schools Cutler Bay campus with 157-beds that closed in the late 2000s after the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice shut down the facility that tried to turn around troubled youth when the state funding was cut. The new organization that wants to use the campus is the Washington D.C. based The SEED Foundation. Its representative Tia Diaz-Balart, the foundation's South Florida Director told the board that the plan was to start with around 80 students when it is open, well over a year from now, and build it up to around 400 students in the years ahead that would include students boarding Sunday through Friday at the south Dade location. SEED started its first such school in D.C. 15-years ago and there is also one in Baltimore Maryland started in 2008 she said. Notable people that have stopped by to review the schools success with at risk youth have included Oprah Winfrey and "up to 25 to 30 percent" of the students attending are expected to come from foster homes. Since the students remain on the school campus, it creates a more controlled education environment and the goal is for all the kids to graduate high school and go to college.

The public schools district's staff on allowing new charter schools to go forward said the application was for a "typical charter school" and the board was only approving the "day component," she said. And SEED's application with the district had met "state statutes for a day charter school." And the nation's fourth largest public schools district over the next year will hash out in further detail with SEED about making the facility a boarding school in the future, something that is rare in Miami-Dade versus in the northeast U.S.
>>> SEED webpage: The SEED School of Washington, D.C. is a public, college-preparatory boarding school whose primary mission is to provide an outstanding, intensive educational program that prepares children, both academically and socially, for success in college. More than 320 students in grades six through twelve attend SEED. All students live on campus Sunday through Friday, enabling them to benefit from an integrated curriculum that incorporates academic, extracurricular, and life skills learning. For more information, visit The SEED School of Washington, D.C.

http://www.seedfoundation.com/index.php/seed-schools

>>> Press release: Dr. Wilbert “Tee” Holloway, Miami-Dade County School Board Member for District 1, will join some 150 students from three Miami-Dade public schools to engage in several exciting activities related to Earth Day at Fairchild Tropical Botanical Gardens, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Monday, April 23. The Botanical Gardens are located at 10901 Old Cutler Road in Coral Gables. Admission will be free that day. The annual event raises awareness for the environment and continues to be an educational tool for the community. Students from Rainbow Park, Nathan B. Young and Dr. Robert B. Ingram elementary schools will participate in three activity stations: a cooking demonstration with Chef Chris Bulgarian, who will teach students how to make healthy, family friendly foods; a hands-on lesson on photosynthesis with Jeff Wasielewski; and a planting exercise with Kiki Mutis, in which students will pot a plant to take home. >> For more information, please contact Raquel Alexander, Assistant to School Board Member, Dr. Wilbert “Tee” Holloway, at 305-995-1334; or Amy Padolf, Director of Education at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, at 305-663-8097.

PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST

>>> Some Miami-Dade commissioners beat up the messenger, FRB Chair Lapciuc, but were almost blind to Jackson’s fiscal problems for a decade

Marcos Lapciuc, the Financial Recovery Board chair ran into a verbal buzz saw last week when he spoke in front of the Miami-Dade County Commission Tuesday morning and it was not some of the commissioner’s finest hour. The international businessman born in Columbia told commissioners Jackson Health System must be “competitive” if it is to survive and thrive in what he described as a “healthcare reform business that moves so fast and [when it came to a strategic plan] and you can have the most beautiful plan, but you need the money” to pull it off, he said. Commissioner Sally Heyman (Net worth $425,000) has been carping for 11 months about not seeing such a plan that is slowly being developed and has called for a closed executive session with Jackson senior management staff including CEO Carlos Migoya to get a briefing on their new strategy to get paying patients to come to the health trust. She said during the stern discussion, “The one thing that has eluded us is specific details” and likened the future strategic plan to being in “the ozone,” she said.
However, Migoya in the past has said he “had concerns about [giving commissioners] propriety information,” that might be shared with competitors, said Heyman but she is moving forward with the May 1 closed session after getting the required commissioner signatures. Lapciuc will not attend this session for the same reason he did not attend a hearing by the organization’s unions members after a significant staff cut was made. He believes the FRB must maintain its governance independence given its charge of trying to save JHS that has for the last three years hemorrhaged over $400 million in losses while giving roughly $1.1 billion in charity and bad debt medical care for the past year alone.

Commissioner Javier Souto (Net worth $658,000) a long time member of the old PHT board said in the past “The Jackson Board was not really interested in the Medicare business” and not “really interested in clinics.” He thought the focus was more on giving a “triple organ transplant but that also costs a lot pf money” and generates “a lot of pizzazz,” he said. The former state legislator also noted the competitive clinics that are controlling patients would be okay, but if that is the case for the health trust. “Jackson will be out of business,” he contended. He then went on a verbal tear comparing patients to coffee beans and said it is “crucial Jackson needs to control the supply of patients" because that is what “makes the place work.” Commissioner Xavier Suarez (Net worth $328,500) also joined the fray asking about a study he considered "shoddy" but was not done by the administration but a draft study done by a union consultant and Lapciuc did not know what he was talking about. Suarez even asked what time at the FRB daylong committee meeting, the fiscal committee would be going on, suggesting he might attend, but on Thursday, he was a no show at the Jackson committee meetings.

However, throughout this intense discussion by commissioners was the fact that Lapciuc and his other six board members are all volunteers, the amount of time they put in is considerable, and righting the public hospital financially is no easy task. Further, under the county commission’s watchful eye over the past 12 years, JHS has lost money every year and posted a $84 million deficit back in 2004 that had fiscal adjustments going back to the late 1980s and settling a over $40 million outstanding obligation with the federal government. And to add to Jackson’s fiscal burdens in 2000, the county commission shifted about $72 million in unfunded mandates on the PHT, including nursing home care and inmate prisoners’ medical care and all of these come to over $100 million in the current budget year at JHS. And back in 1999 or so the health trust had about $400 million in capital infrastructure reserves for the campus and sprawling facilities but that was also drained. And now at JHS there is an estimated over $1 billion in capital infrastructure needs that has been pared down to over $600 million, but the campus facilities look old, and even include ashtrays in the bathrooms outside of the first floor executive wing, a throw back to the 1960s.

Now on May 1 at the closed meeting, only one FRB trustee can attend without it being a board Sunshine Law violation and Lapciuc at Thursday’s committee meeting said if any other members wanted to go that was up to them. However, it sounds like just Migoya and his senior staff will attend the meeting and let’s hope the commission allows these people to do their jobs. For while the Miami-Dade Home Rule Charter does give commissioners the charge of the community’s health and public hospital, that is in a broad scope and does not actually cover how the hospital is run, and this past intervention by the commission over the years is one of the reasons JHS is in this position. Even though for years past, JHS administrations have brought the fiscal matter to the elected leader's attention. But county commissioners failed to heed the warnings and lack of capital for improvement of the health complex that this FRB and the administration is trying to stabilize and grow. And if the improving trend continues in the months ahead, JHS may actually have a good shot of a small loss or actually breaking even at the end of the budget year ending in September.
A PAST WDR: This is a graph PHT President & CEO Marvin O’Quinn presented to the Board of County Commissioners in June 2008 about the future for Jackson Health System in the coming years and frankly I am surprised anyone would want to be part of the oversight board given the fiscal and political challenges.

Jackson Health System – Future Uncertain

CITY OF MIAMI

FDLE agents descend on city hall, part of 5K Torch Relay, did not include public corruption unit, in the 1990s they were all over the place

Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) special agents along with Miami Police SWAT members ran a 5K Torch Relay for the Special Olympics midday Friday and they arrived in mass at Miami city hall, but the FDLE public corruption unit was not part of the pack of runners. Over the decades either FDLE or the FBI special agents have been roaming the halls of the Miami commission and I remember a small posse of them in the mid 1990s that put a variety of commissioners in jail including the ex city Manager Cesar Odio. Miami-Dade municipalities over the years have been a vast breeding ground for wayward elected leaders and administrators and more recently included Miami ex Commissioner Angel Gonzalez being forced out of office by the state attorney’s office in a plea deal in November 2009. However, these officers were there for charity or maybe casual reconnaissance of the area, but a number of people wondered why there were so many blue lights around the parking area in front of city hall at the time giving the impression of possible mass arrests.

What is the WDR connection with Miami?

I began this effort of watching our government and public institutions in late 1997 and without former Commissioner J.L. Plummer in office almost 30-years. I would not be doing this today and having a 13th Anniversary May 5. Back then, I went through almost 200 personal jackets for Miami employees and I would review about 18 to 20 of the files every Friday at Miami’s personnel office. And at the
time, for some people there was concern I was an undercover cop rather than an inquisitive citizen even though at meetings when people would introduce themselves. I would say, "I am just a citizen," that once had a television reporter covering the event as well, saying "Yeah right, just a citizen," but it was said in a respectful way, since at that point. I had about two and a half years of watching government under my belt. But it was the fact the citizens never won anything in the 1990s and were constantly getting steamrolled by their elected leaders regardless of the commission district they lived in. And my mission at the time was to try to change the odds for the ordinary people and while some major issues still get past the public like the Miami Marlins Stadium. There have been many other items before the commission that ultimately went down in flames over the past 15-years and I consider that a good thing.

CITY OF MIAMI BEACH

>>> It's not over until the fat lady sings when it comes to Mgr. Gonzalez, preview on Tuesday at Breakfast Club meeting featuring Commissioner Wolfson

While four commissioners are calling for a special commission meeting Mayor Mattie Herrera Bower is holding firm and Manager Jorge Gonzalez isn't calling one and a preview of what might be coming will be discussed at a civic breakfast club meeting on Tuesday. Gonzalez has been under pressure to step down after a variety of scandals and Wolfson was the first to call for his dismissal after over a decade in the top city administration spot. The commissioner now is running for the House District 113 seat and is facing Republican challenger Bryan Avila. After state Rep. Richard Steinberg, D-Miami Beach resigned amid a texting scandal with a married federal prosecutor he knew a few months ago. Wolfson has raised $49,625.00 for his campaign and Avila has $9,650 in his campaign war chest. Months ago, Commissioner Deede Weithorn seconded Wolfson's call for the removal of Gonzalez and now www.miamiherald.com is reporting that two other commissioners on the body, Michael Gongora and Ed Tobin are also jumping into the fray and will likely be discussed at the upcoming May 9 commission meeting.

However, Gonzalez has incredible political staying power since being appointed over a decade ago, that he seemed to have blunted the earlier movement for his removal but now with the arrests of seven Beach employees in code enforcement, and fire safety. The cry for his removal has raised its head again. However, Commissioners and the residents sometimes react in such a manner but then the issue dies down and some insiders speculate that after these recent fireworks, the matter will die down in the coming weeks. Further, Bower and Gonzalez both say he is rooting out the bad apples in a press release last week, the investigation continues, and they are fully cooperating with FBI investigators to get to the bottom of the issue of public corruption on Miami Beach.

>>> Press release: Miami Beach Commissioner Jonah Wolfson is the Breakfast Club speaker, Tuesday, April 24, 8:30AM - 10:00AM, David's Cafe II, 1654 Meridian Ave., Miami Beach. Since 1996, the Tuesday Morning Breakfast Club has been gathering every Tuesday at 8:30AM at a local Miami Beach restaurant for informal, non-partisan discussions of issues - political, governmental, etc. It is not affiliated with any other organization. We are currently meeting at David's Cafe II, 1654 Meridian Ave., Miami Beach, between Lincoln Road Mall and Macy's (formerly Burdine's). There is plenty of parking at that hour in the adjacent municipal parking lot. One orders from the menu or simply has coffee. Guest speakers range across the political, governmental, business, and social issues spectrum. Sessions are open to everyone. Simply show up. www.MBTMBC.com

CITY OF CORAL GABLES

>>> Mayor Cason supports parks in City Beautiful, working to create two more, to "improve the quality of life" for residents
The Watchdog Report spotted Mayor Jim Cason at the Miami-Dade County Parks Summit held at Fairchild Botanical Gardens on Thursday and I emailed him asking what he thought of the meeting, since the Garden is in the Gables, is a community treasure and a place I have dubbed South Florida’s version of Camp David. In an email back he wrote, “The Parks Summit is an important meeting where stakeholders gather to discuss and further the initiatives of the Miami-Dade County Parks and Open Space Master Plan.

The plan initiatives address issues and goals that directly affect Coral Gables residents, including access to parks, bike trails that connect the entire parks system and land acquisition for park use. The Parks Summit highlights some of the pressing issues in the County that the Miami-Dade County Parks and Open Spaces Master Plan is addressing. The acquisition of parkland is a priority in the City of Coral Gables. We are currently in the process of developing two new neighborhood parks, which is one of the significant ways by which a City can improve the quality of life for its residents,” wrote the former U.S. Ambassador.

>>> City Extends Grace Period Until July 15th For Compliance With Truck Restrictions

The City of Coral Gables has extended the grace period until July 15, 2012, for enforcement of the restrictions pertaining to trucks parked in residential and commercial areas. The City has granted this extension to provide more time for residents to come into compliance with the law. Enforcement would begin after expiration of the grace period if compliance has not been achieved. Fines are $100 for the first violation, and up to $500 for each subsequent violation. The City of Coral Gables has prevailed in the legal court case challenging the City’s ordinances restricting the parking of trucks. The Third District Court of Appeals previously upheld the constitutionality of section 4-411 and 4-412 of the Coral Gables Zoning Code pertaining to trucks parked in residential and commercial areas. The Florida Supreme Court has decided not to review this decision. For more information, please contact Code Enforcement at 305-460-5226.

VILLAGE OF PINECREST

>>> Mayor Lerner supports county’s park initiative and its “vision,” hopes Village is part of the process

The Watchdog Report contacted Mayor Cindy Lerner last week after she attended the 4th Miami-Dade County Parks Summit and asked her what she thought about the event and she wrote back. “I applaud the Parks Department’s vision for and commitment to identifying distressed properties and revitalizing the surrounding communities by creating a new identity using green spaces as the anchor for healthy and livable communities. I am sure all of the cities in Miami Dade would love to partner with the county in identifying properties and planning together. I hope we will be invited to the table. In addition, I will now be looking within our village with a new eye for green space opportunities as well,” wrote the mayor and former state legislator.

>>> OTHER STORIES AROUND FLORIDA

BROWARD COUNTY

>>> Commissioner Lieberman gets challenger in county court Group 6 race; Commissioner Ritter faces off against Sutton

Long time Broward Commissioner Ilene Lieberman (Net worth $921,309) who is termed out in 2012 on the nine-member body has qualified for county court judge Group 6, along with Kathleen McHugh and they will face off in November. The commissioner is reporting raising zero money for her
campaign through March but that is likely to change in the future. Lieberman a long time elected official in Broward has been the county mayor while on the body but she also works as a lobbyist while being paid $92,000 as the commissioner of District 1. She and I verbally got into it years ago when I wrote about one of her lobbying gigs. She said at the time I “had a problem with lobbyists,” and I responded only when they were also elected leaders in another capacity. Now she is seeking a spot on the bench, and she is considered a solid fundraiser. McHugh has $33,125.00 in her war chest but this countywide race is expected to heat up. But Lieberman also has quite an extensive past political narrative, and given Broward’s past brush with public corruption at the county commission, school board and municipalities it is unknown if that will be a factor in voters minds in November.

Further, the Watchdog Report reviewed Lieberman’s past gift disclosure forms and on the whole the report was benign though a physician gave over $200.00 in free medical care and she got a trip to Israel worth $2,800 states the disclosure forms. However, it is unknown if Broward’s 1.07 million voters will support her effort to jump over to the courts, of which Democrats represent 561,000 voters, Republicans come in at 254,000 and “other” accounts for 263,900 of the county’s electorate states the supervisor of elections webpage.

What about Commissioner Ritter?

Former Democratic Party state representative and now Broward Commissioner Stacy Ritter (Net worth $150,000) has also got a challenger for another term on the dais with Republican Robert Sutton throwing his hat into the ring. Ritter has $92,170 in her campaign war chest, has spent $27,100 and Sutton has $300.00 state campaign documents. Ritter has been a past county mayor, is close to President Barack Obama but she also has carped over the years that the press is after her as has Lieberman. But Ritter also had some campaign reporting irregularities in her unopposed 2008 race for her commission seat and some of the media criticism may be justified. 

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Wifredo A. Ferrer, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, John V. Gillies, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Miami Field Office, and José A. Gonzalez, Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division (IRS-CID), Miami Field Office, announced that Dorothy Boulin, 29, pled guilty yesterday afternoon before U.S. Magistrate Judge Edwin Torres to one count of wire fraud and one count of aggravated identity theft in connection with an identity theft tax fraud scheme.

According to the documents filed in Court, sometime prior to January 2012, the defendant received a list of military personnel (United States Marines) with names and social security numbers for identity theft tax fraud purposes. The defendant knew that the list contained names of military personnel. On January 17, 2012, the defendant, from a computer in her residence in Broward County, caused six fraudulent tax returns to be submitted online to an online tax filing company. Five of these six returns were submitted without the authorization of the individuals whose social security numbers appear on the returns. These five returns sought approximately $21,301 in fraudulent refunds. Several of these victims were marines.

On January 19, 2012, the defendant caused eight fraudulent tax returns to be submitted online. Seven of these eight returns were submitted without the authorization of the individuals whose social security numbers appear on the returns. These seven returns sought approximately $32,627 in fraudulent refunds. Several of these victims were marines. Boulin is scheduled to be sentenced on July 5, 2012. At sentencing, she faces a maximum statutory sentence of 22 years in prison. Mr. Ferrer thanked the FBI and IRS-CID for their work on the case. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael N. Berger. A copy of this press release may be found on the website of the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida at www.usdoj.gov/usao/cls.

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PALM BEACH COUNTY

Press release: Another Defendant Sentenced in Broward and Palm Beach Pill Mill Operation

Wifredo A. Ferrer, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, John V. Gillies, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Miami Field Office, Mark R. Trouville, Special Agent in Charge, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Miami Field Division, and José A. Gonzalez, Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division (IRS-CID), announced the sentencing of an additional defendant on charges stemming from Operation Oxy Alley, a coordinated investigation into pill mills in Broward and Palm Beach Counties. Today, U.S. District Judge Kenneth A. Marra sentenced defendant Gino Marquez, 30, of Wellington, to 84 months in prison, to be followed by one year of supervised release. Marquez pleaded guilty in February 2012, to one count of racketeering conspiracy. Including Marquez, 27 defendants have been sentenced on an indictment unsealed on August 23, 2011, charging 32 defendants, including 13 doctors, in this pill mill scheme.

The indictment alleges that defendants Christopher and Jeffrey George, twin brothers, operated, managed and financed four pain management clinics in Broward and Palm Beach Counties. According to the indictment and statements made in court, from 2008 to early 2010, these pill mills distributed approximately 20 million oxycodone pills and made more than $40 million from the illegal sales of controlled substances. Christopher and Jeffrey George are among those who have pleaded guilty. They were sentenced earlier this year. The investigation and prosecution was the result of work by federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. The FBI, DEA, IRS-CID were
Obtained by Judicial Watch

assisted by the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office, the Broward Sheriff’s Office, the Hollywood Police Department, the Boca Raton Police Department, and the Davie Police Department. Coordination efforts also included cooperation by the Palm Beach State Attorney’s Office and the Delray Beach Police Department, Jupiter Police Department, West Palm Beach Police Department, Boynton Beach Police Department, Medley Police Department, Homestead Police Department, North Miami Beach Police Department, and Sunny Isles Police Department. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Paul F. Schwartz, Lawrence D. LaVecchio and Strider Dickson. A copy of this press release may be found on the website of the United States Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of Florida at www.usdoj.gov/usao/fls. Related court documents and information may be found on the website of the District Court for the Southern District of Florida at www.flsd.uscourts.gov or on http://pacer.flsd.uscourts.gov.

SEMINOLE COUNTY

>>> Circuit Court Judge Lester now in the hot seat, presiding over Zimmerman trial, jurist had $2.27 million net worth through June 2011

Circuit Court Judge Kenneth R. Lester Jr., has taken over as the judge that will preside over the George Zimmerman second-degree murder charge trial when he killed Trayvon Martin back in late February after a scuffle and the case has become the poster child for the Florida Stand Your Ground Law. The Seminole County judge got the appointment after the previous judge had a conflict of interest in this national high profile case and Zimmerman’s bond was set Friday at $150,000.

What do we know about Lester’s finances?

Lester through Jun. 1, 2011 had a net worth of $2.27 million and there is $270,000 in household goods. Two rental properties owned with others brings in $500.00 per month each, there is $170,000 in deferred compensation and another $110,000 in two bank accounts. He and his wife’s personnel real estate holdings and homes are valued at $930,000 and $250,000 and the two rental properties are valued at $400,000 and $100,000. He lists total assets $2.23 million and the only listed liability on his financial disclosure is $40,000 owed to GMAC. He lists receiving no gifts last year, but he did not list his judicial salary on the Form 6 on file with the state, which was odd and may be just an oversight by the judge.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

>>> Press release: Gov. Scott taps Jennifer Gabbard, of Tampa, to Hillsborough County Court.

Gabbard, 39, has been an assistant state attorney with the State Attorney’s Office for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit since 1997 and served as chief of the county court division for two years. Gabbard received bachelor’s and law degrees from the University of Florida. “As a prosecutor for 14 years, Jennifer has gained valuable experience with the county court system,” Governor Scott said. “During that time, she has handled a wide variety of cases and gained a reputation as a tough, fair and able prosecutor. I am confident she will continue to further the rule of law from the bench.” Gabbard will fill the vacancy created by the appointment of Judge Nick Nazaretian to the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Court.

MANATEE COUNTY

Press release: Gov. Scott reappoints Carlos M. Beruff to the State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota District Board of Trustees.
Beruff, 54, of Parrish, is a developer with Medallion Home Gulf Coast. He is a member of the National Home Builders Association and the Home Builders Association Manatee-Sarasota. He has served on the Board of Directors for Junior Achievement Sarasota/Manatee and the Boys and Girls Club of Manatee. Beruff attended the University of South Florida. He is reappointed for a term beginning June 1, 2012, and ending May 31, 2016. The appointment is subject to confirmation by the Florida Senate.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

>>> It's prom season again and we are currently collecting gently worn dresses for our Mentees attending prom this year and we need your support to make this year's event, even more successful than last year's! Long and short dresses are welcome, as well as any other clothing/accessories that you are interested in donating. Items can be dropped off Monday - Friday between 8:30am-5:00pm at WOT offices located at 22 East Flagler Street, 6th Floor, Miami, FL 33131 - we are located on the 6th floor of the Macy's building. Due to timing, we ask that all items be in WOT offices by no later than Thursday, April 19th. If you need the items picked up, please contact Beatrice Arias at 305-371-3330 or b.arias@womenoftomorrow.org to make arrangements and we will gladly have a WOT staff member pick up the donated clothing at your convenience. You will receive an acknowledgement letter after the event for your tax purposes. Thank you in advance for your donations and support - we are able to continue doing what we do, because of you! Warmest Regards, Women of Tomorrow


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EDITORIALS

>>> PAST WDR MAR.2007: Public confessions then rehab seems to be the new cottage industry for fallen community & elected officials

Public confessions by elected leaders of their sins only after they have been confronted with hard facts of what they did has created a cottage industry of people denying responsibility of their actions until caught and they are filling the nation's rehabilitation centers with political outcasts fallen from grace. On a national scale, the general theme is similar and politicians seem to get either involved with money and kickbacks, or an affair of some variation. But what is surprising is how hard people fight the guilty admission hoping it would go away, rather than just face the music, admit it, and actually inoculate themselves for the story's legs are taken away from the media.

Locally, the community saw this with the elected leaders of Cooper City who were video taped at a restaurant eating and drinking before a commission meeting. They denied the accusations vehemently and it was only after being confronted with the video that they admitted they were eating and drinking. Further, in this town everything seems to be the fault of The Miami Herald. A double barrel of this theme occurred Thursday at the city of Miami and Miami-Dade Commission meetings and commissioners carped constantly about the papers stories over the past week.
Elected leaders in today's world of video phones and other small devices face scrutiny their predecessors never experienced, and overall the technology has been a good thing. But leaders must realize that it also raises the bar and questionable actions will eventually come to light, which is a good thing when it comes to public tax dollars and regaining the trust of taxpayers and elected leaders should always keep that in mind.

Miami-Dade must do something about the 500,000 unlicensed drivers on the county's highways and roads

A local Miami-Dade county judge in charge of the traffic division of the court has estimated that in Miami-Dade, there are 500,000 people driving without a valid license in the county and that is just unacceptable. The county with 2.4 million people cannot sustain such a large number of non-licensed drivers on the highways and local law enforcement must step up efforts to get these people off the roads before they kill someone or themselves.

The city of Miami has an accident occur every 24 minutes and along with this fact, it also drives up car insurance rates for those people that want to be compliant with the law and the privilege of driving a car. Further, car accidents many times results in serious injuries and this adds to the public cost for healthcare moving it up another tick. I certainly do not have the answer but when almost 20 percent of the county's population is driving without a valid license, something must be done to address this driving insanity that is highlighted by the fact we kill more people by vehicular homicide, than murder. Something every resident and lawmaker in South Florida should ponder for the community's streets and highways are a killing field only made worse by these illegal drivers.

Experience counts when it comes to the media covering South Florida

In Miami, if you are the press, time served covering this community gives you a major edge over the new less experienced reporters. How many television or print reporters can name all the Miami and Miami-Dade County Commissioners, 18 in all? I thought about this since I am coming up to ten years (soon to be 13 years in May) of watching South Florida and see many new media personnel in the field and they are many times just covering the story rather than giving any real past or current analysis of what is going on at a public meeting. This is not about young or old people for there are both in the longevity field when it comes to reporters. But it does highlight when you are dealing with such a complex community, as South Florida is, that past historical experience counts, and unfortunately, that is in short supply for many of the local media outlets.

>>> Check out the past national story in the Tribune papers: Paperwork Tiger By Maya Bell, Miami Bureau, January 20, 2003 -- MIAMI - Sometimes Dan Ricker lives in the dark so others may live in the light. It’s not by choice. Miami’s self-anointed citizen watchdog depends on the people he writes for and about to finance his quixotic quest to attend nearly every government meeting in Miami-Dade County. That’s a lot of mind-numbing meetings -- as many as 2,500 a year -- but not a lot of income. So Ricker is always teetering on bankruptcy. He dashes to his post-office box daily, hoping subscribers to his weekly Watchdog Report have finally mailed their checks.

LETTERS

>>> Herald guest editorial: South Florida’s Muslim bashing By SHABBIR MOTORWALA

Last year U.S. Rep. Peter King of New York had a congressional hearing on "Radical Muslims in America." One of the issues debated most during that hearing was assimilation of Muslim youth in American society. What is assimilation, exactly? How is assimilation defined? One positive that emerged from the hearing was that Minnesota law enforcement officials praised the Muslim
community’s outreach as well as cooperation with law enforcement. Locally, U.S. Attorney Wifredo Ferrer and John Gillies of the FBI praised the outreach by local Muslim organizations going so far as to specifically mention that the outreach by the Coalition of South Florida Muslim Organizations (COSMOS) should be a model for the entire country. Read More...

>>> Reader on Miami-Dade Property Appraiser story last week

This is wrong - so wrong - and state Rep. Carlos Lopez-Cantera knows it - PA Pedro Garcia was not about to "rule" - Garcia was imposing the law of the land. The Sebring decision says "public property leased for private use shall be subject to ad valorem tax" - their lease said the City pays - it would require a constitutional amendment to overturn the court decision. His own staff told him that and it was in the Miami Herald reported to the world. But that wouldn't have made a good campaign issue for him. and he played right into your hands and all those who have reported this. It's unconstitutional - and as he said, "a judge will have to rule so." The judge in Sebring already did.

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the agenda is fine; thanks for follow-up with eddie; and i hav enot had a chance to follow up on ron fulton’s concerns with Jackson. see you at two. have cards available, but do not distribute; that in my mind would create expectations. thanks

Dr. Richardson:
Please review for approval the agenda attached and below. Please also address other matters:

- I have received calls and emails from five or so members of the public who are planning to attend the meeting to hear the conversation with Director Ryan. Do you wish me to distribute/make available index cards so that folks may submit written questions? I have told people that you will allow questions if time permits. Question cards may be helpful as at least two of the people who have contacted me are clearly not supportive of Mr. Ryan’s administration.
- Eddie Harris is still trying to find out more about the in-custody death of George Salgado, 21 years, after being Tased and Baker Acted, April 13, by West Miami and/or Miami-Dade Police.
- Also, Ronald Fulton has asked me about the status of your conversation with Commissioner Diaz about the CRB’s role as liaison to reduce tensions among Jackson Health System administrators, employees and patients. You may recall that this issue was discussed at the March CRB Executive Committee. Please advise. Thank you.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

AGENDA
April 18, 2012, 2:00 p.m.
Stephen P. Clark Government Center, 111 NW 1st Street, Miami, FL 33128
Conference Room 18-4

1. Welcome
2. Moment of Silence

3. Roll Call

4. Approval of Agenda and March General Membership Meeting Report

5. CRB Chair’s Report

6. Conversation with Timothy Ryan, Director
   Miami-Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation
   • Presentation
   • Questions and Answers

7. Discussion and Determinations
   • CRB Members’ Retreat Schedule and Content
   • Youth Speak Out on Trayvon Martin and Related Issues
   • Miami-Dade Fire Captain’s Facebook Attack on Black Youth/Parents
   • U.S. Senate Hearings on Racial Profiling
   • WeCount Study of Racial Profiling of Latino Drivers in Miami-Dade
   • U.S. Supreme Court to Rule on Arizona Immigration Enforcement Law
   • Miami-Dade Charter Review Task Force

8. Issues Roundtable: Critical and Pressing Community Relations Concerns

9. New Business

10. Adjourn

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Mr. Shohat and Dr. Richardson:

Please review the updated CRB Statement attached. Thank you.

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Christian Family Coalition (CFC) Statement
One Month After the Killing of Trayvon Martin

MIAMI, FL - Today, the Christian Family Coalition (CFC), Florida’s tireless human rights and social justice advocacy organization fighting for your rights, issued the following statement on the one month anniversary of the shooting death of Miami-Dade High School student Trayvon Martin.

<<< A month after the tragic killing in Sanford, Florida of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin, Americans wonder why this crime remains unresolved. Trayvon’s death has not only shocked the nation, but it has spurred many of us into action. It reminds us that the survival of our Freedom and the Rule of Law requires the attention of all of us.

The Christian Family Coalition calls for reasoned, peaceful action so that justice is indeed served. While we believe the alleged shooter, George Zimmerman, is entitled to his day in court like any other person, we ask authorities to promptly do justice, to get Trayvon’s loved ones the answers they deserve, and help the community heal its wounds.

The thoughts and prayers of all who labor with love at the CFC are with Trayvon Martin’s family and everyone in America grieving his tragic loss.

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ABOUT the CFC
The Christian Family Coalition (CFC) is a widely acclaimed human rights and social justice advocacy organization serving Florida children and families for over 8 years. CFC effectively mobilizes grassroots, fair-minded, pro-family voters across Florida and actively works with municipal, county, state, and federal elected officials to advance sound, family-friendly, non-discriminatory public policies.

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CONGRESSWOMAN FREDERICA WILSON
STATEMENT TO THE MIAMI TIMES NEWSPAPER REGARDING THE TRAYVON MARTIN SHOOTING

March 27, 2012

I am tired of burying young black boys.

I am tired of watching them suffer at the hands of those who fear them and despise them.

In Florida, almost 3 years ago, as I served in the Florida Senate, a young black boy, Martin Lee Anderson, was beaten to death at a Florida boot camp. It was all captured on a State of Florida Corrections Video and shown all over the world.

After they beat him to death on international TV, as the world watched, over and over again, not one guard was sent to prison. Not even one was reprimanded.

Trayvon Martin was murdered 30 days ago, and still there has been no arrest.

The “Stand Your Ground” law was not written for Trayvon Martin. Trayvon Martin was pursued and hunted down like a rabbit.

When the Criminal Justice Committee of the Florida Senate was considering what would come to be known as the “Stand Your Ground” law, we heard riveting testimony. One of the most moving testimonies came from Florida State Senator Evelyn Lynn. Senator Lynn at that time was seventy-seven years old. She lived alone. Her house was broken into. She was robbed at gunpoint as she slept. The law at that time said she would have to retreat before she could use deadly force to protect herself. Senator Lynn moved to
a new home one year later, and she was robbed – again. Senator Lynn is a white female, the robber was a white male.

The case of Senator Lynn and ones like it was who “Stand Your Ground” was designed to protect”. I live alone and I identified very closely with her. My house had been broken into three times in two months. Three cars had been stolen from driveway. My neighbor and constituents were having similar experiences.

The committee also heard testimony from a man whose house was broken into. He shot a man and was arrested. He went into bankruptcy over all the legal fees from his arrest. We later heard from ladies who were burglarized repeatedly in the parking lot of a Publix grocery store. Despite attempts to light the parking lot, the burglaries persisted. These were all clear cases of self defense, where use of force for protection would have been appropriate and necessary. This was why “Stand Your Ground” was crafted.

The “Stand Your Ground” law was voted for by the entire Florida State Senate. There were 40 Senators, and every single one of them voted in favor of the bill. Not one of us who voted in favor of the bill ever anticipated it being used to protect the murderer of an unarmed child who was racially profiled. I will work to repeal the law or appeal the way the Sanford police is trying to use it against Trayvon Martin. If I had the opportunity to vote on this bill again, I would vote no. If I could do it all again, I would put the fear for my own safety aside for fear that this law would unjustly allow someone to use it as an excuse to take the life of another innocent child.
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Posted on Wednesday, Mar. 28, 2012

Students in Trayvon Martin walkout damage drugstore
By Christina Veiga

About 100 students who walked out of class at North Miami Beach Senior High School in honor of Trayvon Martin, the Miami Gardens teenager who was shot to death last month in Sanford, ended up ransacking a Walgreens drugstore, breaking displays and merchandise, North Miami Beach police said.

The students walked out of school about 11 a.m. Friday in an otherwise peaceful demonstration, according to a statement emailed by police.

Walgreens surveillance cameras rolled as the students flooded the store and ran through the aisles. At one point, the school's assistant principal entered the store to try to get the students to leave. They soon begin streaming out of the store and back into the street.

Read More...
Hi, Amy:

Here is the release as you requested. Please let me know if you need any changes. I will send the letter along with the press release. Please note I have to leave a little early today to pick up my car at the mechanic. If you can approve it by 4:30, I can get it out today, otherwise I will ask my colleague to send it out on my behalf. Thanks!
Justin McCarthy

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Last Thursday, 171 Florida student/youth leaders joined together to discuss how to collectively organize across the state for direct actions that can help lead to justice for Trayvon Martin and address institutionalized racism. Last night, the group came together under the name “DREAM DEFENDERS” and issued the following statement. Days of action: April 4th, 6th, 9th. Plug in here: http://www.facebook.com/DreamDefenders

"DREAM DEFENDER’S CALL TO ACTION"

We are Trayvon Martin.

We are products of a dream deferred. We are witnesses to a dream damaged and destroyed. We are Florida and Alabama. We are diverse: students, alumni, black, brown, and white, young and old. We are dedicated to defending the dream etched in our memories by Dr. Martin Luther King: that we are all created equal and possess equal rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We are a generation of world changers, writers, readers, rebels, marchers, dreamers, leaders, thinkers, organizers and activists. We are aware and we are angry. This revolution cannot be reposted or retweeted.

Our legacy will be defined by decisive action.

It is up to us to help the nation realize a very inconvenient truth: that today, fifty years after the Civil Rights Movement, people of color are still considered public enemy #1 by Law Enforcement. Our enforcement agencies are ruled by a doctrine rooted in racism. People of color are being incarcerated, profiled, and deported at record numbers and race relations have deteriorated to levels far below what the media has reported. The cold-blooded murder of Trayvon Martin in Sanford, FL is just the latest in a pattern of profiling, imprisonment, and killing of people of color in Florida and across the country. He is not the first victim of our refusal to acknowledge a very real race crisis in America. His death will not be in vain. This can no longer be considered “business as usual.” How many occupancies, marches and rallies will it take for us to realize that we are being systematically eliminated? How long will you watch it on CNN? When will we do something about it?

We are issuing a call to action to the youth and students of Florida, the United States and the World. We must make our mark in the pages of history. We must return to the days of old when youth and students came together, built organizations, and directly challenged the power structures that have oppressed our communities. Our future depends on it. Our time is now, as it was for the youth that fought for civil rights just a few short decades ago. How many of our black & brown youth have to die?

The torch is ours. The time is now.

April 4th: DREAM BOOTCAMP: On the day that Martin Luther King was assassinated we will honor his legacy and learn from those who came before us by calling for teach-ins on Trayvon Martin, race, and non-violent civil disobedience.

April 6th: MARCH FOR THE DREAM: We will meet in Daytona, FL, and like those students who helped
lead the march from Selma to Montgomery we will march 3 days from Daytona, FL to Sanford, FL as we
demand justice for Trayvon and an end to the Jim Crow system still alive in Florida.

**April 9th: DEFEND THE DREAM:** We will converge on Sanford, FL and engage in a campaign of non-
vviolent civil disobedience. We encourage those who cannot make it to Sanford, to walk out, strike, sit-in and let
those in power know that the people have risen to break apart the chains that have held down so many of us for
so long.

The American Spring is upon us. With the Civil Rights movement as our compass, we must use every tool in
our arsenal to destroy the “good old boy” institutions that perpetuate the destruction of our communities.
Throughout history, young people have always been the agents of change. Our day is here. We must defend the
dream, or it will die. Will you answer the call?

-The Dream Defenders
Justin McCarthy

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Teenager’s Death Should Inspire Positive Change
A POSITION PAPER FROM THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD
March 28, 2012

The killing of Trayvon Martin is a painful blow to those who knew and loved him and a source of
distress to all who believe in the value of human life in this community. The members of the Miami­
Dade County Community Relations Board (CRB) have extended our condolences to Martin’s
family. Ronald Fulton, Trayvon’s beloved uncle, is a member of the CRB Executive Committee.

The emotions of grief, bewilderment, pain and anger that this young man’s death has created across
our nation and the world, are being felt with particular poignancy in Miami-Dade County. Trayvon
was a local kid, a young man of promise with deep family and personal ties to this community. Like
so many of his peers, Trayvon was blessed with unique and valuable attributes that gave his life
special worth. Young people such as these inspire a sense of hope for the future. The loss of any
hurts us all.

These feelings of loss can exacerbate destructive impulses like hatred and revenge. We have all
heard the shrill voices. Expressions of outrage and accusations come more sincerely from those who
believe Trayvon’s killing was unlawful and racially motivated. But when passions threaten to
overwhelm, courage and fortitude are needed most.

Trayvon Martin’s family members have helped to lead the way in calling for both justice and prayers
for peace. Their example has helped to guide the many thousands of Miami-Dade young people,
mainly high school and university students, who are awakening to the possibility that they can change
the world in this community.

It is the youth who are creating a movement that may help save their generation from further
devastation by gun violence and from the pervasive wrongs of prejudice and racial hatred. We
applaud a movement that aspires to value every life in our community. Fueled by action and inspired
by teenagers and young adults, these efforts are most sincerely welcomed.

The CRB also understands that Florida laws are critical to the safety and security of all
residents. Last week, we reached out to Miami-Dade State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle
and she sent some of her senior attorneys to inform and educate us about the so-called “Stand Your
Ground” law, (F.S. 776.032). We learned the following:
The law allows a person who has used deadly force against another to avoid arrest by claiming that they feared for their life.

- A person who uses deadly force is not required to prove they were in actual danger of imminent death or great bodily injury. It is the state attorney who must prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the fear of danger was not reasonable.
- Under the SYG law a judge may determine that the defendant is immune from prosecution depriving the prosecutor from ever presenting the case to a jury.
- Courts in Florida do not agree whether the SYG law protects a person who leaves a place of safety and causes injury or death to another. An amendment could make that clear.
- Florida’s “Speedy Trial” law requires that the state attorney file charges and present its case to the court no later than 180 days after a defendant is arrested. Therefore, it is not always advisable to push for a speedy arrest as time may run out before all the evidence is collected. A hasty arrest can cause a case to be lost.
- The “Castle Doctrine” recognizes a person’s right to defend their home or business and to use deadly force if they are placed in imminent danger of death or great bodily harm. It does not give a vigilante the right to chase a person down and shoot them.

There is much work to be done in the pursuit of justice for Trayvon Martin. The CRB supports the following actions:

- The Florida Legislature and the Governor’s Task Force should take a hard look at the “Stand Your Ground” law to determine whether it achieves the outcomes intended or changes are needed to protect the innocent and punish the guilty. The CRB applauds the efforts of State Senator Oscar Braynon and Governor Rick Scott in this regard.
- Police in Sanford and in Seminole County should cooperative fully with the Special Prosecutor’s investigation of the circumstances and motives that led to Trayvon Martin’s death. We anticipate the best efforts of Prosecutor Angela Corey and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.
- Local officials and community leaders in Sanford should be receptive to recommendations from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Community Relations Service. There is a need to implement strategies that will better inform and engage family members and residents alike.
- DOJ criminal prosecutors should be both vigorous and fair in protecting the civil rights of Trayvon Martin as well as the admitted shooter, George Zimmerman.

People in our community are heartbroken over the shooting death of Trayvon Martin, a promising 17-year-old high school student, under such tragic and troubling circumstances. As we look for ways to respond, it is important that we support each other and engage with community members and responsible authorities in a spirit of cooperation and mutual respect. In this way, we can each do our part to pursue justice and healing.

The primary mission of the Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board (CRB) is to intervene quickly and effectively to prevent and reduce community tensions and conflict. The members are prominent local residents, representative of Miami-Dade’s diverse community, who are business, civic, government and religious leaders. For nearly 50 years, the CRB (founded in 1963) has served as an advisor to county Mayors, Commissioners and administrators and to the community-at-large on issues impacting intergroup relations in Miami-Dade.

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Miami-Dade Community Relations Board urges positive change in wake of Trayvon Martin's death

MIAMI, FL – On March 28, 2012, Dr. Walter T. Richardson, chair of Miami-Dade’s Community Relations Board (CRB), distributed a position paper to the community at large calling for justice for Trayvon Martin’s family, as well as supporting the re-examination of Florida’s “Stand Your Ground” law.

CRB officials, who seek to dispel and prevent community tensions and conflict, have already sent their condolences to the Martin family, including Ronald Fulton, Trayvon’s uncle and member of the CRB Executive Committee. In the paper, Dr. Richardson expressed that while the call for justice has been heard loud and clear in Miami-Dade, he urges residents not to let their outrage turn to revenge and violence. He praised local high school and college students who have led movements for peace in honor of Trayvon.

Dr. Richardson also outlined actions the CRB supports in the aftermath of Trayvon’s death: review of the “Stand Your Ground” law by state officials, full cooperation by the Sanford Police Department in the state’s investigation of the case, Sanford officials being receptive to the recommendations of the Department of Justice (DOJ) Community Relations Service, and DOJ prosecutors protecting the civil rights of both Trayvon Martin and George Zimmerman fairly.

“I'd like to be exposed to a credible investigation, a blind carriage of justice, and a comprehensive review of all laws that affect this case,” said Dr. Richardson.
For more information, please contact the Miami-Dade Community Relations Board at 305-375-5730.

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Subject: RE: Teachers for Trayvon April 3rd

My apologies to all those who have seen/heard this multiple times, but we are really trying to get educators involved. Please see below and spread the word to any teacher/professor you know!

Teachers everywhere unite in support of Trayvon Martin and his family. Wear a hoodie to work on Tuesday, April 3rd. Teach about justice. Teach FOR justice. Spread the word. Send this to every educator at every level, K-12 to College. This could have been any of our kids, any of our students. Racial Profiling MUST end.

Like this event at Teachers for Trayvon on Facebook. Invite all your educator friends to participate.
Good morning!

I just wanted let you all know that there is a fantastic speaker coming to campus as part of the Doan-Stolzenberg International Speaker series. She will be on campus March 26 and 27 and giving a "formal" presentation and talk the evening of March 26 (5 PM). Knight Auditorium in the Desantis Building at Nova Southeastern University. The event is open to the public and is free. Please pass this information along to anyone who may be interested.

Jen Marlowe is a peace activist, and the title of her talk will be “Reflections on Resistance.” She is a Seattle-based author/documentary filmmaker/playwright and human rights advocate. Jen began her professional life working at Seattle Children's Theatre; from 1994-2000, she did youth theatre work in Seattle, using theatre as a platform for students to tell their stories. Jen lived and worked in Jerusalem from 2000-2004, using some of
these same techniques to engage in dialogue-based conflict resolution with Palestinian and Israeli teenagers. Jen also
did conflict resolution work with youth in Afghanistan, Cyprus, India, Pakistan and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

She is the author of two books, two documentaries and a play.

In 2004, with colleagues Adam Shapiro and Aisha Bain, Jen traveled to Northern Darfur and Eastern Chad to make an
award-winning documentary film *Darfur Diaries: Message from Home* and wrote the accompanying book *Darfur Diaries:
Stories of Survival*. *Darfur Diaries* was included in the 2007 edition of the Best American Non-Required Reading, edited
by Dave Eggers.

Jen’s second feature-length award-winning documentary is called *Rebuilding Hope*. *Rebuilding Hope* follows three
Sudanese-American young men on their first homecoming trip back to Sudan, to discover whether their homes and
families survived the civil war and to build a school, drill wells and bring medical supplies to their villages in Sudan.

Jen’s second book, called *The Hour of Sunlight*, is co-authored with and tells the story of Sami Al Jundi, a Palestinian
man from the Old City of Jerusalem who spent ten years in Israeli prison for being involved in militant anti-occupation
activities as a youth and who has spent the last two decades of his life working towards nonviolence and peaceful
reconciliation between Israelis and Palestinians.

Jen is also the playwright of *There is a Field*. The play addresses issues faced by Palestinian citizens of Israel. The play
launched globally in October 2010, to mark the ten-year anniversary of Black October. In addition to that she recently
completed a short documentary film called *One Family in Gaza* profiling one family’s experience during and after the
2009 assault on the Gaza Strip.

If you want to see more check out her website: www.donkeysaddle.org

Hope to see you there!

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"Until the great mass of the people shall be filled with the sense of responsibility for each other’s welfare,
social justice can never be attained" (Helen Keller)

"Children learn more from what you are than what you teach" (WEB Dubois)
Hello SFDA Partners,

In the spirit of the South Florida Diversity Alliance, I want to share with you information about the upcoming Cultural Gala being held at Nova Southeastern University. Please share it with your students and employees who would enjoy attending this event. If you have an event that you would like to invite others to attend or collaborate with you on, feel free to send it to sfda@nova.edu and we will send it out and continue to promote collaborative partnerships in South Florida.

Kind regards,

Terry Morrow, Ph.D.
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Email: tmorrow@nova.edu

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Good afternoon South Florida Diversity Alliance partners,

I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend and took time to reflect on what we celebrate on this holiday every year. I am grateful for the steps forward that we have made as a country and am honored to have the opportunity to partner with each of you as we collaboratively strive to educate, inspire, and promote action among students, faculty and staff in South Florida. This month we will be meeting via conference call. The date of the meeting is Wednesday, January 18 from 1pm to 2pm. Agenda items will include:

- Budget updates from the Diversity Summit
- Branding and marketing of SFDA
- Brides Walk
Conference Call Directions

- Please call 954-262-2663
- Put in our ID which is 51190 and press pound.

Talk to you soon!

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Subject: South Florida Diversity Alliance next meeting

Hi all-

Our next meeting is Wednesday November 2 from 11-12. We will be meeting in the patio area outside of the Starbucks in NSU's University Center. As this will be our last meeting before the November 18 and 19 summits, please try to attend.

Peace-

Laura
MEDIA ADVISORY
March 29, 2012

Congresswoman Wilson Announces Hometown Rally for Family of Trayvon Martin on Sunday, April 1 in Bayfront Park

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, U.S. Rep. Frederica Wilson (D-Fla.) announced that a hometown rally for the family of Trayvon Martin will be held on Sunday, April 1, 2012 at 4:00 pm in Bayfront Park in Miami. Joining Trayvon’s parents, Tracy Martin and Sybrina Fulton, Congresswoman Wilson and Miami Commissioner Michelle Spence-Jones will be Congresswoman Corinne Brown and Congressman Al Green (D-Texas), FL state Representative Cynthia Stafford, Miami Commissioner Barbara Jordan, singer Betty Wright, actress JoMarie Payton and many other elected officials, community leaders and clergy.

National figures attending the hometown rally include Chaka Khan and Rev. Jesse Jackson.

Gates open for the public at 1:00 pm, and members of the press can start setting up at 12:00 noon.

For more information, contact Gwen Belton at gwen.belton@mail.house.gov or via cell at (305) 407-4270.

WHAT: Hometown rally for the family of Trayvon Martin
Rep. Frederica S. Wilson is a first-term Congresswoman representing the 17th District of Florida, including Northern Miami-Dade and Southeast Broward Counties. A former state legislator and school principal, she is the founder of the 5000 Role Models for Excellence Project, a mentoring program for young males at risk of dropping out of school.

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(202) 226-0777 (fax)

Updates from Congresswoman Wilson:

Sign up for Congresswoman Wilson’s e-newsletter here
Hi Amy – how are you? Is this same rally or back to back? Just wanted to keep you in loop.

----Original Message------
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To: gsafoto@bellsouth.net; gsafwalter@bellsouth.net; 'Linda Romero'; Greg Blackman  
Subject: FW: JUSTICE FOR TRAYVON MARTIN RALLY ON SUNDAY APRIL 1st at 4 PM

JUSTICE FOR TRAYVON MARTIN RALLY

Join the parents of Trayvon Martin: Tracy Martin and Sybrina Fulton, Attorney Benjamin Crump and Congresswoman Frederica Wilson along with Commissioner Michelle Spence–Jones, Representative Cynthia Stafford, Commissioner Barbara Jordan, singer Betty Wright, actress Joe Marie Payton, many other elected officials, community leaders, and clergy.

SUNDAY APRIL 1 4PM  
Gates open at 1:00pm  
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301 North Biscayne Blvd. Miami, FL 33132

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Justin McCarthy

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Dear FLIC Members and Friends,

Nothing is worse than injustice being silenced and ignored. As we stand together to lift up a fair and equal Florida for all, it behooves all of us to learn from and share the story of Trayvon Martin.

For those who may not have seen the announcements on the news or radio, last week 17-year-old Trayvon was shot in the chest and killed by a man named George Zimmerman, who claims that he was acting in self-defense to the "threatening" appearance of the black young boy dressed in a sweatshirt hoodie. The boy only carried an iced tea and some skittles in his possession. To this day, Zimmerman hasn't been arrested and no files have been charged against him.

We all share our grief with Trayvon's family who are calling for justice. You can sign the petition started by his parents by clicking here.

Since this incident, young people and communities of color nationwide have risen in outrage to the injustice of this type of racial profiling that is so dominant in our society. Together, we are seeking justice for the life of this child and for justice in our country against this culture of violence that continues with impunity. The authorities, as of yet, have still not determined whether or not George Zimmerman will be prosecuted for the murder charges. Every day, new information revealed in the media clearly exposes it was an unprovoked homicide.

Beyond that, Trayvon's death exposes how racism and violence are so institutionalized in our society, that laws like "Stand your Ground" are helping George Zimmerman cover up the facts of his crime. Last week it was Trayvon, next week it could be any one of us if we don't seek justice and real change.
We urge all FLIC members and friends to follow and support the local events for racial justice that this young man's passing inspiring.

**SANFORD, FL**

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Juan, Kathy and the rest of FLIC's staff

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Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2012 1:02 PM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Subject: RE: Miami Justice for Trayvon Martin Rally, April 1

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Please forward your questions, comments or concerns to: mayor@miamidade.gov
Thanks, Amy. My wife's name is Dolores for future information.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 31, 2012, at 6:03 PM, "Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)" <AMY2@miamidade.gov> wrote:

Dr Walter Richardson will be accompanied by his wife Deloris Richardson. Dr Richardson is the Chair of the Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board.

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From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)  
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To: 'wtrichardson@bellsouth.net' <wtrichardson@bellsouth.net>  
Subject: Fw: (updated) Congresswoman Wilson Announces Hometown Rally for Family of Trayvon Martin on Sunday, April 1 in Bayfront Park

Arrive by 3pm -His name will be on list. Enter on south side of bayfront between bayside. The road that runs near Hardrock.

He will be shown where to park. Is he traveling with guest?
Sent via BlackBerry from T-Mobile

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From: "Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)" <AMY2@miamidade.gov>  
Date: Sat, 31 Mar 2012 17:00:38 -0400  
To: <mccray.kim@gmail.com>  
Subject: Re: (updated) Congresswoman Wilson Announces Hometown Rally for Family of Trayvon Martin on Sunday, April 1 in Bayfront Park

Where should he report at Bayfront and at what time?
Thanks. Best wishes.

From: mccray.kim@gmail.com  
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To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)  
Subject: Re: (updated) Congresswoman Wilson Announces Hometown Rally for Family of Trayvon Martin on Sunday, April 1 in Bayfront Park

Hi Amy

Went over program late last night with family, he is a go. I was planning to contact u by 5pm to confirm but u reached out first. I'm on roller skates today. Thanks for your patience.

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From: "Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)"  
Date: Sat, 31 Mar 2012 16:17:27 -0400  
To: mccray.kim@gmail.com  
Subject: Re: (updated) Congresswoman Wilson Announces Hometown Rally for Family of Trayvon Martin on Sunday, April 1 in Bayfront Park

Ms McCray: Has there been a determination about including CRB Chair Dr Walter Richardson on the agenda for the Rally. Please advise asap. Thank you.

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To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Subject: Re: An article from www.miamiherald.com

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From: "Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)" <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
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amy has sent you the following story:

Posted on Wednesday, Mar. 28, 2012

Students in Trayvon Martin walkout damage drugstore
By Christina Veiga

About 100 students who walked out of class at North Miami Beach Senior High School in honor of Trayvon Martin, the Miami Gardens teenager who was shot to death last month in Sanford, ended up ransacking a Walgreens drugstore, breaking displays and merchandise, North Miami Beach police said.

The students walked out of school about 11 a.m. Friday in an otherwise peaceful demonstration, according to a statement emailed by police.

Walgreens surveillance cameras rolled as the students flooded the store and ran through the aisles. At one point, the school's assistant principal entered the store to try to get the students to leave. They soon begin streaming out of the store and back into the street.

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Congresswoman Wilson Announces Hometown Rally for Family of Trayvon Martin on Sunday, April 1 in Bayfront Park

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, U.S. Rep. Frederica Wilson (D-Fla.) announced that a hometown rally for the family of Trayvon Martin will be held on Sunday, April 1, 2012 at 4:00 pm in Bayfront Park in Miami. Joining Trayvon’s parents, Tracy Martin and Sybrina Fulton, Congresswoman Wilson and Miami Commissioner Michelle Spence-Jones will be Congresswoman Corrine Brown and Congressman Al Green (D-Texas), FL state Representative Cynthia Stafford, Miami Commissioner Barbara Jordan, singer Betty Wright, actress JoMarie Payton and many other elected officials, community leaders and clergy.

National figures attending the hometown rally include Chaka Khan and Rev. Jesse Jackson.

Gates open for the public at 1:00 pm, and members of the press can start setting up at 12:00 noon.

For more information, contact Gwen Belton at gwen.belton@mail.house.gov or via cell at (305) 407-4270.

WHAT: Hometown rally for the family of Trayvon Martin
WHEN:       Sunday, April 1, 2012 at 4:00 pm
WHERE:      Bayfront Park, 301 North Biscayne Blvd., Miami, Florida

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Rep. Frederica S. Wilson is a first-term Congresswoman representing the 17th District of Florida, including Northern Miami-Dade and Southeast Broward Counties. A former state legislator and school principal, she is the founder of the 5000 Role Models for Excellence Project, a mentoring program for young males at risk of dropping out of school.

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Updates from Congresswoman Wilson:

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Hi Amy – how are you? Is this same rally or back to back? Just wanted to keep you in loop.

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Subject: RE: Teachers for Trayvon April 3rd

My apologies to all those who have seen/heard this multiple times, but we are really trying to get educators involved. Please see below and spread the word to any teacher/professor you know!

Teachers everywhere unite in support of Trayvon Martin and his family. Wear a hoodie to work on Tuesday, April 3rd. Teach about justice. Teach FOR justice. Spread the word. Send this to every educator at every level, K-12 to College. This could have been any of our kids, any of our students. Racial Profiling MUST end.

Like this event at Teachers for Trayvon on Facebook. Invite all your educator friends to participate.
Good morning!

I just wanted let you all know that there is a fantastic speaker coming to campus as part of the Doan-Stolzenberg International Speaker series. She will be on campus March 26 and 27 and giving a “formal” presentation and talk the evening of March 26 (5 PM). Knight Auditorium in the Desantis Building at Nova Southeastern University. The event is open to the public and is free. Please pass this information along to anyone who may be interested.

Jen Marlowe is a peace activist, and the title of her talk will be “Reflections on Resistance.” She is a Seattle-based author/documentary filmmaker/playwright and human rights advocate. Jen began her professional life working at Seattle Children’s Theatre; from 1994-2000, she did youth theatre work in Seattle, using theatre as a platform for students to tell their stories. Jen lived and worked in Jerusalem from 2000-2004, using some of
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these same techniques to engage in dialogue-based conflict resolution with Palestinian and Israeli teenagers. Jen also did conflict resolution work with youth in Afghanistan, Cyprus, India, Pakistan and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

She is the author of two books, two documentaries and a play.

In 2004, with colleagues Adam Shapiro and Aisha Bain, Jen traveled to Northern Darfur and Eastern Chad to make an award-winning documentary film *Darfur Diaries: Message from Home* and wrote the accompanying book *Darfur Diaries: Stories of Survival*. *Darfur Diaries* was included in the 2007 edition of the Best American Non-Required Reading, edited by Dave Eggers.

Jen's second feature-length award-winning documentary is called *Rebuilding Hope*. *Rebuilding Hope* follows three Sudanese-American young men on their first homecoming trip back to Sudan, to discover whether their homes and families survived the civil war and to build a school, drill wells and bring medical supplies to their villages in Sudan.

Jen's second book, called *The Hour of Sunlight*, is co-authored with and tells the story of Sami Al Jundi, a Palestinian man from the Old City of Jerusalem who spent ten years in Israeli prison for being involved in militant anti-occupation activities as a youth and who has spent the last two decades of his life working towards nonviolence and peaceful reconciliation between Israelis and Palestinians.

Jen is also the playwright of *There is a Field*. The play addresses issues faced by Palestinian citizens of Israel. The play launched globally in October 2010, to mark the ten-year anniversary of Black October. In addition to that she recently completed a short documentary film called *One Family in Gaza* profiling one family's experience during and after the 2009 assault on the Gaza Strip.

If you want to see more check out her website: www.donkeysaddle.org

Hope to see you there!

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"Until the great mass of the people shall be filled with the sense of responsibility for each other's welfare, social justice can never be attained" (Helen Keller)

"Children learn more from what you are than what you teach" (WEB Dubois)
Hello SFDA Partners,

In the spirit of the South Florida Diversity Alliance, I want to share with you information about the upcoming Cultural Gala being held at Nova Southeastern University. Please share it with your students and employees who would enjoy attending this event. If you have an event that you would like to invite others to attend or collaborate with you on, feel free to send it to sfda@nova.edu and we will send it out and continue to promote collaborative partnerships in South Florida.

Kind regards,

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Talk to you soon!

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Subject: South Florida Diversity Alliance next meeting

Hi all-

Our next meeting is Wednesday November 2 from 11-12. We will be meeting in the patio area outside of the Starbucks in NSU’s University Center. As this will be our last meeting before the November 18 and 19 summits, please try to attend.

Peace-
Laura
Justin McCarthy

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Subject: ***Important Announcement for Sunday 4/1***

Good Day:

Bishop Curry will be speaking at the Miami Rally for Trayvon Martin on Sunday, April 1st at 4pm at the Bayfront Amphitheater, 301 N Biscayne Blvd, Miami.

Your attendance and your assistance in advising the community is greatly appreciated!

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Sent: Monday, March 26, 2012 10:53 AM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Subject: Geraldo: Hoodies don’t kill

Dear Amy,

Fox News host, Geraldo Rivera, incited national outrage last Friday when he made a reckless statement on national television about the killing of Trayvon Martin. As one of the most prominent Latino journalists in the country, Geraldo should immediately apologize and set the record straight.

Speaking on Fox & Friends, Geraldo actually blamed Trayvon’s murder on the 17-year-old’s choice of clothing, saying:

“I think the hoodie is as much responsible for Trayvon Martin’s death as George Zimmerman was.”

Geraldo was speaking about the hooded sweatshirt that 17-year old Trayvon Martin was wearing when he was followed and was gunned down by George Zimmerman. Geraldo went even further and implied that if “dark-skinned” kids don’t want to be attacked or racially profiled then they should stop wearing hoodies.

Tell Geraldo to set the record straight on Fox, and to focus instead on reporting accurately about how and why Trayvon Martin was killed.

While Trayvon’s parents and the entire country are calling for justice, demanding the immediate arrest of Zimmerman, who is still free – Geraldo has decided to divert our attention away from the sad truth at core of this national tragedy: an innocent young man was killed in cold blood – not for wearing a hoodie – but for being a Black youth.

Blaming this tragedy on an article of clothing that is widely worn in this country (even by Geraldo himself) is irresponsible and works against those of us who are trying to teach our children that society needs to treat them with respect.

This moment offers us an opportunity to stand up for young men of color and to demand that their humanity be valued. Rather than perpetuate the stereotypes against young men of color, Geraldo can use his privilege as a public person and journalist to talk less about hoodies and more about how racism endangers our children.

Racism is at the center of this tragic incident. When Zimmerman described Trayvon to the police he referred first and foremost to his race, not to his hoodie: “he has his hand in his waistband. He’s a black male.” Martin was on a cell phone call with his girlfriend moments before his death, and she reported him saying that he put his hoodie up because Zimmerman had been following him.
Geraldo should have put the blame where it belongs – on Zimmerman and the gun-crazed and racist culture that creates and enables this violence. Instead, his comments divert from real tragedy in the name of sensationalist journalism.

Tell Geraldo to set the record straight on Fox, and to focus instead on reporting accurately about how and why Trayvon Martin was killed.

Thanks y ¡adelante!

Arturo, Felipe, Favianna, Roberto, Ana, and the rest of the Presente.org team

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Rally and Network with advocates and program of service providers to African American and Inner City Mothers and Children or any other hoodie mothers, concerned mothers of murdered children will be in attendance, women, parents rights organization, positive action groups, womens health experts, and student organizations and you are invited.

Come by hear, speak, and share your resources, Invite a young man with a Resume for South Florida Workforce or invite to come and share lunch.

Social Economic Justice and Ethical Solutions About Racial Profiling of Youth!

"WE ARE ALL TRAYVON and MOTHERS"
A Necessary Law, but Not in This Case

Dennis K. Baxley, Republican of Ocala, sponsored the Stand Your Ground law in the Florida House of Representatives.

March 21, 2012

The tragic story of Trayvon Martin's death has ignited a great deal of debate about the Stand Your Ground law that seems to allow the defense claimed by his attacker, George Zimmerman. As the prime sponsor of this legislation in the Florida House, I’d like to clarify that there is nothing in the law that provides for the opportunity to pursue and confront individuals. It simply lets those who would be victims use force in self-defense.

The catalytic event that led to the legislation’s passage in 2005, was the looting of property in the aftermath of hurricanes. Specifically, there was a situation in the panhandle of Florida where a citizen moved an RV onto his property, to protect the remains of his home from being looted. One evening, a perpetrator broke into the RV and attacked the property owner. The property owner, acting in self defense in his home, shot and killed the perpetrator. It was months before he knew whether he would be charged with a crime because there was no clear legal definition of self defense in such a case or of when a potential victim was required to retreat.

Inspired by homeowners fending off looters, the law wasn't meant to defend a shooter who pursued someone who had not threatened him. The Stand Your Ground law, as passed, clarified that individuals are lawfully able to defend themselves when attacked and there is no duty to retreat when an individual is attacked on his property. Since its enactment, 20 other states have implemented similar statues. Additionally, the American Legislative Exchange Council used the Florida law as model legislation for other states. Quite simply it is a good law that now protects individuals in most states.

But media reports about Trayvon Martin's death indicate that Zimmerman's unnecessary pursuit and confrontation of Martin elevated the prospect of a violent episode, and does not seem to be an act of self defense as defined by the law.
I have great sympathy for the family of Trayvon Martin and am grateful that a grand jury is further exploring what actually happened on that night in Sanford. I trust that justice will prevail.

An Unnecessary Law

Gregory O’Meara, a former prosecutor, is an associate professor of law at Marquette University.

Updated March 21, 2012, 9:56 PM

The difficulty with Stand Your Ground laws is that they are based on the assumption that neither the common law nor modern criminal codes adequately protect ordinary citizens who are under attack. This assumption is simply wrong. Contemporary criminal statutes express a nuanced and sophisticated concept of defensive force derived from hundreds of years of common law precedent. These laws adequately protect both the innocent and those who mistakenly believe they are under attack while permitting the criminal prosecution of trigger-happy cowboys.

Stand Your Ground laws provide a rock-solid defense to paranoid or dangerously aggressive people who are armed with deadly force.

To claim self defense or defense of others under current statutes, a person under attack (the defender) needs to raise credible proof: first, that he reasonably thought he (or another) was unlawfully under imminent deadly attack by another; second, that each forceful action, including deadly force, he took in response to this attack was necessary to stop the attack; and third, that he acted solely with the intent to thwart the unlawful attack. In many jurisdictions, the defender must withdraw from the fight before using deadly force if he can do so in complete safety. If the defender meets these requirements, he will be found not guilty. Furthermore, even if the defender is completely wrong about the situation but his mistake is reasonable about either the imminence of the deadly attack or the necessity of his forceful response, he still gets the full defense and will be found not guilty.

This is and has been the law in the Anglo-American system for over 400 years. As a result, these sorts of cases are almost never charged by prosecutors with limited state resources. In my home state of Wisconsin, a large group of criminal prosecutors, defense attorneys and judges could come up with only one case in which any homeowner was prosecuted when he shot someone who entered his home illegally. That conviction was later overturned.
By contrast, under the Stand Your Ground law, there is never a requirement that one withdraw or retreat before using deadly force, and the requirements of reasonableness are attenuated or essentially removed because the other witness is dead, and the defender may shade the truth. Thus, Stand Your Ground laws may provide a rock-solid defense to paranoid or dangerously aggressive people who are armed with deadly force.

Current law protects those using defensive force, including deadly force, while insisting that they act reasonably. Stand Your Ground laws upset that careful balance by removing the requirement that the defender act reasonably. For that reason, these laws should be repealed.

Focus Must Be Narrower
Adam Winkler is a professor at the University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law and the author of "Gunfight: The Battle over the Right to Bear Arms in America."

March 21, 2012

Stand Your Ground laws, which eliminate the longstanding legal requirement that a person threatened outside of his or her own home retreat rather than use force, are the latest manifestation of the political strength of the gun rights movement. First adopted in Florida in 2005, Stand Your Ground laws, drafted and promoted by the National Rifle Association, have since been enacted in some form in more than 20 states. The Trayvon Martin shooting suggests that, in the rush to adopt these laws, lawmakers and gun advocates have gone too far in authorizing the use of deadly force.

Stand Your Ground laws should only allow what their name suggests; they should not encourage vigilantism.

Although the facts of Trayvon Martin's death remain uncertain, we know that George Zimmerman, who was active in the local neighborhood crime watch, suspected Martin was a criminal and shot him on a Florida street. Despite being instructed by police to stay away, Zimmerman confronted Martin. The situation escalated quickly into violence. The police have yet to arrest Zimmerman, apparently because Florida's Stand Your Ground law entitled Zimmerman to use deadly force.

Florida legislators, however, insist the Stand Your Ground law does not provide a defense for people like Zimmerman, who pursue and confront someone. Florida Senator Durrell Peadon, who sponsored the law, said that Zimmerman "has no protection under my law." According to state Representative Dennis Baxley, "There's nothing in this statute that authorizes you to pursue and confront people." The law, Baxley notes, was designed only "to prevent you from being attacked by other people."

The problem is that nothing in Peadon and Baxley's law says this. It provides that any person may use deadly force when "he or she reasonably believes that such force is necessary to prevent imminent death or great bodily harm to himself or herself or another." So long as someone reasonably thinks he
or someone else is in danger, he can shoot to kill, regardless of whether the shooter is the one who initiated the hostile confrontation.

Indeed, given the law’s authorization of the use of deadly force to protect other people and, as the law also provides, “to prevent the imminent commission of a forcible felony,” Florida’s law unambiguously authorizes people to pursue and confront others. Whatever the merits of standing your ground when personally threatened, Florida’s law goes much further and encourages vigilantism. It tells people, who today are increasingly likely to be carrying concealed weapons, that they can pretend to be police officers and use their guns to protect and serve the broader public.

Stand Your Ground laws should only allow what their name suggests: permit people who are threatened to stand their own ground and protect themselves. They should not give people the right to use force to defend someone else’s ground. Under no circumstances should people be able to confront others in a hostile manner, end up using deadly force, and escape punishment.

Racism Is the Problem Here

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"When I think about this boy, I think about my own kids," Obama said in Rose Garden remarks. "And I think every parent in America should be able to understand why it is absolutely imperative that we investigate every aspect of this. And that everybody pull together.

"But my main message is to the parents of Trayvon Martin. You know, if I had a son, he'd look like Trayvon," Obama said. "All of us as Americans are going to take this with the seriousness it deserves."

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The tragic death of Miami teen Trayvon Martin at the hands of self-appointed neighborhood watch captain George Zimmerman in Sanford Florida has sparked nationwide outrage and calls for Zimmerman’s arrest have echoed from every media source, so you know we had to talk about it! Listen to our conversation with Vic Grechniw, firearms instructor and the owner of Florida Ammo Traders in Tampa, where he talks about how firearms instructors in his circle of colleagues would never call Zimmerman did justifiable force in a concealed weapons class. We also speak with criminal defense attorney Marcus Tan about Florida’s now infamous stand your ground law and how it’s completely inapplicable in this instance. We get a LIVE call from protesters in Liberty City where hundreds of people took to the streets and Jonathon Perri of change.org tells us about the viral media campaign to bring Trayvon’s story to the masses.

In the past year we’ve heard a lot of bad things about the banks and their role in our country’s financial crisis, but what do people on the inside think about the whole thing? Miguel Guerrero joins us to tell us about his experience as a loan officer at Wells Fargo and how he saw the focus shift from helping people buy homes and start businesses to squeezing money out of unsuspecting customers. He also tells us about the opposition he faced when he attempted to speak out against his employer’s crooked practices. Finally we talk to former analyst for Bear Stearns and author of Pants on Fire, Paul Christopherson about his book, and the lies that are preventing people from attaining the American Dream and what he believes needs to be done to change things.

* Martin Luther King: "Injustice Anywhere is a Threat to Justice Everywhere!"
A Necessary Law, but Not in This Case

Dennis K. Baxley, Republican of Ocala, sponsored the Stand Your Ground law in the Florida House of Representatives.

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The tragic story of Trayvon Martin's death has ignited a great deal of debate about the Stand Your Ground law that seems to allow the defense claimed by his attacker, George Zimmerman. As the prime sponsor of this legislation in the Florida House, I'd like to clarify that there is nothing in the law that provides for the opportunity to pursue and confront individuals. It simply lets those who would be victims use force in self-defense.

The catalytic event that the led to the legislation's passage in 2005, was the looting of property in the aftermath of hurricanes. Specifically, there was a situation in the panhandle of Florida where a citizen moved an RV onto his property, to protect the remains of his home from being looted. One evening, a perpetrator broke into the RV and attacked the property owner. The property owner, acting in self defense in his home, shot and killed the perpetrator. It was months before he knew whether he would be charged with a crime because there was no clear legal definition of self defense in such a case or of when a potential victim was required to retreat.
Inspired by homeowners fending off looters, the law wasn't meant to defend a shooter who pursued someone who had not threatened him. The Stand Your Ground law, as passed, clarified that individuals are lawfully able to defend themselves when attacked and there is no duty to retreat when an individual is attacked on his property. Since its enactment, 20 other states have implemented similar statues. Additionally, the American Legislative Exchange Council used the Florida law as model legislation for other states. Quite simply it is a good law that now protects individuals in most states.

But media reports about Trayvon Martin's death indicate that Zimmerman's unnecessary pursuit and confrontation of Martin elevated the prospect of a violent episode, and does not seem to be an act of self defense as defined by the law.

I have great sympathy for the family of Trayvon Martin and am grateful that a grand jury is further exploring what actually happened on that night in Sanford. I trust that justice will prevail.

An Unnecessary Law

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The difficulty with Stand Your Ground laws is that they are based on the assumption that neither the common law nor modern criminal codes adequately protect ordinary citizens who are under attack. This assumption is simply wrong. Contemporary criminal statutes express a nuanced and sophisticated concept of defensive force derived from hundreds of years of common law precedent. These laws adequately protect both the innocent and those who mistakenly believe they are under attack while permitting the criminal prosecution of trigger-happy cowboys.

Stand Your Ground laws provide a rock-solid defense to paranoid or dangerously aggressive people who are armed with deadly force.

To claim self defense or defense of others under current statutes, a person under attack (the defender) needs to raise credible proof: first, that he reasonably thought he (or another) was unlawfully under imminent deadly attack by another; second, that each forceful action, including deadly force, he took in response to this attack was necessary to stop the attack; and third, that he acted solely with the intent to thwart the unlawful attack. In many jurisdictions, the defender must withdraw from the fight before using deadly force if he can do so in complete safety. If the defender meets these
requirements, he will be found not guilty. But that mistake, even if the defender is completely wrong about the situation but his mistake is reasonable about either the imminence of the deadly attack or the necessity of his forceful response, he still gets the full defense and will be found not guilty.

This is and has been the law in the Anglo-American system for over 400 years. As a result, these sorts of cases are almost never charged by prosecutors with limited state resources. In my home state of Wisconsin, a large group of criminal prosecutors, defense attorneys and judges could come up with only one case in which any homeowner was prosecuted when he shot someone who entered his home illegally. That conviction was later overturned.

By contrast, under the Stand Your Ground law, there is never a requirement that one withdraw or retreat before using deadly force, and the requirements of reasonableness are attenuated or essentially removed because the other witness is dead, and the defender may shade the truth. Thus, Stand Your Ground laws may provide a rock-solid defense to paranoid or dangerously aggressive people who are armed with deadly force.

Current law protects those using defensive force, including deadly force, while insisting that they act reasonably. Stand Your Ground laws upset that careful balance by removing the requirement that the defender act reasonably. For that reason, these laws should be repealed.

Focus Must Be Narrower

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Stand Your Ground laws, which eliminate the longstanding legal requirement that a person threatened outside of his or her own home retreat rather than use force, are the latest manifestation of the political strength of the gun rights movement. First adopted in Florida in 2005, Stand Your Ground laws, drafted and promoted by the National Rifle Association, have since been enacted in some form in more than 20 states. The Trayvon Martin shooting suggests that, in the rush to adopt these laws, lawmakers and gun advocates have gone too far in authorizing the use of deadly force.

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Although the facts of Trayvon Martin's death remain uncertain, we know that George Zimmerman, who was active in the local neighborhood crime watch, suspected Martin was a criminal and shot him
on a Florida street. Despite being instructed by police to stay away, Zimmerman confronted Martin. The situation escalated quickly into violence. The police have yet to arrest Zimmerman, apparently because Florida’s Stand Your Ground law entitled Zimmerman to use deadly force.

Florida legislators, however, insist the Stand Your Ground law does not provide a defense for people like Zimmerman, who pursue and confront someone. Florida Senator Durrell Peadon, who sponsored the law, said that Zimmerman “has no protection under my law.” According to state Representative Dennis Baxley, “There’s nothing in this statute that authorizes you to pursue and confront people.” The law, Baxley notes, was designed only “to prevent you from being attacked by other people.”

The problem is that nothing in Peadon and Baxley’s law says this. It provides that any person may use deadly force when “he or she reasonably believes that such force is necessary to prevent imminent death or great bodily harm to himself or herself or another.” So long as someone reasonably thinks he or someone else is in danger, he can shoot to kill, regardless of whether the shooter is the one who initiated the hostile confrontation.

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From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) [mailto:AMY2@miamidade.gov]
Sent: Friday, March 23, 2012 3:10 PM
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Subject: FW: Touching Bases

From: Thomas, Andrew [mailto:Andrew.Thomas@Sanfordfl.gov]
Sent: Friday, March 23, 2012 1:11 PM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Cc: Thomas, Andrew
Subject: Touching Bases

Good Morning Ms. Carswell.

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Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Cordially,

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A Necessary Law, but Not in This Case

Dennis K. Baxley, Republican of Ocala, sponsored the Stand Your Ground law in the Florida House of Representatives.

March 21, 2012

The tragic story of Trayvon Martin's death has ignited a great deal of debate about the Stand Your Ground law that seems to allow the defense claimed by his attacker, George Zimmerman. As the prime sponsor of this legislation in the Florida House, I’d like to clarify that there is nothing in the law that provides for the opportunity to pursue and confront individuals. It simply lets those who would be victims use force in self-defense.

The catalytic event that led to the legislation’s passage in 2005, was the looting of property in the aftermath of hurricanes. Specifically, there was a situation in the panhandle of Florida where a citizen moved an RV onto his property, to protect the remains of his home from being looted. One evening, a perpetrator broke into the RV and attacked the property owner. The property owner, acting in self defense in his home, shot and killed the perpetrator. It was months before he knew whether he would be charged with a crime because there was no clear legal definition of self defense in such a case or when a potential victim was required to retreat.

Inspired by homeowners fending off looters, the law wasn't meant to defend a shooter who pursued someone who had not threatened him.

The Stand Your Ground law, as passed, clarified that individuals are lawfully able to defend themselves when attacked and there is no duty to retreat when an individual is attacked on his property. Since its enactment, 20 other states have implemented similar statues. Additionally, the American Legislative Exchange Council used the Florida law as model legislation for other states. Quite simply it is a good law that now protects individuals in most states.

But media reports about Trayvon Martin's death indicate that Zimmerman's unnecessary pursuit and confrontation of Martin elevated the prospect of a violent episode, and does not seem to be an act of self defense as defined by the law.
I have great sympathy for the family of Trayvon Martin and am grateful that a grand jury is further exploring what actually happened on that night in Sanford. I trust that justice will prevail.

An Unnecessary Law

Gregory O'Meara, a former prosecutor, is an associate professor of law at Marquette University.

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The difficulty with Stand Your Ground laws is that they are based on the assumption that neither the common law nor modern criminal codes adequately protect ordinary citizens who are under attack. This assumption is simply wrong. Contemporary criminal statutes express a nuanced and sophisticated concept of defensive force derived from hundreds of years of common law precedent. These laws adequately protect both the innocent and those who mistakenly believe they are under attack while permitting the criminal prosecution of trigger-happy cowboys.

Stand Your Ground laws provide a rock-solid defense to paranoid or dangerously aggressive people who are armed with deadly force. To claim self defense or defense of others under current statutes, a person under attack (the defender) needs to raise credible proof: first, that he reasonably thought he (or another) was unlawfully under imminent deadly attack by another; second, that each forceful action, including deadly force, he took in response to this attack was necessary to stop the attack; and third, that he acted solely with the intent to thwart the unlawful attack. In many jurisdictions, the defender must withdraw from the fight before using deadly force if he can do so in complete safety. If the defender meets these requirements, he will be found not guilty. Furthermore, even if the defender is completely wrong about the situation but his mistake is reasonable about either the imminence of the deadly attack or the necessity of his forceful response, he still gets the full defense and will be found not guilty.

This is and has been the law in the Anglo-American system for over 400 years. As a result, these sorts of cases are almost never charged by prosecutors with limited state resources. In my home state of Wisconsin, a large group of criminal prosecutors, defense attorneys and judges could come up with only one case in which any homeowner was prosecuted when he shot someone who entered his home illegally. That conviction was later overturned.
By contrast, under the Stand Your Ground law, there is never a requirement that one withdraw or retreat before using deadly force, and the requirements of reasonableness are attenuated or essentially removed because the other witness is dead, and the defender may shade the truth. Thus, Stand Your Ground laws may provide a rock-solid defense to paranoid or dangerously aggressive people who are armed with deadly force.

Current law protects those using defensive force, including deadly force, while insisting that they act reasonably. Stand Your Ground laws upset that careful balance by removing the requirement that the defender act reasonably. For that reason, these laws should be repealed.

Focus Must Be Narrower

Adam Winkler is a professor at the University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law and the author of "Gunfight: The Battle over the Right to Bear Arms in America."

March 21, 2012

Stand Your Ground laws, which eliminate the longstanding legal requirement that a person threatened outside of his or her own home retreat rather than use force, are the latest manifestation of the political strength of the gun rights movement. First adopted in Florida in 2005, Stand Your Ground laws, drafted and promoted by the National Rifle Association, have since been enacted in some form in more than 20 states. The Trayvon Martin shooting suggests that, in the rush to adopt these laws, lawmakers and gun advocates have gone too far in authorizing the use of deadly force.

Stand Your Ground laws should only allow what their name suggests; they should not encourage vigilantism.

Although the facts of Trayvon Martin's death remain uncertain, we know that George Zimmerman, who was active in the local neighborhood crime watch, suspected Martin was a criminal and shot him on a Florida street. Despite being instructed by police to stay away, Zimmerman confronted Martin. The situation escalated quickly into violence. The police have yet to arrest Zimmerman, apparently because Florida's Stand Your Ground law entitled Zimmerman to use deadly force.

Florida legislators, however, insist the Stand Your Ground law does not provide a defense for people like Zimmerman, who pursue and confront someone. Florida Senator Durrell Peardon, who sponsored the law, said that Zimmerman "has no protection under my law." According to state Representative Dennis Baxley, "There's nothing in this statute that authorizes you to pursue and confront people." The law, Baxley notes, was designed only "to prevent you from being attacked by other people."

The problem is that nothing in Peardon and Baxley's law says this. It provides that any person may use deadly force when "he or she reasonably believes that such force is necessary to prevent imminent death or great bodily harm to himself or herself or another." So long as someone reasonably thinks he
or someone else is in danger, he can shoot to kill, regardless of whether the shooter is the one who initiated the hostile confrontation.

Indeed, given the law's authorization of the use of deadly force to protect other people and, as the law also provides, "to prevent the imminent commission of a forcible felony," Florida's law unambiguously authorizes people to pursue and confront others. Whatever the merits of standing your ground when personally threatened, Florida's law goes much further and encourages vigilantism. It tells people, who today are increasingly likely to be carrying concealed weapons, that they can pretend to be police officers and use their guns to protect and serve the broader public.

Stand Your Ground laws should only allow what their name suggests: permit people who are threatened to stand their own ground and protect themselves. They should not give people the right to use force to defend someone else's ground. Under no circumstances should people be able to confront others in a hostile manner, end up using deadly force, and escape punishment.

Racism Is the Problem Here

Kenneth Nunn is a professor at the University of Florida Levin College of Law, and is a member of the Florida Innocence Commission.

Stand Your Ground does not permit the use of deadly force against an initial aggressor unless "the person reasonably believes that he or she is in imminent danger of death or great bodily harm and that he or she has exhausted every reasonable means to escape such danger." Ordinarily, one would expect that a reasonable force requirement would provide ample protection against idiosyncratic or morally suspect behavior. But this is not the case when victims happen to be black.

As several legal scholars have pointed out, the connection between reasonableness and race is problematic. African-Americans, black males in particular, have been constructed in popular culture as violence-prone and dangerous.

Decisions regarding the reasonableness of self-defense claims should be made in court. Sociologists tell us this attitude toward black males is widely shared, sometimes unconsciously, as the Harvard implicit racism test discloses. In the minds of Americans who hold these views, fear of black males, and consequently the use of deadly force against them, is "reasonable."

A jury is particularly likely to credit a defendant's fear of blacks when the determination of reasonableness is made not in an objective manner but from the position of someone in the defendant's situation. Indeed, Bernhard Goetz's acquittal of charges for the shooting of four black men in the New York subway in 1984, and the acquittal in 2008 of the police officers involved in the Sean Bell shooting, were due in no small part to their lawyers' "fear of the black man" manipulations.
Simply eliminating Stand Your Ground would not get rid of racially disparate applications of the reasonableness test. It would not prevent young men like Trayvon Martin from getting killed and their killers getting off scot-free. Self-defense claims should be limited to cases in which they are objectively reasonable, not when they are reasonable to someone in the defendant’s shoes.

Additionally, decisions regarding the reasonableness of self-defense claims should be made in court. Many Stand Your Ground statutes grant killers who claim self-defense immunity from prosecution, so they cannot be arrested if the police view their assertions of self defense to be reasonable. This is wrong. The reasonableness of a killer’s actions ought to be decided in open court by juries made up of ordinary people, and not determined prior to trial in the secrecy of the police station.

Stand Your Ground statutes may be problematic for a number of reasons. But if we really want to save lives and prevent future miscarriages of justice, we will have to confront the reality of race.

Due Process Will Prove the Facts
Walter Olson is a senior fellow at the Cato Institute and edits the blog Overlawyered.

March 21, 2012

Under any criminal law, injustice can result if cops get the facts wrong. The Sanford, Fla., police, accused of buying a dubious self-defense tale after the Trayvon Martin shooting, will now come under searching scrutiny for that decision. Sanford’s mayor says his town is eager to stand corrected by the evidence as a fuller story emerges. So who’s left to disagree? Not the authors of Florida’s Stand Your Ground law, who told The Miami Herald that the law they sponsored applies only to cases of genuine self defense and won’t protect neighborhood-watcher George Zimmerman if critics of the Martin shooting are right about what he did that night.

Despite doomful predictions from gun foes, concealed carry and liberalized self-defense laws haven’t touched off a surge of gun violence. The old “duty to retreat” rule made it hard to invoke self defense even if you had faced an immediate threat of assault: “you could have run away,” the state would argue, and conviction would follow. Among those who often lost out under that old rule were domestic violence victims who turned on their assailants; feminists pointed out that “you could have run away” may not work well when faced with a stalker or vengeful ex.
Despite doomful predictions from gun foes, concealed carry (now the dominant rule) and liberalized self-defense laws (adopted by half the states) haven’t touched off the great warned-of surge of gun violence. Yes, prosecutors may now need to take more care to marshal a show of actual evidence to counter claims of self defense. For those who value due process in criminal justice – a group that should emphatically include members of historically mistreated minorities – that should count as not a bug but a feature.

Self Defense Is Part of Our Heritage

Jeannie Suk is a professor at Harvard Law School, and the author of "At Home in the Law."

Updated March 21, 2012, 9:22 PM

Stand Your Ground laws that have caught on in many states since 2005 are also called Castle Doctrine laws – referring to the traditional legal concept that a man’s house is his castle. But what does a doctrine that relieves us, in our homes, of the duty to try to flee an intruder’s attack before resorting to force in self defense, have to do with shootouts in public streets?

Beginning in the late 19th century, most states extended the previously home-located privilege to anywhere a person has a right to be, influenced by ideals of true manhood on the American frontier.

Stand Your Ground laws were influenced by ideals of true manhood on the American frontier.

So the provisions of legislation like Florida’s, eliminating the duty to retreat from an attacker in public space before killing in self defense, are not in themselves radical departures from what we have traditionally known. Indeed they track the same old move – leveraging the appealing idea of standing one’s ground at home, into any other place a person “has the right to be.”

The real outrages are not actually in the provisions of the new self-defense laws, as nothing in those laws give permission to shoot or refuse to retreat when one isn’t attacked to begin with. The dangers lie rather in incorrect and confused law enforcement perceptions of what the law allows, fueled by the cultural background and emotions that surrounded the laws’ passage.

In a post-9/11 decade of anxiety about securing the “homeland” against attack, it was perhaps unsurprising to see sudden and sweeping preoccupations with self defense
against intruders. Tragically, the expansive rhetoric of home protection that gave the new laws such momentum during that time has also made it more likely that a vigilante would perceive the shooting of a black teenager in a gated community as self defense.
Congresswoman Wilson Delivers Floor Speech on Shooting Death of Trayvon Martin


“Mr. Speaker, I am tired of burying young black boys.

I am tired of watching them suffer at the hands of those who fear them and despise them.
I am tired of comforting mothers, fathers, grandparents, sisters and brothers after such unnecessary, heinous crimes of violence.

In Florida, almost 3 years ago, as I served in the Florida Senate, a young black boy, Martin Lee Anderson was beaten to death at a Florida boot camp. It was all captured on a State of Florida Corrections Video and shown all over the world.

Martin Lee Anderson was beaten, and tortured until his lifeless body couldn’t take anymore, and then Martin Lee Anderson was dead at the hands of several boot camp guards – a young boy who wanted to be somebody, a young boy who was trying to turn his life around.

After they beat him to death on international TV as the world watched, over and over again, not one guard was sent to prison. Not one was even reprimanded.

In fact, after we closed down every boot camp in Florida, many of the accused received promotions.

Well guess what?

In Florida we have another Martin, Trayvon Martin.

Trayvon Martin was shot to death by a renegade wannabe policeman neighborhood watchman.

Trayvon Martin lived in Miami, Florida, in District 17, my congressional district.

Trayvon, a 140-pound young black boy, 17 years old, was just trying to live and reach 18.

In spite of that, the accused killer, George Zimmerman, has not been charged and is using the term self-defense.

The 911 audio tapes tell it all.

They tell the story of the last moments of Trayvon Martin’s life, just as the videotapes told so visibly the story of Martin Lee Anderson’s last moments.

Trayvon was running for his life.

He was screaming for help, fighting for his life, and then he was murdered, shot dead.

Today I applaud the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the FBI, and the Federal Department of Justice for their intervention.

I encourage the citizens of Florida and the citizens from around the world to continue to fight for justice for Trayvon Martin,

Justice must be served!

No more racial profiling.

I am tired of fighting when the evidence is so clear, so transparent.
Twenty years ago while serving as a school board member, I founded the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project. A million-dollar nationally recognized and honored foundation that specifically addresses the trials and tribulations of young black boys and sends them to college.

It impacts almost 20,000 young men throughout Florida.

In spite of that, we still have to march and demonstrate and write letters and protest and fight and have prayer vigils and sue and sit in just to be heard.

No more.

No more, Florida.

No more, America.

No more hiding your criminal racial profiling by using self-defense to get away with murder.

STAND UP FOR TRAYVON MARTIN.

STAND UP FOR JUSTICE.

STAND UP FOR OUR CHILDREN

I'm tired, tired, tired of burying young black boys.

I yield back the balance of my time.”

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Rep. Frederica S. Wilson is a first-term Congresswoman representing the 17th District of Florida, including Northern Miami-Dade and Southeast Broward Counties. A former state legislator and school principal, she is the founder of the 5000 Role Models for Excellence Project, a mentoring program for young males at risk of dropping out of school.

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From: "Maria Roach" <moveon-help@list.moveon.org>
Date: March 19, 2012 3:17:37 PM EDT
To: "lovette mcgill" <lovette10@hotmail.com>
Subject: Justice for Trayvon Martin

Below is an email from Maria Roach, a MoveOn member who created a petition at SignOn.org that is getting a lot of attention and may be of interest to you. If you have concerns or feedback about this petition, click here.

Dear MoveOn member,

Seventeen-year-old Trayvon Martin was shot and killed while walking home from a convenience store on the evening of February 26. The shooter, George Zimmerman, was the neighborhood watch captain. Zimmerman, a 200-pound 28-year-old with a history of violence, claimed self defense, even though Trayvon Martin had no criminal history and nothing more than candy and an iced tea in his hands.

It's a deep injustice that George Zimmerman remains free. That's why I created a petition on SignOn.org to Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi and U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, which says:

George Zimmerman's shooting of Trayvon Martin, an African American teenager, reveals a history of racism in Sanford, Florida, that has stubbornly refused to die. Weeks after the shooting, the Sanford police department is slow to release details of the shooting and, more surprisingly, has not arrested George Zimmerman, a man who has a history of violence.

We urge you to sign this petition to protect private citizens from gun violence and inept law enforcement. Florida's Attorney General Pam Bondi must step in and provide justice for Trayvon Martin, his family, and the community.

Will you sign the petition? Click here to add your name, and then pass it along to your friends:

http://www.moveon.org/r?r=272971&id=37516-17245398-AqOLdgx&t=2

Thanks!

–Maria Roach
Obtained by Judicial Watch

The text above was written by Maria Roach, not by MoveOn staff, and MoveOn is not responsible for the content. This email was sent through MoveOn's secure system, and your information has been kept private.

Want to support our work? MoveOn Civic Action is entirely funded by our 5 million members—no corporate contributions, no big checks from CEOs. And our tiny staff ensures that small contributions go a long way. Chip in here.

Launch your own MoveOn-style campaign - and sign up other members to get involved. Start a petition on SignOn.org

This email was sent to lovette mcgill on March 19, 2012. To change your email address or update your contact info, click here. To remove yourself from this list, click here.
Justin McCarthy

From: Adora <adoranweze1@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2012 1:53 PM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Subject: Fwd: Trayvon Martin Case
Attachments: FSC NAACP Press-MartinCase 031312.pdf; ATT25106777.htm; FSC NAACP Holder 031312.pdf; ATT25106778.htm

Amy,

Are the attachments coming through? They should include both the press release and letter.

Adora

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: David Honig <dhonig@crosslink.net>
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Subject: Trayvon Martin Case

Team – here are the press release and the letter.

Adora or Kim – could you get this to National’s Communications Department to send to its press contacts?

I’ll get them out to our contacts @ 6 AM, and embargoed to Politic365 and to the Field Negro Blog right away. Let me know if any other reporters/bloggers should get embargoed copies this evening.

Thanks to everyone who’s worked under tight deadline pressure to get this done.

Best,

David
3/12/12
From: OUR Homes, Inc. <holmes_builders@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 4:33 PM
To: Boone, Retha (Advocacy); Brian Dennis; joshuajones83@gmail.com; Alexis Snyder; Carswell, Amy (Advocacy); Harris Jr., Edward B. (DIST7); Priscilla Dames; libertycouncil@aol.com; Jeff Forley; ronald.fulton001@mymdc.net
Subject: Fwd: Trayvon Martin Peace March and other dates
Attachments: Trayvon Martin Peace March.pdf

Please give us a call we will be needing the name of the 9 shootings in Miami Dade County. Or any other families that would like to walk and/or share on video.
Madame 786 260 2409

--- On Tue, 3/20/12, OUR Homes, Inc. <holmes_builders@yahoo.com> wrote:

From: OUR Homes, Inc. <holmes_builders@yahoo.com>
Subject: Fwd: Trayvon Martin Peace March
To: "Amy (OCR) Carswell" <amy2@miamidade.gov>, "Yvans R. (Advocacy) Morisseau" <MORYVA@miamidade.gov>, "Brian Dennis" <bdennisbotsm@yahoo.com>, "Alexis Snyder" <Alexis.Snyder@mail.house.gov>, "Richard P. (Commissioner District 5) Dunn II" <rpdunn@miamigov.com>, "Gina Ford" <gford@miamidade.gov>
Cc: "Retha (OCR) Boone" <rboone@miamidade.gov>
Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2012, 4:02 PM

Madame 786 260 2409

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Please spread the word.
Justin McCarthy

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Justin McCarthy

Have you seen this article? The NAACP will have a March Rally on Saturday, March 31 in Sanford, FL. This is in addition to the March/Rally on March 21.

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Date: March 16, 2012 10:46:49 AM EDT
To: <adoranweze1@bellsouth.net>
Subject: Article on other cases in Sanford

Madam President:

Here is the article:

When Bill Lee Jr. took over as police chief in Sanford, Fla., last May, he promised to polish the force’s image and clean up an agency that had lost the confidence of many residents, particularly in the black community.

But last month’s shooting death of Trayvon Martin -- an unarmed black teenager who police said was shot by a white neighborhood watch captain -- has reopened old wounds. The police have not arrested George Zimmerman, 28, who is white, and who police said admitted to shooting the teen in self-defense.

According to the Sanford Police Department, Zimmerman called 911 before the shooting, identifying Martin as a “suspicious person.” He was then told not to follow the teen, who was walking from a nearby store to his father’s house in the gated community. But Zimmerman trailed Martin, and had a physical confrontation with him, police said. Moments later, Martin was fatally shot.

Lee has said he will not arrest Zimmerman because there is no evidence to suggest the shooting was anything other than self-defense. But the Martin family’s attorneys and black community leaders have said the teenager was profiled and targeted because he was young and black.

In Sanford, hurt feelings over a string of past incidents involving black victims and white perpetrators have yet to ease, and the shooting rekindled distrust over the way police and courts have handled such cases. Local college students are planning rallies over the Martin case, and this afternoon, ministers from a number of black churches in the area gathered to voice their anger.
"There has been tension between the black community and the police for a long time," Turner Clayton, president of the local NAACP, told HuffPost Black Voices. "When [Chief Lee] first started, it seemed that things would get better, but with this Martin case, seems we're dealing with the same old Sanford regime."

Lee's predecessor, Brian Tooley, was forced from office last year following a scandal involving a lieutenant's son who was captured on video attacking a homeless black man. Police officers reportedly questioned him but did not arrest him. The officer's son, Justin Collison, 21, later turned himself in after the video surfaced on YouTube and was charged in the attack.

Collison's family paid an undisclosed sum to the homeless man, Sherman Ware, and Ware asked prosecutors to drop the case. They didn't, and Collison eventually pleaded no contest and received probation, according to the Orlando Sentinel.

But the 2005 killing of a black teenager, Travares McGill, by two white security guards, one the son of a Sanford Police officer, drove city race relations to a modern low, according to some black residents.

Early one summer morning, security guards Patrick Swofford and Bryan Ansley saw McGill dropping off a group of friends in the parking lot of the apartment complex they were hired to guard, according to published reports. They claimed McGill tried to run them down, and both fired, later claiming self-defense. McGill was pronounced dead at the scene. Swofford was a police department volunteer and Ansley is the son of a former veteran of the force.

The pair was arrested and charged, Swofford with manslaughter and Ansley with firing into an occupied vehicle. But a judge later cited lack of evidence and dismissed both cases. According to autopsy reports, McGill suffered fatal gunshot wounds to the back, and it was unclear if the pair was in danger.

"People are outraged because they never recovered from the last shooting, or recovered from the beating a year or so ago with the policeman's son," said Turner. "All of these things are escalating and simmering, and it's going to reach a point where it's going to explode."

The Sanford Police Department on Tuesday turned the case over to the Seminole County State Attorney's Office. The state attorney will now decide whether or not Zimmerman will be charged in connection with the killing.

Natalie Jackson, an attorney for the Martin family and a Sanford native, said that she has no confidence Zimmerman will be charged. "I'm an eternal optimist," Jackson said. "But if history [in Sanford] has shown me anything, they are not going to do anything."

In the year since Lee took over the department, change seemed to be within reach.

Lee told the Orlando Sentinel in June that, "I hope to focus on developing partnerships with the community and continuing what they've started in their efforts of community policing: working in areas that will enable an officer to get to know the community he's working in; who in that community is not supposed to be there; work together with the community to identify problems."

"All of the men and women of the police department that I've spoken to are committed to doing the best that they can and performing and bringing honor to the profession and organization."
But the way the police have handled the Martin case has been called into question as more details surface.

ABC News has reported that a source inside the police department told them a narcotics detective, not a homicide detective, first approached Zimmerman and peppered him with questions, possibly leading his story.

Another officer reportedly corrected a witness after she told him that she heard the teen cry for help, according to ABC. The officer told the woman that it was Zimmerman who cried for help, not Martin.

Shortly after the shooting, the police told the Martin family that Zimmerman had a clean record, Tracy Martin, Trayvon’s father, told HuffPost. But a public records search shows that he was arrested in 2005 for resisting arrest with violence and battery. The charges were later dropped.

In an email to HuffPost on Wednesday, Lee refuted the idea that his officers would intentionally keep information about Zimmerman’s past from the public or Martin’s family.

“I do not know what Zimmerman told officers at the scene about his background,” he wrote. “Why would we lie about the background of Zimmerman that we know exists? The investigator in speaking with [Martin’s father] and relating the account given to law enforcement by Zimmerman told Mr. Martin that Zimmerman portrayed himself to be squeaky clean... hearts go out to the family of Trayvon and we are sorry for their loss.”

He added that his department, in consultation with the state attorney's office, worked “to complete a thorough and fair investigation as quickly as possible.”

At a press conference Monday, Lee told reporters and spectators that though the Martin shooting may have set relations back in the city, he believed the community and police still could work together.

“We want to build a partnership, and since I have been in office for 10 months we were making good strides and this is certainly a huge stumbling block,” Lee said. “And so it is a tragedy for the community and for the city of Sanford, too, because I believe we can truly have a great partnership and get through all the ugly thoughts and all the disagreements and ill will and hard feelings and truly come together as a community.”

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Our deepest condolences to the family of CRB Executive Committee member Ronald Fulton upon the tragic death of his nephew Trayvon Martin, age 17 years.

Please find below information on the memorial services for Trayvon Martin, nephew of Community Relations Board member Ronald Fulton. Martin, a resident of Miami-Dade County, was shot and killed under mysterious circumstances while visiting his parents in Sanford Florida. Police are investigating (see link to Orlando news coverage below). We will keep you informed of further developments as they become available.

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FYI: Attached please find a press release issued by the Florida State Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and a letter from the Conference President Adora Obi Nweze to Attorney General Eric Holder regarding the case of Trayvon Martin. Mr. Martin, a Miami-Dade resident age 17 years, was shot and killed under controversial circumstances in Sanford, Florida on February 26, 2012. Trayvon Martin is the nephew of CRB Executive Committee member Ronald Fulton. CRB leaders and staff have been monitoring community tensions related to this tragic situation since we were informed by Mr. Fulton on February 27, 2012.

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FYI: Please find attached a letter from County Commissioner Barbara Jordan to Seminole County State Attorney Norman Wolfinger regarding the investigation into the fatal shooting of Miami-Dade resident Trayvon Martin in Sanford Florida on February 26, 2010.
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Please spread the word.
State senator calls for hearings into Stand Your Ground law

By Marc Caputo
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Florida Sen. Oscar Braynon, who represents the Miami Gardens district where Trayvon Martin’s mother lives, is calling for legislative hearings into the Stand Your Ground law implicated in last month’s shooting death of the 17-year-old in Sanford.
The law, passed in 2005, expands the rights of people to use deadly force in public if they feel threatened during a confrontation. If a shooter invokes the law, and no witnesses can dispute his claim of feeling threatened, police are all but forbidden from arresting him.
Braynon says that’s a problem.
"The Legislature needs to take a look at Stand Your Ground," Braynon told The Miami Herald. "This is a perfect case of where it goes awry. This could only be the beginning of more problems down the road. It has unintended consequences. When the Legislature passed this in 2005, I don’t think they planned for people who would go out and become vigilantes or be like some weird Batman who would go out and kill little kids like Trayvon."
The shooting has gripped the national news media’s attention. Florida Gov. Rick Scott has called in the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to examine the case. The Department of Justice and FBI are investigating as well.
Braynon said he’s drafting a letter to incoming Florida Senate President Don Gaetz to ask for legislative hearings into the law, how it’s worked and how to improve or scrap it. Braynon, an African-American legislator, also plans to ask the Florida Conference of Black State Legislators to unite behind his call for hearings.
"As we see, this law could disproportionately affect the African American population," Braynon said. "We know how racial profiling goes. If you feel intimidated by someone, you can pull a gun on someone and shoot them? That’s not the kind of law we need."

Trayvon, a Michael Krop Senior High School student, was killed Feb. 26 in Sanford, a town of 55,000 just north of Orlando. The 17-year-old boy, on suspension from school, was staying at his father’s girlfriend’s house when he walked to a nearby a 7-Eleven store to buy candy and iced tea.
George Zimmerman, 28, a neighborhood watch volunteer with a long history of calling in everything from open garage doors to “suspicious characters,” called police to say he had spotted someone who looked drugged, was walking too slowly in the rain, and appeared to be looking at people’s houses. Zimmerman sounded alarmed because the stranger had his hand in his waistband and held something in his other hand.
The unarmed teen was carrying Skittles and a can of Arizona iced tea.
Zimmerman said he had stepped out of his truck to check the name of the street he was on when Trayvon attacked him from behind as he walked back to his truck, police said. He fired the semiautomatic handgun he was licensed to carry because he feared for his life.

Read more here: http://www.miamiherald.com/2012/03/20/v-print/2703579/state-senator-calls-for-hearings.html#storylink=cpy
ATTENTION CRB AND ADVOCACY BOARD LEADERS:

FYI: You may recall that the nephew of CRB Executive Committee member Ronald Fulton was shot and killed under mysterious circumstances on February 26, 2012 while visiting his family in Sanford Florida. Trayvon Martin was 17 years of age. The 25 year old man who admitted shooting Trayvon has not been arrested. There is growing community interest and national and local media coverage of the case and CRB leaders and staff are monitoring local tensions. The CRB extends deep condolences to Mr. Martin’s family and friends.

See below CBS morning news coverage of the controversial shooting of Trayvon Martin, a resident of Miami-Dade District 1. See also below an on-line petition that has been started by a reader of the Miami Herald article on the Martin killing that appeared today, March 9. The CRB Executive Committee met Wednesday, March 7 and this troubling situation was discussed. The Executive Committee recommended to Mr. Fulton that he contact the Office of County Commissioner Barbara Jordan, who represents the community where Trayvon’s family resides, for constituent services. Mr. Fulton has done so. The CRB is working to determine the level of tension here in Miami-Dade and leaders will respond as appropriate. We have been in touch with Commissioner Jordan’s office and are conferring on next steps. We will keep you informed on further developments.

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17 year old FL boy killed over pack of skittles - SPEAK UP!

By Ashley Pierce (Contact)

To be delivered to: Bill Lee, Chief of Police, Sanford FL and Rick Scott, Governor of FL
We, the signers of this petition, demand that George Zimmerman be prosecuted for his unlawful actions and take responsibilities for the crimes in which he has committed. A message needs to be sent to ALL "neighborhood watch" organizations that taking the law into their OWN hands will not be tolerated!

Trayvon Martin (17 years old) was walking home from the store in a gated Stanford, FL community with a pack of skittles and a drink when he was labeled as "suspicious" and shot and KILLED by an armed neighborhood watch guard. Despite the fact that Trayvon was completely unarmed, George Zimmerman (a white man) believed the young black teen to be dangerous and even AFTER being told by police to "stand down" he took it in his own hands and shot the young boy in cold blooded murder. We're calling on you, America, to stand up for justice and demand that Zimmerman be charged with his crimes! Please sign the petition and pass it on to all of your family and friends! Let's stand together and show that this is NOT acceptable in ANY community!


We need 50 signatures

There are currently 15 signatures

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Nephew murdered in Tampa at Home Miami wake/service/repast information:

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Superb explanation of “Stand Your Ground”

Florida’s self-defense law could hamper efforts to prosecute Trayvon Martin shooter
By DAVID OVALLE and FRANCES ROBLES
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Martin Family Photos, File / AP Photo
FILE - In this undated file family photo, Trayvon Martin poses for a family photo. College students around Florida rallied Monday, March 19, 2012, to demand the arrest of a white neighborhood watch captain who shot unarmed teen Martin last month, though authorities may be hamstrung by a state law that allows people to defend themselves with deadly force. Florida’s controversial 2005 “Stand-Your-Ground” self-defense law could hamper any efforts to charge a Sanford man who fatally shot an unarmed Miami Gardens teenager, legal experts say.

An arrest could hinge on whether prosecutors believe neighborhood watch volunteer George Zimmerman acted unreasonably when he encountered the teen, Trayvon Martin, whom he suspected was a prowler. A 911 dispatcher told Zimmerman he didn’t need to follow the youth, and now attorneys want to know whether he did so anyway.

“If he was attacked, he can stand his ground,” said retired Miami-Dade prosecutor David Waksman, who is not involved in the case. “But if police say back off and we’ll take care of it, he’s not covered by the law.”

Florida’s controversial self-defense law eliminated a citizen’s duty to retreat before using deadly force to confront an attacker. Police and prosecutors statewide have derided the measure, saying the law fosters a shoot-first, ask-questions-later mentality and gives criminal a pass on facing justice.

The law also included a provision that grants “immunity” from prosecution or civil suit if a person is deemed to have acted in self-defense, though lawmakers did not clearly specify exactly who bestows the immunity.

After a series of court battles across the state, the Florida Supreme Court in December 2010 ruled that judges should be the ones to weigh the evidence under a looser standard than the familiar “beyond a reasonable doubt” one used before juries in criminal cases.

Since then, South Florida judges have dismissed charges in several high-profile murder cases in which defendants sought immunity based on the law.

Last month, however, Miami-Dade Circuit Judge Milton Hirsch denied the immunity claim of a Florida International University student who fatally stabbed an unarmed football player during a brawl.

The law “does not justify the use of deadly force in response to threats or shows of force of any and ever kind. In ordinary circumstances a push or a slap may be met with a push or a slap, or perhaps a punch — but not with a bullet,” Hirsch said.
Said Miami-Dade defense attorney Jeffrey Weiner, who recently had a murder case thrown out by a judge on self-defense grounds: “The shooter must be able to point out, preferably with witnesses, that he wasn’t just seeking vigilante justice.”

Still, legal experts say Zimmerman, if arrested, would probably be charged with manslaughter and not murder — and would have a strong defense under Florida’s law, with a judge needing to decide first whether he is immune from prosecution.

“I think absolutely this is a case that squarely falls within the Stand Your Ground immunity statute,” said defense attorney Bill Matthewman. “Even if he shouldn’t have been following [Martin] he’s not committing a crime and he can stand his ground.”

Zimmerman, 28, the target of the investigation, is a neighborhood watch volunteer who fatally shot Martin on Feb. 26 at the Retreat at Twin Lakes community in Sanford. He has not been charged.

The case has sparked racial tensions, because Martin was black and Zimmerman is not. Martin’s family has insisted Zimmerman was racially profiling the teen, who was visiting friends of relatives and that night had walked to the store to buy candy.

While prosecutors decide whether charges are warranted, attorneys say Sanford’s police chief has been unusually forceful in declaring that Zimmerman appeared to be acting in self-defense when he killed the teen in a public walkway at a housing community.

To be sure, not all the facts in Zimmerman’s case have been released to the public. But according to 911 calls released last week, Zimmerman told dispatchers that said the person now identified as 17-year-old Martin looked drugged and was walking slowly, as if looking inside people’s homes.

“These a--holes always get away,” complained Zimmerman, who has called 911 scores of times to complain of potential criminals.

Zimmerman, who was in his truck, told the dispatcher that the suspicious person had his hand in his waist band - suggesting he thought the teen was armed, a fact that could bolster his defense. “Something’s wrong with him. He’s coming to check me out,” Zimmerman said.

As Zimmerman narrated, the dispatcher asked: “Are you following him?”

“Yeah,” Zimmerman replied.

“We don’t need you to do that,” the dispatcher said.

An interpretation of that exchange could be key in deciding whether Zimmerman acted recklessly in pursuing Martin. Sanford Police Chief Bill Lee, in an interview last week, suggested that Zimmerman did not.

“That’s another question we get quite often: ‘He was told not to follow him.’” Lee said in an interview last week. “Well that’s a recommendation or a suggestion. It’s not a lawful order.”

Zimmerman’s responsibility to stay in his truck and keep out of it was a “moral responsibility,” Lee said. Zimmerman told police that he was headed back to his truck when Martin jumped him from behind, Lee said.

Waksman, the former Miami-Dade prosecutor, pointed out that Zimmerman was supposed to be a “crime watch” volunteer.

“You’re supposed to look and call it in,” Waksman said. “He’s placing himself in danger and he can’t say, I had no choice. He did have a choice.”

Indeed, Zimmerman got out of the truck, allegedly to check the name of the street he was on, which even Lee said he found implausible given the small size of the complex and the volunteer’s familiarity with it.

What happened next remains unclear. Calls to 911 alerted police to a scuffle and someone crying for help. Zimmerman claimed he was the one hollering for help. Witnesses thought it was Martin.

“Another important critical issue is, who is approaching who? Is he approaching the decedent and approaching him aggressively?” Matthewman said.

Zimmerman told investigators that Martin was the aggressor and that he was taking such a beating — and that no one responded to his calls for help — that he was forced to fire. “He had injuries consistent with his story,” Lee said.

Zimmerman’s statement to police has not been released to the public, but legal experts say that he could claim the boy was reaching for a perceived weapon, or even for Zimmerman’s own gun during the scuffle.
U.S. Department of Justice, FBI and FDLE to probe Trayvon Martin killing

By Frances Robles
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Trayvon Martin, 17, of Miami Gardens, shot and killed by a neighborhood watch volunteer Feb. 26 in Sanford, an Orlando suburb. The U.S. Department of Justice’s Civil Rights Division and the FBI will investigate the killing of Miami Gardens teenager Trayvon Martin by a neighborhood watch volunteer, the department announced late Monday.

The federal and state agencies are intervening in what attorneys call a botched investigation into the killing of the Michael Krop Senior High School student, who was killed Feb. 26 in Sanford, a town of 55,000 just north of Orlando.

Trayvon, 17, on suspension from school, was staying at his father’s girlfriend’s house when he walked to a nearby 7-Eleven store to buy candy and iced tea.

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“Negligence, recklessness, mistakes and accidents are not prosecutable under the federal criminal civil rights laws.”

From the start, Trayvon’s family accused Sanford police of molding the investigation to fit Zimmerman’s account. Several witnesses said they heard cries that sounded like a boy wailing — howling silenced by the crack of gunfire — and were shocked to hear police later portray the cries as Zimmerman’s. One witness said police ignored her repeated phone calls.

The police chief was accused of telling lies big and small in ways that shielded Zimmerman. The family hired attorneys who helped devise a national campaign to demand a federal investigation.

Members of Congress and prominent black clergy members joined the chorus for a federal probe. At a rally outside the Sanford courthouse Monday, students called for Zimmerman’s arrest.

Police Chief Bill Lee told The Miami Herald that he was comfortable that his investigators were fair and thorough.

“I can say very confidently we would welcome any outside entity that wants to come look at what we did,” Lee said last week. “They are welcome to come here and look at it. We have not done anything but conduct a fair and complete investigation.”

He dismissed accusations of irregularities and insisted that investigators found no probable cause to arrest Zimmerman because there was no evidence to disprove his version of events.

The U.S. Community Relations Service will be in Sanford this week to meet with civil rights leaders, community leaders and local law enforcement officials to address tension in the community, the Justice Department announcement said.
Amy, as we discussed last week, you said that Supervisor Townsley could arrive at around 2:15 p.m. Is that still ok or should she be there @ 2:00 p.m.?

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Joan:

Please see the final approved questions attached which are the same as the draft submitted earlier, minus the occasional typo. The questions are intended to serve as an aide to Ms. Townsley in preparing her remarks and reflect issues and concerns shared with the CRB members and staff by members of our community. Thanks again and please tell Ms. Townsley that we very much appreciate your patience in receiving these questions. We have been very tied up responding to a barrage of community inquiries about issues related to the Trayvon Martin case (the Miami Gardens teen shot and killed in Sanford Florida) and this delayed our ability to provide the questions as anticipated.

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-----Original Message-----
From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
To: jabaribrad <jabaribrad@aol.com>
Sent: Wed, Mar 14, 2012 11:20 am
Subject: FW: FYI: Florida NAACP Calls for Impartial Investigation into Shooting of Miami-Dade Youth in Sanford Florida

Dr. Brown:
Please let me know if the attachments do not get to you. Thanks.

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2012 2:14 PM
Subject: FYI: Florida NAACP Calls for Impartial Investigation into Shooting of Miami-Dade Youth in Sanford Florida

FYI: Attached please find a press release issued by the Florida State Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and a letter from the Conference President Adora Obi Nweze to Attorney General Eric Holder regarding the case of Trayvon Martin. Mr. Martin, a Miami-Dade resident age 17 years, was shot and killed under controversial circumstances in Sanford, Florida on February 26, 2012. Trayvon Martin is the nephew of CRB Executive Committee member Ronald Fulton. CRB leaders and staff have been monitoring community tensions related to this tragic situation since we were informed by Mr. Fulton on February 27, 2012.

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Amy Carswell
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Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board
Board of County Commissioners
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Office of Community Advocacy
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amy2@miamidade.gov
Amy, given the tensions we have experienced in Miami-Dade County as a result of the shooting of Trayvon Martin, I believe that the CRB should actively seek answers from those involved in the investigation and consider what other action may be appropriate as well. I request that this matter be placed on the CRB agenda at our next meeting.

Sincerely,

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On Mar 14, 2012, at 7:39 PM, "Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)" <AMY2@miamidade.gov> wrote:

> FYI: Please find attached a letter from County Commissioner Barbara Jordan to Seminole County State Attorney Norman Wolfinger regarding the investigation into the fatal shooting of Miami-Dade resident Trayvon Martin in Sanford Florida on February 26, 2010.
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> >
Justin McCarthy

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2012 12:54 PM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy); Adora
Subject: RE: Adora - here are the finals (I think...) let me know if you want anything changed ...
I'm set to send them out at 6 AM

Adora:
Please forward to us the NAACP press release and letter to holder when released to the public. Thanks.

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2012 12:38 PM
To: 'Adora'
Subject: RE: Adora - here are the finals (I think...) let me know if you want anything changed ...
I'm set to send them out at 6 AM

Adora:

Some updates that may be relevant to your letter and Florida NAACP statements. We understand that the Sanford Police Department has completed its preliminary investigation and forwarded the results to the Seminole County State Attorney, (See contact information below). I have forwarded to you in another email links to the press coverage from yesterday. A press conference was convened by the Chief of Police and the Sanford Mayor on yesterday wherein the Chief described his reasons for not charging Mr. Zimmerman. It is not clear that the Chief’s failure to charge Mr. Zimmerman at this time is inconsistent with current Florida Law, particularly the “Stand Your Ground” law. (See more below) We will see what the State Attorney does with this case. Your request to Attorney General Holder for CRS intervention is right on target. I have also spoken to Tommy Battles and Mildred de Robles (See email forwarded to you today) at U.S. DOJ Community Relations Service on last Friday, and they have agreed to access this case.

Other updates concerns: I spoke with a highly placed colleague at the Miami-Dade State Attorney’s office on yesterday who opined that Florida’s “Stand Your Ground” law may allow this shooter to avoid prosecution by claiming fear for his life without the need to prove that such fear was reasonable. At some point soon, we may need to focus energies on the repeal of this lousy law. I have been consulting with Ronald Fulton, CRB member, and uncle of Trayvon Martin who asked what is it we should tell our children that they should do to protect themselves. As I understand the legal interpretations of Stand Your Ground, as it is now, there is nothing we can do. More on this later.

Honorable Norman R. Wolfinger
State Attorney
Eighteenth Judicial Circuit
State Attorney’s Office
Criminal Justice Center
101 Bush Boulevard
PO Box 8006
Sanford, Florida 32772-8006

From: Adora [mailto:adoranweze1@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2012 12:02 PM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Subject: Fwd: Adora - here are the finals (I think...) let me know if you want anything changed ...
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Fyi

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: David Honig <dhonig@crosslink.net>
Date: March 12, 2012 8:11:38 PM EDT
To: Adora Obi Nweze <adoranweze1@bellsouth.net>
Subject: Adora - here are the finals (I think...) let me know if you want anything changed ...
I'm set to send them out at 6 AM
From: Ragin, Andre T. (DIST1) <RANDRE@miamidade.gov>  
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2012 4:00 PM  
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)  
Subject: Re: An article from www.miamiherald.com

Why didn't you tell me about the candlelight vigil and press conference yesterday. BJ would've/should've been there.

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)  
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2012 03:52 PM  
To: Ragin, Andre T. (DIST1)  
Subject: RE: An article from www.miamiherald.com

Never.

From: Ragin, Andre T. (DIST1)  
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2012 3:52 PM  
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)  
Subject: Re: An article from www.miamiherald.com

Don't forget me.

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)  
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2012 10:59 AM  
To: Ragin, Andre T. (DIST1)  
Subject: RE: An article from www.miamiherald.com

By the end of the day today.

From: Ragin, Andre T. (DIST1)  
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2012 10:19 AM  
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)  
Subject: RE: An article from www.miamiherald.com

When do you think you can have the letter done for BJ? Thx.

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)  
Sent: Friday, March 09, 2012 10:46 AM  
To: Ragin, Andre T. (DIST1)  
Subject: FW: An article from www.miamiherald.com

Trayvon Martin is the nephew of CRB Executive Committee member Ronald Fulton.
Shooting mystery: Miami-Dade teen killed by a crime watch captain
By Monique Madan

Trayvon Martin traveled to Sanford on a trip with his father. The teen returned to his Miami home in a body bag.

Martin, 17, was shot and killed Feb. 26 by a neighborhood crime watch captain.

The circumstances of the shooting are still unknown, but the 26-year-old man who shot Martin, George Zimmerman, gave a statement to police that he shot in self-defense.

Read More...
From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) [mailto:AMY2@miamidade.gov]
Sent: Friday, March 09, 2012 01:14 PM
To: Battles, Thomas (CRS)
Cc: Duprey de Robles, Mildred I. (CRS)
Subject: FW: Monitoring Tensions Over Shooting of Miami-Dade Teen in Sanford Florida

Attention CRB and Advocacy Board Leaders:

FYI: You may recall that the nephew of CRB Executive Committee member Ronald Fulton was shot and killed under mysterious circumstances on February 26, 2012 while visiting his family in Sanford Florida. Trayvon Martin was 17 years of age. The 25 year old man who admitted shooting Trayvon has not been arrested. There is growing community interest and national and local media coverage of the case and CRB leaders and staff are monitoring local tensions. The CRB extends deep condolences to Mr. Martin’s family and friends.

See below CBS morning news coverage of the controversial shooting of Trayvon Martin, a resident of Miami-Dade District 1. See also below an on-line petition that has been started by a reader of the Miami Herald article on the Martin killing that appeared today, March 9. The CRB Executive Committee met Wednesday, March 7 and this troubling situation was discussed. The Executive Committee recommended to Mr. Fulton that he contact the Office of County Commissioner Barbara Jordan, who represents the community where Trayvon’s family resides, for constituent services. Mr. Fulton has done so. The CRB is working to determine the level of tension here in Miami-Dade and leaders will respond as appropriate. We have been in touch with Commissioner Jordan’s office and are conferring on next steps. We will keep you informed on further developments.
From: Ronald Fulton [mailto:ronald.fulton001@mymdc.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 08, 2012 10:35 AM
To: denny@dennywood.net; Damian Gregory; Carswell, Amy (Advocacy); FELTA ANDERSON; Barbara.Watson@myfloridahouse.gov; braynon.oscar.web@flsenate.gov; info@fredericawilsonforcongress.com; Edwards, Paul; angelablash@bellsouth.net; Balzebre, Frank (Office of the Mayor); crisis@nationalactionnetwork.net; Shirley Mason, Founder and Mother of Haulover Beach; Joseph Gebara; lottie hines; Ortiz, Joseph; Lynne Cameron; lowery.oneca.s33@flsenate.gov; Monica, Matthew; mdubin@pobox.com; Reuben Neff; OUR Homes, Inc.; prez4real@yahoo.com; Hawkins, Ryan (DIST1); ronquavis Fulton; Wayne E. Rawlins; Trammell, Walter C. (MDPD)
Subject: Fwd: News Stuff

-------- Forwarded message --------
From: <mrfulton2001@aol.com>
Date: Thu, Mar 8, 2012 at 10:16 AM
Subject: News Stuff
To: mevans5842@aol.com

Yahoo (A lot of comments)

Article:
Video:
http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=7401371n

From: Boone, Retha (Advocacy)
Sent: Friday, March 09, 2012 11:27 AM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Subject: Emailing: SignOn.org Beta - 17 year old FL boy killed over pack of skittles - SPEAK UP!.htm
17 year old FL boy killed over pack of skittles - SPEAK UP!

By Ashley Pierce (Contact)

To be delivered to: Bill Lee, Chief of Police, Sanford FL and Rick Scott, Governor of FL

We, the signers of this petition, demand that George Zimmerman be prosecuted for his unlawful actions and take responsibilities for the crimes in which has committed. A message needs to be sent to ALL "neighborhood watch" organizations that taking the law into their OWN hands will not be tolerated!

Trayvon Martin (17 years old) was walking home from the store in a gated Stanford, FL community with a pack of skittles and a drink when he was labeled as "suspicious" and shot and KILLED by an armed neighborhood watch guard. Despite the fact that Trayvon was completely unarmed, George Zimmerman (a white man) believed the young black teen to be dangerous and even AFTER being told by police to "stand down" he took it in his own hands and shot the young boy in cold blooded murder. We're calling on you, America, to stand up for justice and demand that Zimmerman be charged with his crimes! Please sign the petition and pass it on to all of your family and friends! Let's stand together and show that this is NOT acceptable in ANY community!


We need 50 signatures

There are currently 15 signatures

Previous petition signers:

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At the very least, people serving as a "Neighborhood Watch member" should not be carrying guns. This guy appears to have acted like a vigilante in the guise of crime prevention. Are Crime Watch team members carrying guns in our county? If so, the matter should be addressed to prevent tragedies like this from occurring here. The community response here would be dramatic and possibly explosive.

Dr. Larry Capp

Sam Williams was the Chief of Police in Ocala Florida. He retired December 30, 2011. I will reach out to the U.S. Justice Department Community Relations Service staff and give them a heads up on this case and get some feedback on this department. I know the family has hired an attorney and appears to be aggressively pursuing their interests. We may need to allow the Sanford Police and Seminole State Attorney some time to conduct their investigation, as the shooter is claiming self-defense and may not be a likely flight risk. We will get back to all of you soon. Thanks for your guidance and support.

It would be good if we could contact someone in that area who could investigate this incident independently. Doesn't former MDPD Deputy Director Sam Williams head a police department near Sanford? Maybe Commissioner Jordan's office could reach out to him. Also, there are some retired MDPD officers in central Florida and maybe someone can do some private investigative work on this before it becomes too cold. These are just some of my thoughts. NAACP involvement may help also.

Dr. Larry Capp
Sorry. It seems that I had not sent you the information. See below. More to come, as this case is gathering attention nation-wide and locally.

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Sent: Thursday, March 08, 2012 12:54 PM
To: Ragin, Andre T. (DIST1)
Cc: 'Rev. Walter Richardson'
Subject: FW: News Stuff

Andre:
See CBS news coverage of the controversial shooting of Trayvon Martin, a resident of District 1. Trayvon is the nephew of CRB Executive Committee member Ronald Fulton who was appointed to the CRB by Commissioner Jordan. The CRB Executive Committee met yesterday and recommended to Mr. Fulton that he contact your office for constituent services. The CRB is working to determine the level of tension here in Miami-Dade and will respond as appropriate.

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Justin McCarthy

From: libertycouncil@aol.com
Sent: Friday, March 02, 2012 4:05 PM
To: Fish, Renee (Advocacy), Morisseau, Yvans R. (Advocacy); libertycouncil@aol.com
Cc: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy); Scott, Tangier (CAHSD); Sloan, Phyllis (MDFR); Weldon, Lori (PHCD); Fort, Wanda (CAHSD); ron@79thstreet.org; thema@girlpowerrocks.org; district2; dhughes@miamicoalition.org

Subject: Re: Please forward and support Our Local Community Activist Ron Fulton

Is it me or does it seem that only dignataries only require that kind of comraderie...would you like to meet lets show it...it happened recently to me about Raymond and he participated in most of this

that trend of "assimilation through association" doesn't quite justlyify these trends and patterns shootings

or lack of support to GRASSROOTS ACTIVIST AND BLACK FAMILIES AND MOTHERS...

Madame 786 260 2409

--- On Fri, 3/21/12, libertycouncil@aol.com <libertycouncil@aol.com> wrote:

From: libertycouncil@aol.com <libertycouncil@aol.com>
Subject: Re: Please forward and support Our Local Community Activist Ron Fulton
To: holmes_builders@yahoo.com, rboone@miamidade.gov, MORYVA@miamidade.gov
Cc: amy2@miamidade.gov, CA9@miamidade.gov, sp1636@miamidade.gov, LORIW@miamidade.gov, FORTW@miamidade.gov, ron@79thstreet.org, thema@girlpowerrocks.org, district2@miamidade.gov, dhughes@miamicoalition.org

Date: Friday, March 2, 2012, 2:32 PM

As a people we need to unite and support our sister my pray and support is available to the Fulton family

Eric Thompson
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&

Liberty Square Resident Council Inc
Program Director
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-----Original Message-----
From: OUR Homes, Inc. <holmes_builders@yahoo.com>
To: Retha (OCR) Boone <rboone@miamidade.gov>; Yvans R. (Advocacy) Morisseau <MORYVA@miamidade.gov>
Cc: Amy (OCR) Carswell <amy2@miamidade.gov>; Tangier (CAA) Scott <CA9@miamidade.gov>; sp1636 <sp1636@miamidade.gov>; Lori (CED) Weldon <LORIW@miamidade.gov>; Wanda (CAA) Fort <FORTW@miamidade.gov>; Ron <ron@79thstreet.org>; Thema Campbell <thema@girlpowerrocks.org>; Commissioner Monestime <district2@miamidade.gov>; Doug Hughes <dhughes@miamicoalition.org>
Sent: Fri, Mar 2, 2012 12:56 pm
Subject: Please forward and support Our Local Community Activist Ron Fulton

Nephew murdered in Tampa at Home Miami wake/service/repast information:

Memorial Services for Trayvon Martin:

Viewing at Richardson Funeral Home: **Friday 5pm-8pm**, 3790 NW 167th St

Wake: 18001 NW 13th Court

Going home ceremony: Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, 21311 NW 34th Avenue

Repast: 18001 NW 13th Court

For additional info Ronald Fulton: (305)651-5155

Madame 786 260 2409
Justin McCarthy

From: reinaldovaldes9@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2012 12:42 AM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Subject: Re: FYI: Letter from Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan

While I am most disturb by Trayvons death (I attended his going home celebration) and I would like for the family, most specially my dear brother and CRB member Mr. Ronald Fulton and we all would like to have answers to this tragedy, I believe we should allow the necessary time for the proper authorities to conduct the investigation and also respect the request letter issued by County Commissioner Barbara Jordan and not get ahead of ourselves while we at the same time continue to monitor results.

Respectfully,
Reinaldo Valdes
CRB Vice Chair
Sent from my BlackBerry® on the MetroPCS Network

-----Original Message-----
From: "Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)" <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2012 19:38:39
Subject: FYI: Letter from Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan

FYI: Please find attached a letter from County Commissioner Barbara Jordan to Seminole County State Attorney Norman Wolfinger regarding the investigation into the fatal shooting of Miami-Dade resident Trayvon Martin in Sanford Florida on February 26, 2010.
Thank God...

L. Ann Cumbie
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Fax: 305-247-8550

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Homestead, FL 33090

Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about dancing in the rain...
Realize that it's never too late to do ordinary things in an extraordinary way...
-----Original Message-----
From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) [mailto:AMY2@miamidade.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2012 7:39 PM
Subject: FYI: Letter from Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan

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Justin McCarthy

From: walter richardson <wtrichardson@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2012 7:32 PM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Subject: Re: Seminole State Attorney Letter

thx for sharing. i LOVE the commissioner's letter, and i suspect a similar letter would be in order.

From: "Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)" <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
To: walter richardson <wtrichardson@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Mon, March 12, 2012 6:52:32 PM
Subject: FW: Seminole State Attorney Letter

FYI: For your eyes only please

Dr. Richardson:
The Sanford Police have turned over the investigation of the shooting death of Trayvon Martin to the State Attorney. Therefore, we may wish to reconsider to whom a letter from the CRB may most effectively be addressed. Let's talk tomorrow morning. Thank you.

I have also spoken to a colleague at the Miami-Dade State Attorney's office this afternoon who shared some troubling perspectives about the likely impact of Florida's "Stand Your Ground" law on this case. This perspective may also have impact in determining the Miami-Dade CRB's next steps in regard to this case.

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2012 6:38 PM
To: Ragin, Andre T. (DIST1)
Subject: Seminole State Attorney Letter

Andre:

Please find draft letter to the Seminole County State Attorney regarding the investigation of the death of Trayvon Martin.

Amy Carswell
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NO attachment in your email or the one I got from the NAACP

------Original Message------
From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
To: jabaribrad <jabaribrad@aol.com>
Sent: Tue, Mar 13, 2012 3:41 pm
Subject: FW: Trayvon Martin Case

Yes. Thank you. I will distribute to our boards members and committees.

Amy,

Are the attachments coming through? They should include both the press release and letter.

Adora

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: David Honig <dhenig@crosslink.net>
Date: March 12, 2012 9:13:11 PM EDT
To: Adora Obi Nweze <adoranweze1@bellsouth.net>, Leon Russell <lwrussell100@aol.com>, Hilary Shelton <hshelton@naacpnet.org>, Kim Keenan <kkeenan@naacpnet.org>, Dale Landry <dlrandry11@comcast.net>, Turner Clayton <email-cancer5@prodigy.net>, Yvette Gibbs-Mitchell <yvettegibbsmitchell@gmail.com>, Paula Hoisington <paula@netcomworks.com>, Marie Henry <mihenry.esquire@gmail.com>
Subject: Trayvon Martin Case

Team – here are the press release and the letter.

Adora or Kim – could you get this to National’s Communications Department to send to its press contacts?

I’ll get them out to our contacts @ 6 AM, and embargoed to Politic365 and to the Field Negro Blog right away. Let me know if any other reporters/bloggers should get embargoed copies this evening.
Thanks to everyone who's worked under tight deadline pressure to get this done.

Best,

David

3/12/12
Justin McCarthy

From: libertycouncil@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 6:03 PM
To: holmes_builders@yahoo.com; Boone, Retha (Advocacy); bdennisbotsm@yahoo.com; joshuaones83@gmail.com; Alexis.Snyder@mail.house.gov; Carswell, Amy (Advocacy); Harris Jr., Edward B. (DIST7); Priscillabd@aol.com; gorleyjeff@comcast.net; ronald.fulton001@mymdc.net

Subject: Re: Trayvon Martin Peace March and other dates

I WILL

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Sent: Tue, Mar 20, 2012 4:32 pm
Subject: Fwd: Trayvon Martin Peace March and other dates

Please give us a call we will be needing the name of the 9 shootings in Miami Dade County. Or any other families that would like to walk and/or share on video
Madame 786 260 2409

--- On Tue, 3/20/12, OUR Homes, Inc. <holmes_builders@yahoo.com> wrote:

From: OUR Homes, Inc. <holmes_builders@yahoo.com>
Subject: Fwd: Trayvon Martin Peace March and other dates
To: "Amy (OCR) Carswell" <amy2@miamidade.gov>, "Yvans R. (Advocacy) Morisseau" <MORYVA@miamidade.gov>, "Brian Dennis" <bdennisbotsm@yahoo.com>, "Alexis Snyder" <Alexis.Snyder@mail.house.gov>, "Richard P. (Commissioner District 5) Dunn II" <rpddunn@miamigov.com>, "Gina Ford" <gford@miamidade.gov>
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To: holmes_builders@yahoo.com
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From: Joshua Jones <joshuajones83@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Mar 20, 2012 at 9:01 AM
Subject: Trayvon Martin Peace March
To: knowledgeisthekey@gmail.com

Please spread the word.
From: BRAD BROWN <jabaribrad@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, March 16, 2012 8:48 PM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Subject: Re: QUICK UPDATE

need to include update on TRAYVON MARTIN
Brad

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From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
To: undisclosed-recipients:;
Sent: Fri, Mar 16, 2012 5:12 pm
Subject: QUICK UPDATE

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD (CRB)
CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
Monday, March 19, 2011 10:00 a.m.
Stephen P. Clark Government Center, 111 NW 1st St.,
10th Floor CITC Conference Room A

AGENDA

I. Welcome and Introductions
   Mr. Edward Shohat, Esq., and Ms. Vickie Smith Jackson,
   Committee Co-Chairs
   • Guidelines for the Discussion
   • Committee Overview, Goals and Objectives

II. Review and Approval
   • March 2012 Agenda

III. Special Presentation
   • Update on the Miami-Dade Anti-Gang Strategy
     Mr. Wayne Rawlins, Consultant
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- Update on Strategies to Reduce Community Tensions Over Police Involved Shootings
- Status of State Attorney Dispositional Reports on Fatal Police-Involved Shootings
- Residents’ Concerns About Legal Research Services for Inmates at Miami-Dade Corrections

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V Adjourn

Amy Carswell
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amy2@miamidade.gov
Justin McCarthy

From: BRAD BROWN <jabaribrad@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 10:31 AM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Subject: Re: Ronald Fulton Contacts

I Thanks yes please ask him to call

-----Original Message-----
From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
To: BRAD BROWN <jabaribrad@aol.com>; Ronald Fulton <ronald.fulton001@mymdc.net>
Sent: Tue, Mar 20, 2012 10:22 am
Subject: Ronald Fulton Contacts

Dr. Brown:
As per your request Ronald Fulton's email is ronald.fulton001@mymdc.net, his phone number is (305) 651-5155. Please do no distribute. If I see Ronald today, would you like for me to ask him to call you. I will get back to you on details of possible events in Miami as they become more clear.

From: BRAD BROWN [mailto:jabaribrad@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2012 9:11 PM
To: hashim@theworkerscenter.org; black herb@yahoo.com; ihns9j@bellsouth.net; felta@bellsouth.net; larrydelevaux@yahoo.com; info@fordfor118.com; curleyhouseinc@yahoo.com; cynelgoe@aol.com; kathywalker_001@gmail.com; c.rose1@umiami.edu; a ubaka@umiami.edu; jollyjack@jollyjack.org; mhudson@FMUNIV.EDU; Lovette McGill; joyannreid@gmail.com; lottiePerson@bellsouth.net; juanitashanks@yahoo.com; kidhaiti@hotmail.com; DuenMC@hotmail.com; rrapp19@hotmail.com; hitters52@bellsouth.net; mbuya57@yahoo.com; mellaneous19@yahoo.com; MFKPrintingCo@gmail.com; darowmusic@yahoo.com; cabmia@netzero.com; ytype18@yahoo.com; wizinabwbe@aol.com; thesouthdademonitor@hotmail.com; cwiltshire2@yahoo.com; lencoles@bellsouth.net; djamesrosevelt@yahoo.com; kwaku12@gmail.com; shawkh@gmail.com; desiner21@yahoo.com; kwaku120@gmail.com; Vangatesjd@aol.com; cabnmia@aol.com; qbees@att.net; VoteAnthony@aol.com; daphncampbell2010@yahoo.com; george305@aol.com; clifftownsend09@gmail.com; keenya@bellsouth.net; thesouthdademonitor@hotmail.com; Drfyng7@aol.com; Walker, Joey (MDEAT); dsbehar@gmail.com; pking@nbbciami.org; pat4141@bellsouth.net; rioui005@fiu.edu; watchingexecutiveconductdbawe_c@yahoo.com; michellefletcher39@yahoo.com; braynon@gamil.com; wtrichardson@bellsouth.net; dsbehar@gmail.com; george305@aol.com; rioui005@fiu.edu; pat4141@bellsouth.net; pking@nbbciami.org; Walker, Joey (MDEAT); Drfyng7@aol.com; keenyaj@bellsouth.net; clifftownsend09@gmail.com; Lovette McGill; juanitashanks@yahoo.com; lottiePerson@bellsouth.net; DuenMC@hotmail.com; kidhaiti@hotmail.com; hitters52@bellsouth.net; umprof@aol.com; rrapp19@hotmail.com; mellaneous19@yahoo.com; mbuya57@yahoo.com; MFKPrintingCo@gmail.com; darowmusic@yahoo.com; cabnmia@aol.com; phgdemo2005@gmail.com; ytype18@yahoo.com; wizinabwbe@aol.com; thesouthdademonitor@hotmail.com; cwiltshire2@yahoo.com; djamesrosevelt@yahoo.com; kwaku12@gmail.com; shawkh@gmail.com; desiner21@yahoo.com; kwaku120@gmail.com; vangatesjd@aol.com; qbees@att.net; VoteAnthony@aol.com; daphncampbell2010@yahoo.com; darryl@holseninc.com; Dethdn8@aol.com; djackson4@gmail.com; DPerry1965@aol.com; ethel.duncan@mail.naacpmiamidade.org; jasonwalker@comcast.net; malone109@yahoo.com; sh1184@bellsouth.net; sjohnson@dadeschools.net; tyronesplace@att.net; LaShannonPetit@aol.com; "bebewellons\"@bellsouth.net; careybianna@aol.com; "cbenjaminesq\"@yahoo.com; "alpha66\"@bellsouth.net; "detoon\"@yahoo.com; "dtoomer\"@wmbm.com; "gorattlers82\"@yahoo.com; drfyng7@aol.com; HYAJ38@aol.com; "djamesrosevelt\"@yahoo.com; "kbsharp\"@bellsouth.net; "ladybugctl\"@netzero.com; "leoladams\"@hotmai.com; "missrettapz\"@hotmail.com; "oaluka\"@oduagroup.com; "octaaibiiz\"@yahoo.com; deltapat@aol.com; "pking\"@nbbciami.org; Vangatesjd@aol.com;
Subject: NAACP RALLY .JUSTICE FOR TRAYVON MARTIN
Justin McCarthy

From: BRAD BROWN <jabaribrad@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2012 9:15 PM
Subject: Re: Trayvon Rally
Attachments: Justice_for_Trayvon_Martin_March_&_Rally.pdf

-----Original Message-----
From: BRAD BROWN <jabaribrad@aol.com>
To: cocobutter_1108 <cocobutter_1108@yahoo.com>; hulbert_james <hulbert_james@hotmail.com>; nelson_gang <nelson_gang@msn.com>; ethel.duncan <ethel.duncan@naacpmiamiadade.org>; keltonclark <keltonclark@hotmail.com>; goddess51485 <goddess51485@yahoo.com>; dblack0396 <dblack0396@aol.com>; j.j.brooks <j.j.brooks@att.net>; kharybruyning <kharybruyning@yahoo.com>; lcapp <lcapp@miamidade.gov>; aei <aei@amion.org>; whrv <whrvy@yahoo.com>; luchie <luchie@hotmail.com>; Rodney baltimore <Rodney.baltimore@coxradio.com>; mholifie <mholifie@hklaw.com>; haitianhistory <haitianhistory@bellsouth.net>; tyronesplace <tyronesplace@worldnet.att.net>; whysper <whysper@stis.net>; jhall <jhall@mvlfunds.com>; colyer4109 <colyer4109@yahoo.com>; lhermantin <lhermantin@hotmail.com>; duhan01 <duhan01@att.net>; mbastien <mbastien@fanm.org>; Amy2 <Amy2@miamidade.gov>; mslady_2u <mslady_2u@hotmail.com>; essiec.duffie <essiec.duffie@noaa.gov>; info <info@delancyhill.com>; ruther.ewing <ruther.ewing@noaa.gov>; mecton <mecton@kelitchensnars.com>; ekhamlerCRC <ekhamlerCRC@aol.com>; gracenergy_l <gracenergy_l@hotmail.com>; pbahmg <pbahmg@yahoo.com>; wecare <wecare@hsdade.org>; gcartner <gcartner@bellsouth.net>; teamowner3000 <teamowner3000@yahoo.com>; lovelyladylanda <lovelyladylanda@hotmail.com>; jackson_14c <jackson_14c@yahoo.com>; teamowner3000 <teamowner3000@yahoo.com>; kwia <kwia@yahoo.com>; kbryang <kbryang@herald.com>; LB <LB@hoganolutions.com>; william_adams45 <william_adams45@hotmail.com>; czjrnr10 <czjrnr10@yahoo.com>; sbell <sbell@mdcc.edu>; goddess51485 <goddess51485@yahoo.com>; jbrose23 <jbrose23@bellsouth.net>; naima1203 <naima1203@comcast.net>; MT_UM <MT_UM@yahoo.com>; jones621 <jones621@earthlink.net>; ednadb <ednadb@bellsouth.net>; FLANAACP <FLANAACP@aol.com>; LOVECASSIMIR <nancycasimir@hotmail.com>; historichampton <historichampton@bellsouth.net>; nickchi <nickchi@bellsouth.net>; mbdc01 <mbdc01@comcast.net>; datadz1 <datadz1@comcast.net>; eric <eric@acm.org>; soemilt <soemilt@miamidade.gov>; vilsain <vilsain@miamidade.gov>; jefcar <jefcar@uno.com>; robbiemhal <robbiemhal@bellsouth.net>; pbahmg <pbahmg@yahoo.com>; emtemi <emtemi@att.net>; millijl <millijl@hotmail.com>; pmalcolm <pmalcolm@bellsouth.net>; muslew <muslew@gmail.com>; sarnold <sarnold@the-beach.net>; opp.<opp.trimble@noaa.gov>; apire55 <apire55@bellsouth.net>; cendys <cendys@nyc.com>; kenneth <kenneth@waltonlawfirm.com>; nunyayn-4 <nunyayn-4@hotmail.com>; donna <donna@crossroadconsultinggroup.com>; farrelowens <farrelowens@yahoo.com>; abochway <abochwaylaw@miami.edu>; mail <mail@sfw.org>; jfalcon2001 <jfalcon2001@yahoo.com>; albbanana7 <albbanana7@aol.com>; jollyjack <jollyjack@jollyjack.org>; robertsims <robertsims@bellsouth.net>; karlaadrien <karlaadrien@bellsouth.net>; gdarling <gdarling@dadeschools.net>; dmarks_metsfan <dmarks_metsfan@yahoo.com>; robert.fulton001 <robert.fulton001@mdc.net>; jonesshirley3 <jonesshirley3@yahoo.com>; akm57 <akm57@bellsouth.net>; sgdbuse <sgdbuse@voacorp.com>; rstras5818 <rstras5818@bellsouth.net>; vtgltain <vtgltain@aol.com>; movinstylz <movinstylz@aol.com>; Gran energy3x <Grannyael3x@aol.com>; cocobutter_1108 <cocobutter_1108@yahoo.com>; Maggywright <Maggywright@aol.com>; tee.holloway <tee.holloway@myfloridaheadhouse.gov>; MSMARSHA <MSMARSHA@msn.com>; nnsharon2002 <nnsharon2002@yahoo.com>; gepsiem <gepsiem@bellsouth.net>; dtoumer <dtoumer@aol.com>; daromusic <daromusic@hotmail.com>; treskrao <treskrao@hotmail.com>; ALIC <ALIC@miamidade.gov>; jonesshirley3 <jonesshirley3@yahoo.com>; jfalcon2001 <jfalcon2001@yahoo.com>; Suzan <Suzan@circleonfomarketing.com>; M_Betts <M_Betts@bellsouth.net>; parmerh <parmerh@hsdade.org>; hcrespos <hcrespos@yahoo.com>; arroyo <arroyo@afrocuban.us>; robertsims <robertsims@bellsouth.net>; mstlouis1 <mstlouis1@yahoo.com>; dljoness487 <dljoness487@aol.com>; denmill115 <denmill115@aol.com>; smwest <smwest@webtv.net>; hgiv <hgivemimadiage.gov>; leasr <leasr@msn.com>; gcmlp <gcmlp@yahoo.com>; denisekelly <denisekelly@acninc.net>; EJANALYST <EJANALYST@Yahoo.com>; avpmiami <avpmiami@aol.com>; edugator2001 <edugator2001@yahoo.com>; lencoles <lencoles@miamidade.net>; bddiggs <bddiggs@m-dcc.org>; george <george@msn.com>
Sent: Mon, Mar 19, 2012 9:13 pm
Subject: Trayvon Rally
From: Battles, Thomas (CRS) <Thomas.Battles@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 09, 2012 1:32 PM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Cc: Duprey de Robles, Mildred (CRS)
Subject: Re: Update on Controversial Shooting of Miami Youth in Sanford Florida

Thank you. We will assess.

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) [mailto:AMY2@miamidade.gov]
Sent: Friday, March 09, 2012 01:13 PM
To: Battles, Thomas (CRS)
Subject: FW: Update on Controversial Shooting of Miami Youth in Sanford Florida

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Sent: Friday, March 02, 2012 4:07 PM
Subject: Update on Controversial Shooting of Miami Youth in Sanford Florida

FYI: Update on controversial shooting death of Miami-Dade teenager in Sanford Florida

We understand that Trayvon Fulton is currently enrolled at Michael Krop Senior High and was previously a student at Miami Carol City Sr where he was a member of the track and field and wrestling teams. This young man's death is beginning to catch the attention of local activists whom, along with Miami-Dade family members, are questioning the shooting of an African-American youth during an unexplained altercation with a Sanford resident (white male, age 25 years). The shooter was described by neighbors as a member of the Neighborhood Watch who regularly “patrols” the area at night. We understand from Mr. Fulton, that Trayvon had left the housing complex where his family members reside at about 7 p.m., Sunday, February 26, 2012 and walked to a local convenience store. Not long afterwards Trayvon was confronted by a man in a vehicle, as he returned to the complex property on foot. The local man exited his vehicle and an altercation took place. It is not known by family members what was said between the two or who initiated the fight. Trayvon was not armed and was found in possession of a bag of candy, a soda and $22. He died less than 100 yards from his family member’s home. Trayvon’s father, Tracy Martin, a truck driver from Miami-Dade, was at the family member’s home when the shooting occurred. Trayvon’s mother, Sybrina Fulton, an employee at Miami-Dade Public Housing Agency, was on her way to Sanford to pick up her son and bring him home. Family members understand that the man who shot Trayvon has not been arrested. The family is awaiting more information from the Sanford Police. CRB Community Intervention staff have also reached out to the Sanford Police Department. Mr. Fulton stated that Trayvon was not known to have been involved in previous serious criminal or gang activity.

Our deepest condolences to the family of CRB Executive Committee member Ronald Fulton.
upon the tragic death of his nephew Trayvon Martin, age 17 years.

Please find below information on the memorial services for Trayvon Martin, nephew of Community Relations Board member Ronald Fulton. Martin, a resident of Miami-Dade County, was shot and killed under mysterious circumstances while visiting family members in Sanford Florida. Police are investigating (see link to Orlando news coverage below). We will keep you informed of further developments as they become available.

--- Forwarded message ---

From: Ronald Fulton

Sent: Friday, March 02, 2012 9:41 AM

To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy); FELTA ANDERSON; angelablash@bellsouth.net; Wayne E. Rawlins; lottie hines; Harris Jr., Edward B. (DIST7); OUR Homes, Inc.; Balzebre, Frank (Office of the Mayor); ronquavis Fulton; Hawkins, Ryan (DIST1); revjwhite2@aol.com

Subject: Fwd: Trayvon Martin

Memorial Services for Trayvon Martin:

Viewing at Richardson Funeral Home
Friday, March 2, 2012 5pm-8pm, 3790 NW 167th St

Wake
18001 NW 13th Court

Going home ceremony
Saturday, March 3, 2012
Antioch Missionary Baptist Church
21311 NW 34th Avenue

Repast
18001 NW 13th Court

For additional info call me

Ronald Fulton
(305)651-5155

----------- Forwarded message -----------

From: Ronald Fulton

Date: Fri, Mar 2, 2012 at 9:16 AM

Subject: Trayvon Martin

This is what we have, when we receive more information we will let you know.
Ms Carswell,
I signed the petition as a concerned citizen I guess. More like a human being. Treyvon should not have been shot, and Zimmerman needs to be at least taken into custody if not arrested. He is a suspected murderer and needs to be treated as such.

Maria Sedjo
Justin McCarthy

From: OUR Homes, Inc. <holmes_builders@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 5:15 PM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Cc: Boone, Retha (Advocacy); Gina Ford; Morisseau, Yvans R. (Advocacy); Brian Dennis; Alexis Snyder; Richard P. (Commissioner District 5) Dunn II
Subject: RE: Trayvon Martin Peace March

Amy, then I guess the LE and other servants have lost our trust and have no power to relate to what losses our community continues to have its just idled rhetoric and verbal stalling? You should be willing to empower continuously people to protect their children and not be serve by not just having table talk and information gathering. That is not all we can do as heals and restores of the civic engagement and relations. Please define we. Thank you your concern.
Will you be there and if so in what capacity mam?

Tue, 3/20/12, Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov> wrote:

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
Subject: RE: Trayvon Martin Peace March
To: "OUR Homes, Inc." <holmes_builders@yahoo.com>
Cc: "Boone, Retha (Advocacy)" <RBOONE@miamidade.gov>, "Gina Ford" <gford@miamidade.gov>, "Morisseau, Yvans R. (Advocacy)" <MORYVA@miamidade.gov>, "Brian Dennis" <bdennisbotsm@yahoo.com>, "Alexis Snyder" <Alexis.Snyder@mail.house.gov>, "Richard P. (Commissioner District 5) Dunn II" <rpdunn@miamigov.com>, "Morisseau, Yvans R. (Advocacy)" <MORYVA@miamidade.gov>
Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2012, 4:40 PM

Ms. Holmes:

As you know, there is nothing that any of us can do, to restore what has been lost. The killing of Trayvon Martin is a painful blow to those who knew and loved him and is distressing to the many people who believe in the value of all human life. As we look for ways to respond, it is important that we support each other and engage with community members and responsible authorities in a spirit of cooperation and mutual respect. In this way, we can each do our part to pursue justice and healing. Therefore, I believe that it is not helpful to vilify another person with unproven accusations and characterizations. The young man who shot Trayvon is also deserving of our protection. He too is a member of our community and should be afforded the presumption of innocence of all who are accused. I sincerely request that you remove his likeness from your event flyer and modify the text to eliminate the accusations that are not consistent with our common values. We all want justice for Trayvon. Justice cannot be achieved unless it is pursued for all.
From: OUR Homes, Inc. [mailto:holmes_builders@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 4:02 PM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy); Morisseau, Yvans R. (Advocacy); Brian Dennis; Alexis Snyder; Richard P. (Commissioner District 5) Dunn II; Gina Ford
Cc: Boone, Retha (Advocacy)
Subject: Fwd: Trayvon Martin Peace March

Madame 786 260 2409

--- On Tue, 3/20/12, joshua Jones <joshuajones83@gmail.com> wrote:

From: joshua Jones <joshuajones83@gmail.com>
Subject: Fwd: Trayvon Martin Peace March
To: holmes_builders@yahoo.com
Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2012, 3:39 PM

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: Joshua Jones <joshuajones83@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Mar 20, 2012 at 9:01 AM
Subject: Trayvon Martin Peace March
To: knowledgeisthekey@gmail.com

Please spread the word.
Folks,

"Like" this page: DREAM DEFENDERS! The students, from across the state of Florida, have gathered in Daytona Beach today and are marching from Daytona Beach to Sanford to demand justice for Trayvon Martin but also to address larger issues of institutionalized racism (as reflected in various policies + Jim Crow). Organizers said they modeled the rally after the historic civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, in 1965.

If you are media and would like to cover this, let me know.

Recent media:

Students gathering in Daytona Beach to begin racial equality march to Sanford

Trayvon Martin: Students organize 3-day march from Daytona Beach to Sanford

Trayvon Martin protest: Students will march for 3 days

*Martin Luther King: "Injustice Anywhere is a Threat to Justice Everywhere!"
Justin McCarthy

From: OUR Homes, Inc. <holmes_builders@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2012 11:17 AM
To: Binns, Basil (DIST3); Boone, Retha (Advocacy); Carswell, Amy (Advocacy); Nathaniel Wilcox; Cynthia Cruz; Morisseau, Yvans R. (Advocacy); ed.haynes@mail.house.gov; Brian Dennis; Carol Young; ethel.duncan@naacpmiamidade.org; JabariBrad@aol.com; Suzanne (Mayor's Office) Salichs; Cheryl Waterman
Cc: mysisstahshand2hold@yahoo.com; holmes_builders@yahoo.com; Richard P. (Commissioner District 5) Dunn II; libertycouncil@aol.com; Alexis Snyder; Hashim Benford; Doretha Nichson; Roy Hardemon; wgazette@bellsouth.net; Gigi Tinsley; Ted Lyons; Janet Johnson; Carroll Abia

Subject: Complaint of discrimination, harassment, and abuse Paulette Darow and son Beaten.

This is a request for your help as community leaders and representatives. Paulette Darow community Activist and Son were beaten on Tuesday after reporting that racial slurs, and sexual assault was done to them over a course of years and after filing federal coomplaints.

Not only that her son was arrested without a shirt, while his batterer was given water, pills, and comfort by several hispanic officers whom left and allowed special notice to the batterers family. No evidence was asked for and when he was put into car they slid off and left his mother for whom he is the caregiver alone, and in with certain health and risk conditions. Now neighbors are being harassed as well and asking

When effort was made to give ms. Darow aid a Officer threatened me as a caregiver and during the attempt to give aid. I was sopoke to in a most disdainful and intimidating way as an adult attempting to give first aid. I am disappointed because I was on the phone with a REpsone team and attempting to do prevention. I called th polcie ang ot polcied but in a courtroom I have a yojg woman that talked down to me about my religous expression of calling on io the name of "Jesus please help". It is my belif tthatt thes folks need emergency housing or protection as a class.

cranepts have been filed and no repsonse has been given. Thee are persons with disabilities that are not being given protection and we are wondierng why thes type of hate andphrannelia is beoing spawned and retaliation, allowed.

CRB has been given notice and to this date INjsutice racial and other stereotyping and abuse of power has continued. Even in the rent office it has occurred. Head blows, bats, sticks, pornography racial slurs, bad physical conditions, Public housin was told and has done...NOTHING except trying to remove Ms. Darow. They even attempted to remove the evidence as of the beginning. Police refuse to take eidence but did arrest the son and threatened to arrest Ms. Darow. She has to watch for her mail becaue it gets stolen. Why are they attempting to run her out? Why does she hate to install a camera and security system to protect her grounds? Who is responsible for this ground and violations from those person unauthorized.

Why is that the threat of arrest given to blacks and others, when we. Ms. Darow took blows to the Head and her son took bat blows and all, then arrested? I am saddened by this in the times of Trayvon Martin this reveals quite a bit about safety in Public Housing and how Ciktty of Miam Policie handles it or misshandles reports of violence hate and abuse as well as fraud on federal funded properties. Love and peace downt live there in Gwen Cherry. Right now.

Please come and take a look at 2422 NW 12th at Gwen Cherry. Pictures and witnesses has been documented. We will be preparing a press confernece and have consulted with legal help . What can you do to help us with this trend and patterns of discrimination. As well as the ignorance to a situation that has on gone for now over 3 years.

Madame 786 260 2409
Having problems viewing this email? Read it in your browser.

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45 Days After Killing Trayvon Martin & Sparking National Outcry, George Zimmerman Finally Charged!!!

I am so proud of our community. We stood up for injustice, took to the streets, and demanded that justice be brought for Trayvon Martin.

From the massive Rally in Sanford to the Million Hoodies March in New York, the rally in Liberty City that I spoke at, and even the rally in Little Haiti that I helped organize.

**WE DID IT!**

We got justice for Trayvon Martin with George Zimmerman being formerly charged for the murder!!!

**But this is just the beginning.**

We have a long road ahead of us. Long after the cameras are gone let us not forget Trayvon Martin and the countless of other Trayvons out there.

Now that this chapter is done for now we must start calling our legislators and the governor demanding a change in the Stand Your Ground legislation.

As we've learned **Policies Kill!**

We have to continue standing behind the Fulton-Martin family. Let us continue to use our voices and fight for what we believe in. Let's stand up for every wrong and fight for every right! Let's take back these streets and be our Brother's Keeper!
I am so proud of our community
and will continue to devote myself
to this community.

We are the change that we've been seeking!

Alix Desulme
From: CJ Ortuno SAVE Dade <cj@savedade.org>
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2012 7:03 PM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Subject: AUTO RESPONSE: Thank you Re: YOUTH SPEAK OUT ABOUT TRAYVON MARTIN

Thank you for your email and yes this is an auto response.

The next several months will be very hectic for SAVE Dade. Please call my cell if you need immediate attention or you think I might have missed your email: 786-351-0656.

Thank you and make sure you get registered to vote through our new online voter registration solution by going to https://savedade.turbovote.org. Go here to register to vote, register for absentee ballots, or just to be reminded of upcoming elections.

Thank you!
CJ

CJ ORTUÑO | Executive Director | SAVE Dade

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Go to www.savedade.org

SAVE Dade’s mission is to promote, protect and defend equality for people in Miami-Dade County who are lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender.
Thank you for your email. I will be out of the office until Tuesday April 10th. Please allow extra time for a response to your email.

Thank you,

Marilyn Jenkins, Ph.D.
Barry University
Justin McCarthy

From: Floyd, Trenae (DIST1) <trenae@miamidade.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2012 9:27 AM
To: Boreland, Rochelle (DIST1)
Cc: Dixon, John (MDEAT); Carswell, Amy (Advocacy); Giwa, Funmilayo (DIST1)
Subject: FW: Videographer Assistance - Student Roundtable Discussion

FYI...

From: Khalil, Leila (CIAO)
Sent: Friday, April 06, 2012 9:32 AM
To: Floyd, Trenae (DIST1)
Cc: Patchen, Donn (CIAO); Higgins, Carol (CIAO); Boreland, Rochelle (DIST1)
Subject: FW: Videographer Assistance - Student Roundtable Discussion

Good morning, Trenae.

Miami-Dade TV will be there to cover this event.

Have a great weekend.

Leila

From: Khalil, Leila (CIAO)
Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2012 5:21 PM
To: Floyd, Trenae (DIST1)
Subject: RE: Videographer Assistance - Student Roundtable Discussion

Am checking the schedule and will let you know.

From: Floyd, Trenae (DIST1)
Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2012 3:26 PM
To: Khalil, Leila (CIAO)
Cc: Patchen, Donn (CIAO); Boreland, Rochelle (DIST1)
Subject: Videographer Assistance - Student Roundtable Discussion

Hi Leila:

MDEAT, the CRB and the Youth Commission will hold an event at Miami Carol City Senior High School to allow students to voice their opinion about the Trayvon Martin issue. Commissioner Jordan will participate in some capacity. Please schedule a videographer for Thursday, April 12, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Please let me know if a videographer is available.

Thanks.
Trenae V. Floyd
Public Affairs Coordinator
Office of Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan (District 1)
Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners
111 N. W. 1 Street, Suite 220
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Unarmed Black Woman Shot and Killed by Chicago Police Officer Less Than a Month After Trayvon Martin Shooting

Rania Khalek, Truthout: "Sutton and Boyd have been independently canvassing the neighborhood where the shooting took place to hear what witnesses and neighbors have to say. According to Sutton, witnesses say the officer appeared intoxicated that night and was known by neighbors to have been drunk most of the time. Witnesses also say the off-duty officer approached the park in an unmarked car dressed in plain clothes while yelling belligerently at the crowd to 'shut up.' More importantly, they say he never identified himself as a police officer."

Kraft Foods Joins Coca-Cola and Pepsi in Leaving Corporate Front Group ALEC

Suzanne Merkelson, Republic Report: "Citizen groups, led by Color of Change, have pressured the corporations that fund ALEC to quit the group, arguing that the popular consumer companies should not back laws harmful to the communities in which their shareholders, employees, and customers live and work. Last week, the editors of Republic Report, along with Color of Change, Rebuild The Dream, and Center for Media and Democracy wrote to the 20 corporations on ALEC's board asking them to stop supporting this controversial group."

The Best Congress the Banks' Money Can Buy
http://truth-out.org/opinion/item/8360-the-best-congress-the-banks-money-can-buy

Bill Moyers, Michael Winship, Moyers & Co.: "Here we go again. Another round of the game we call Congressional Creep. After months of haggling and debate, Congress finally passes reform legislation to fix a serious rupture in the body politic, and the President signs it into law. But the fight's just begun, because the special interests immediately set out to win back what they lost when the reform became law."

Ninety-Nine Percent Spring and Confronting Corporate Power
http://truth-out.org/opinion/item/8361-ninety-nine-percent-spring-and-confronting-corporate-power

George Goehl, Truthout: "For us to truly reorganize our economy, we have to challenge those that most benefit from the current structure - big and abusive corporations that consistently violate values of fairness, human dignity and conservation. To challenge institutions the size of Bank of America, Walmart, Wells Fargo, Verizon, Chevron, Hyatt, and others, we know we can't do it alone. The good news is we don't have to."

The Seeds of a Quiet Economic Revolution: A Review of Gar Alperovitz's "America Beyond Capitalism"

Maria Armoudian, Truthout: "What would happen, for example, if the so-called 99 percent ignored the 1 percent and began to build a new economic model from the ground floor up? What if masses of people stopped trying to reform an increasingly unworkable system and instead focused on constructing an economy of shared institutions that were fundamentally fair, just, respectful and sustainable?"
Perhaps, as important as the questions, the fact that the answer is beginning to peak out from underneath the veneer is even more inspiring. This is one of the gifts in 'America Beyond Capitalism'.

Zionist BDS - Kosher for Passover
http://truth-out.org/opinion/item/8358-zionist-bds-kosher-for-passover
Robert Naiman, Truthout: "History should mark March 18, 2012, as an important date on the road to a just and peaceful resolution of the Israel-Palestine conflict. That was the date on which an impeccably Zionist American Jew - Peter Beinart - had an op-ed in The New York Times calling on American Jews to boycott the Israeli government colonization enterprise in the West Bank, a boycott campaign he dubbed 'Zionist BDS.' The purpose of this campaign is to rescue the two-state solution to the Israel-Palestine conflict."

Another Fox Guarding the Henhouse? Obama's DOJ Tax Division Assistant Attorney General Nominee
Sam Knight, Truthout: "If the past ties of the president's DOJ Tax Division Assistant Attorney General nominee are any indication, tax law is another area of the legal arena in which administration officials might be ready to turn a blind eye to the interests of the lower and middle classes."

On the News With Thom Hartmann: "Stand Your Ground" Law Leads to Rise in "Justifiable Homicide" Cases, and More
In today's On the News segment: Rise in "justifiable homicide" cases involving the "Stand Your Ground" law, former Greek prime minister speaks out against austerity, the US's unprecedented deportation rate of foreign nationals, and more.

East Timor: A Lesson in Why the Poorest Threaten the Powerful
John Pilger, Truthout: "For many Timorese, their children malnourished and stunted, the democracy is notional. Years of bloody occupation, backed by Australia, Britain and the US, were followed by a relentless campaign of bullying by the Australian government to maneuver the tiny new nation out of its proper share of the seabed's oil and gas revenue. Having refused to recognize the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice and the Law of the Sea, Australia unilaterally changed the maritime boundary."

Obama: "Congress Would Get More Done If There Were More Women"
http://truth-out.org/news/item/8366-obama-congress-would-get-more-done-if-there-were-more-women
Annie-Rose Strasser, ThinkProgress: "In a response to the speech, Jess McIntosh, a spokesperson for the Democratic advocacy group EMILY's List, told ThinkProgress that the group agrees with the President on the necessity of more women legislators. 'Democratic women are known for getting things done,' McIntosh said. 'They're effective legislators who focus on the things that matter, work well with others, and put women and families first. This GOP-led Congress seems hell-bent on rolling back the clock and restricting our freedoms'."

Why Age and Race Matter in Activism: Five More Points From George Goehl (Video)
Bill Moyers, George Goehl, Moyers & Co.: "After Bill's conversation with community organizer George Goehl, Goehl mentioned he had five things he wished he'd had a chance to say in the interview, including points about overcoming low economic expectations, the value of younger activist leaders, and the perils of not addressing race. So - because there's no bad time for a good idea - we turned the cameras back on and recorded this web-exclusive video."

Job Growth Slows Sharply in March, Unemployment Edges Down to 8.2 Percent
Dean Baker, Center for Economic and Policy Research: "The drop in unemployment over the last two years has been striking given the limited growth over this period. While the unemployment rate has fallen by 1.8 percentage points since its peak in October of 2009, the employment-to-population ratio (EPOP) is up by just 0.3 percentage points from the low it hit in December of 2009. Clearly, most of this decline is the result of people leaving the labor force rather than unemployed workers getting jobs."

TRUTHOUT'S BUZZFLASH DAILY HEADLINES

"Idiot America: How Stupidity Became a Virtue in the Land of the Free"
http://blog.buzzflash.com/node/13428
Mark Karlin, BuzzFlash at Truthout: "And that is what we are left with, a mass media that reports on perceptions and propaganda as if they were competitive with reality and facts. It's like the creationism museum in Kentucky that we discussed with Pierce, where dinosaurs have saddles to try to illustrate that men and women lived in Biblical contemporaneous time with the brontosaurus. But that notion leaves us with fossils for brains."
The Silly Spin of a Damaging GOP Primary Season
Read the Article at Talking Points Memo

Florida. How Soon We Forget
Read the Article at The New York Times
http://campaignstops.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/04/05/florida-how-quickly-we-forget/

Keith Olbermann Sues Ex-Bosses at Current TV for More Than $50 Million
Read the Article at The Washington Post

The Partisan Five of the Supreme Court Threaten the Rule of Law
Read the Article at BuzzFlash
http://blog.buzzflash.com/node/13424

Lisa Murkowski: "It Makes No Sense to Make This Attack on Women"
Read the Article at The Huffington Post
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/04/05/lisa-murkowski-war-on-women_n_1406923.html

Occupy Transit! Transit Workers and the Occupy Movement Team Up
Read the Article at Daily Kos
http://www.dailykos.com/story/2012/04/05/1080996/-Occupy-Transit-Transit-Workers-the-Occupy-Movement-Team-Up

Thinking the Unthinkable on Iran
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Subject: FYI: Justice for Trayvon Martin Movement Crosses Ethnic/Racial Lines in Miami-Dade

FYI: See attached link to Miami-Dade multi-racial, multi-ethnic demonstration of young people for the repeal of Stand Your Ground law.

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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD (CRB)  
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YOUTH SPEAK OUT  
ABOUT  
TRAYVON MARTIN  
AND RELATED ISSUES  
THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2012, 6 P.M.  
MIAMI CAROL CITY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM  
3422 NW 187TH STREET, MIAMI GARDENS  

The tragic death of 17-year-old high school student Trayvon Martin in Sanford, Florida on February 26, 2012 has raised many questions and concerns among young people in the community where he lived.  

YOUNG PEOPLE, AGES 21 YEARS AND UNDER, ARE INVITED TO SPEAK OUT AND BE HEARD BY A PANEL OF YOUTH LEADERS AND LOCAL OFFICIALS.  

ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS 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 the Miami-Dade Youth Commission; and MDEAT Student Court. Officials expected include: County Commissioner Barbara 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; Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust Executive Director John E. Dixon, Jr.; CRB Chair Dr. Walter T. Richardson; and representatives of the Miami-Dade Black Affairs Advisory Board and the Miami-Dade County, Opa-locka and School Board police departments.  

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 10, 2012
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For more information, please contact the Miami-Dade Community Relations Board at 305-375-5730.

WHO: Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board

WHAT: Youth Speak Out about Trayvon Martin and related issues

WHEN: Thursday, April 12, 2012
6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
WHERE: Miami Carol City Senior High School
Auditorium
3442 NW 187th Street, Miami Gardens

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Dear Alumni,

Rivero Mestre, in conjunction with the Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Bar Association, is hosting a town hall meeting to discuss the Trayvon Martin tragedy from a legal perspective.

The event will be at Florida International University College of Law on Monday, April 9, 2012 at 6 p.m for a cocktail hour that will serve as a fundraiser for the family of Trayvon Martin. The actual town hall discussion will not begin until 7 p.m.

The discussion will start with opening remarks, followed by a tribute to both Trayvon Martin and Akil Larue Oliver.

The moderator for the panel discussion will be Jawan Strader of CBS Miami. Our panelists include:

1. State Representative Dwight Bullard;
2. National Chairman of 100 Black Men Albert Dotson, Esq.;
3. St. Thomas University School of Law Professor Tamara Lawson;
4. Florida International University College of Law Professor Megan A. Fairlie;
5. Florida International University College of Law Professor H. Scott Fingerhut; and
6. Partner at Jones McGhee, Kionne McGhee

Please come out to this event and show support.
FIU Black Law Students Association

MIAMI TOWN HALL MEETING:
THE PURSUIT OF EQUAL
JUSTICE IN FLORIDA

Co-hosted by
Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Bar Association
Rivero Mestre LLP

Monday, April 9, 2012
Cocktail Reception & Fundraiser 6:00 p.m.
Panel & Discussion 7:00 p.m.
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Moderator: Jawan Strader, CBS 4 Miami
Featured Speakers
Dwight Bullard, Florida State Representative
Albert Dobson, Esq., National Chairman, 100 Black Men of America
Tamara Lawson, Esq., St. Thomas University School of Law
Megan A. Fairlie, Esq., Florida International University College of Law
H. Scott Fingerhut, Esq., Florida International University College of Law
Kimmie L. McGhee, Esq., Jones McGhee
** Additional Panelists Slated to Attend **
Donations to the Miami Foundation will be collected by FIU BLSA in support of the family of Trayvon Martin
**sponsoring organizations **
FIU Law
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Upcoming Event: April 19th, 2012 at 6pm, Biscayne Bay Campus

Black Alumni Chapter
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Dear Amy,

George Zimmerman, the Florida man who followed and gunned down unarmed youth Trayvon Martin, has yet to be arrested or charged with any crime. Zimmerman may literally get away with murder.

Why?

Because of "Kill at Will" laws in Florida and in 24 other states that allow gun-wielding vigilantes like Trayvon’s killer to remain free from the moment they claim that they kill in “self-defense.”

Unless we take urgent action against these laws, the Trayvon Martin case may signal that we are returning to the days when you could kill black people or Latinos without going to jail, “essentially giving citizens permission to do what cops have been doing forever to black and brown men: shoot first,” in the words of one scholar.

We have no choice but to continue the fight to honor Trayvon’s memory by holding Latino politicians and other backers of Kill at Will laws accountable. That fight begins with one of the most outspoken defenders of Kill at Will laws, Florida Senator Marco Rubio, who’s also a front-runner for the GOP Vice Presidential ticket. Rubio recently told Politico “I voted for the law because the law had sound rationale, and I think it still does.”

Join the fight against Kill at Will laws by signing the petition telling Marco Rubio to immediately end his support for the deadly Kill at Will laws:

http://act.presenteaction.org/sign/kill_will/

Rubio supported Florida’s original 2005 Kill at Will law when he was a state representative and has continued to aggressively back these laws, even after numerous reports indicated that following passage of the Florida law, the number of “justifiable homicides,” like the killing of Trayvon Martin, spiked from an average of 34 yearly to more than 100 in 2007.

By supporting these laws, Rubio stands against most Latinos and with powerful interests like the National Rifle Association (NRA), the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) and other groups responsible for passing Kill at Will laws in more than 25 states, including Florida.

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Thanks and ¡adelante!

Roberto, Arturo, Laurie, Favianna, Ana, and the rest of the PresenteAction.org team

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Natalia Jaramillo and I were interviewed by Press TV, yesterday and today, about the killing of Trayvon Martin. Check out the links below to hear the audio interviews.

**Minorities in US subject to 'racially discriminatory environment'**
*Mon Apr 2, 2012 5:39PM GMT*

Muhammed Malik, a Miami-based human rights advocate says Americans continue to see a "racially discriminatory environment" across their country. In an interview with Press TV's U.S. Desk on Monday, he said two major rallies were held in Florida over the weekend. Malik said more Americans will soon realize that they need to tackle racism in the United States. On March 24, an Iraqi woman was murdered in a refugee community in a San Diego suburb in California. Police say they are investigating the killing as a possible hate crime because of a note found next to her unconscious body that threatened the family. In another case, 17-year-old Florida high-school student Trayvon Martin was shot dead by captain George Zimmerman on February 26. Many in America believe the African-American's death was a racist incident.

**'Systematic laws allowed Zimmerman to kill Trayvon Martin'**
*Sun Apr 1, 2012 7:58PM GMT*

Florida Immigrant Coalition spokesperson Natalia Jaramillo says racial profiling is not the only factor behind the killing of 17-year-old African-American teenager Trayvon Martin. Speaking to Press TV's U.S. Desk on Sunday, Jaramillo said, "There're are a lot of systematic laws, provisions and programs that allowed George Zimmerman to get to the point of killing Trayvon Martin." Jaramillo who is also a member of National Private Prison Divestment Campaign, mentioned the fear from "the other" that exists among parts of the white community, as another reason for Trayvon's murder.
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I will be out of the office from April 4th returning April 10. For Building related issues, please contact Lily Sand Ext 6774. For Neighborhood Community Affairs Committee please call Randi MacBride at ext 6169.
For all other issues, please call 305-673-7610.
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Per John Dixon.

Angela Vaughns, Sr. Executive Secretary
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Please be advised that I am currently out of the office until Tuesday, April 10th. I will respond to all emails after that date. Should you require immediate assistance, please contact Ms. Patricia Rhodes at 305.377.9922 X117.

Thank you kindly for your patience.

Respectfully,

Lizeth Miralda-Guerra,
Assistant Dir. of Youth Programs
The Youth Speak Out event planned for Thursday, August 12, 2012 at Miami Carol City Senior High School has been postponed. Leaders of the Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board and the Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust announced the postponement today. The two boards will determine whether the event should be rescheduled at a future date.

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**WHAT:** Youth Speak Out about Trayvon Martin and related issues

**WHEN:** Thursday, April 12, 2012 POSTPONED  
6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

**WHERE:** Miami Carol City Senior High School  
Auditorium
Thanks, and have a blessed Easter yourself!

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 5, 2012, at 4:14 PM, "Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)" <AMY2@miamidade.gov> wrote:

Great. I will modify and send a proper version to all of the adult panelists today. We have been given the day off tomorrow and I hope to take advantage. Thanks. HAPPY EASTER!

I'm sorry Amy. I've been charging my phone. The letter is fine!

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On Apr 5, 2012, at 3:56 PM, "Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)" <AMY2@miamidade.gov> wrote:

Dr. Richardson:

ASAP Please review for approval the draft letter below that will be forwarded (and modified) to the school principals. I am trying to get this out asap, as we will not be in the office tomorrow. We have not received the final okay from the school administration on the venue, but we need to move forward and will cancel if there is a problem. Thanks.

Ms. Dawn Baglos, Principal

Dr. Michael M. Krop SHS
Dear Ms. Baglos:

As you know, the tragic death of Miami-Dade high school student Trayvon Martin has raised many questions and concerns among young people in the community where he lived. In order to provide the youth with an opportunity to be heard, the Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board (CRB) and the Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT) are convening a community forum.

Please accept this letter as an invitation to you and the students and staff at Dr. Michael Krop Senior High School to participate in the:

YOUTH SPEAK OUT
ABOUT TRAYVON MARTIN AND RELATED ISSUES
THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2012, 6 – 9 P.M.
MIAMI CAROL CITY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, 3422 NW 187TH STREET, MIAMI GARDENS

This event will allow young people, ages 21 years and under, to address a panel of youth leaders and local officials and to be heard before the community-at-large. Parents, educators, community leaders and all concerned residents will be welcomed to listen and observe. Attached, please find a flyer listing the youth and adult panelists expected to participate. School Board member Wilbert Holloway and County Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan are among those who have already confirmed. Please invite your students and staff by distributing a copy of the flyer to them. You may RSVP by contacting Ms. Amy Carswell, CRB Director, at (305) 375-1406 or amy2@miamidade.gov

The Miami-Dade County CRB works to intervene to prevent and reduce community tensions and conflict and build bridges of mutual understanding and respect among our diverse populations. Thank you for helping us to engage and empower our young people and all of the communities we serve.
Sincerely,

Walter T. Richardson
Chair, Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board

Amy Carswell
Program Officer
Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board
Board of County Commissioners
Office of the Chair
Office of Community Advocacy
(305) 375-5730, direct (305) 375-1406
amy2@miamidade.gov
From: Dr. Walter T. Richardson <wtrichardson@bellsouth.net>  
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2012 3:04 PM  
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)  
Cc: Diaz, Rene (Advocacy)  
Subject: Re: ASAP Approve letter rescinding request for GWA

Looks fine to me

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 12, 2012, at 12:42 PM, "Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)" <AMY2@miamidade.gov> wrote:

Dr. Richardson:

ASAP. Please review for approval the letter below rescinding the CRB's request for GWA for the Youth Speak Out.

Honorable Carlos Gimenez

April 12, 2012

Mayor, Miami-Dade County

Dear Mayor Gimenez:
Thank you for considering the Miami-Dade Community Relations Board (CRB) request for Goodwill Ambassadors at the "Youth Speak Out" event previously scheduled for April 12, 2012 at Miami Carol City Senior High's auditorium, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Regretfully, the event was postponed upon the determination on yesterday, April 11, 2012 by the Associate Superintendent.
tendent of the Miami-Dade County Public Schools that it would be disruptive to students preparing for the pending FCAT examinations. The event will be rescheduled for a later date and we will resubmit a request for GWA deployment at that time.

The CRB and the Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEA T) will convene the “Youth Speak Out” forum on Thursday.
April 12, 2012 to allow young people an opportunity to discuss the Trayvon Martin case and related issues. The event will allow young people ages 21 and under to address a panel of youth leaders and local officials and be heard before the community at large.

Goodwill Ambassadors (GWA) will be needed to assist students and community members who attend.
For more information, please contact Amy Carswell II, CRB Program Officer at 305-375-1406. Thank you for working with us to reduce community tension and build bridges of understanding and respect.

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

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CRB Chair Dr. Walter T.
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police departments.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY CRB AT (305) 375-5730

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Hi, Amy:

Sorry for the delay. It’s been a bit of a crazy day. Unfortunately, I’m not even going to be in town then. What I can do from my end to assist is put some extra information in the press release of when key figures will be available for interviews. For example, Commissioner Diaz typically allots some time right before an event to do interviews, and I’ll mention that in reminder emails about the event and give a number for the media to schedule something. Are there particular people who will be available at this event? Dr. Richardson? The school’s principal?

Will you be able to serve as our media person on site? I have a high school student or two who will assist you? Please advise. Thanks.

Sorry! I think I forgot to copy you.

Miami-Dade Community Relations Board to hold Youth Speak Out forum on Trayvon Martin case - Thursday, April 12, 2012

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 10, 2012
CONTACT: Amy Carswell, 305-375-5730

Miami-Dade Community Relations Board to hold Youth Speak Out forum on Trayvon Martin case
MIAMI, Fl – The Miami-Dade Community Relations Board (CRB) is hosting 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 187th Street, in Miami Gardens from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT) is co-sponsoring the event.

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 Economic Advocacy Trust 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 the Miami-Dade Community Relations Board at 305-375-5730.

WHO: Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board
WHAT: Youth Speak Out about Trayvon Martin and related issues
WHEN: Thursday, April 12, 2012
       6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
WHERE: Miami Carol City Senior High School
       Auditorium
       3442 NW 187th Street, Miami Gardens

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Nice letter. Approved!

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 10, 2012, at 2:55 PM, "Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)" <AMY2@miamidade.gov> wrote:

DR. Richardson:

Please review for approval the letter below asap. Sorry it is so late, but this in the first chance I have had to complete it. I will place the approved letter on CRB letterhead with your signature. Thank you.

Honorable Carlos Gimenez
Mayor
Miami-Dade County

Dear Mayor Gimenez:

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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 will recruit and coordinate the GWA’s. Please grant the GWA appropriate leave.
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Chair

Amy Carswell
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Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board

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(305) 375-5730, direct (305) 375-1406
From: OUR Homes, Inc. <holmes_builders@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2012 1:14 PM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Subject: RE: POSTPONED: YOUTH SPEAK OUT

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Madame 786 260 2409

--- On Thu, 4/12/12, Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov> wrote:

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Subject: RE: POSTPONED: YOUTH SPEAK OUT
To: "OUR Homes, Inc." <holmes_builders@yahoo.com>
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2012, 12:26 PM

The Assistant Superintendent decided that the event would be disruptive to students preparing for FCAT.

what happened Amy do you know?

Madame 786 260 2409

--- On Wed, 4/11/12, Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov> wrote:

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
Subject: POSTPONED: YOUTH SPEAK OUT
To: 
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2012, 6:07 PM

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CRB AT (305) 375-5730

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amy2@miamidade.gov
Confirmed at this end –
Thank you,
RD

The School Board has cancelled the event. No GWA will be needed.
Justin McCarthy

From: Haynes, Ed <Ed.Haynes@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 06, 2012 8:52 PM
To: holmes_builders@yahoo.com; Binns, Basil (DIST3); Boone, Retha (Advocacy); Carswell, Amy (Advocacy); NWilcox2@aol.com; ccruz@miamigov.com; Morisseau, Yvans R. (Advocacy); bdennisbotsm@yahoo.com; ethel.duncan@naacpmiamidade.org; JabariBrad@aol.com; sms@miamidade.gov; cwaterman@nhcmhc.org
Cc: mysistahshand2hold@yahoo.com; rpdunn@miamigov.com; libertycouncil@aol.com; Snyder, Alexis; hashim@theworkerscenter.org; nichsonxl@bellsouth.net; hardemonmm@aol.com; wgazette@bellsouth.net; gigi.tinsley@yahoo.com; fairplay@aol.com; tgetherwecan@hotmail.com; cabia@miamigov.com
Subject: Re: Complaint of discrimination, harassment, and abuse Paulette Darow and son Beaten.

This is very sad news, we will review and advise you of our intentions.

Edward Haynes
Director of Special Operations
Office of Congresswoman Frederica S. Wilson

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<tgetherwecan@hotmail.com>; Carroll Abia <cabia@miamigov.com>

Subject: Re: Complaint of discrimination, harassment, and abuse Paulette Darow and son Beaten.

Please disregard speeling errors . hard copies have been filed and noted. WE appriciate yur call and Concerns to
be given to Paulette Darow, or Mme. Renita Holmes..3059269422 or 78602602409.

Madame 786 260 2409

--- On Thu, 4/5/12, OUR Homes, Inc. <holmes_builders@yahoo.com> wrote:

From: OUR Homes, Inc. <holmes_builders@yahoo.com>
Subject: Complaint of discrimination, harassment, and abuse Paulette Darow and son Beaten.
To: bbinns@miamidade.gov, "Retha (OCR) Boone" <rboone@miamidade.gov>, "Amy (OCR) Carswell"
<amy2@miamidade.gov>, "Nathaniel Wilcox" <NWilcox2@aol.com>, "Cynthia Cruz"
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Cc: mysistahshand2hold@yahoo.com, holmes_builders@yahoo.com, "Richard P. (Commissioner District 5)
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Tinsley" <gigi.tinsley@yahoo.com>, "Ted Lyons" <fairplay@aol.com>, "Janet Johnson"
<tgetherwecan@hotmail.com>; "Carroll Abia" <cabia@miamigov.com>

Date: Thursday, April 5, 2012, 11:16 AM

This is a request for your help as community leaders and representatives. Paulette Darow community Activist and Son
were beaten on Tuesday after reporting that racial slurs, and sexual assault was done to them over a course of
years and after filing federal coomplaints.

Not only that her son was arrested without a shirt, while his batterer was given water, pills, and comfort by several
hispanic officers whom left and allowed special notice to the batterers family. No evidence was asked for and when he
was put into car they slid off and left his mother for whom he is the caregiver alone, and in with certain health and risk
conditions. Now neighbors are being harassed as well and asking

When effort was made to give ms. Darow aid a Officer threatened me as a caregiver and during the attempt to give aid.
I was spoke to in a most disdainful and intimidating way as an adult attempting to give first aid. I am disappointed
because I was on the phone with a REpsone team and attempting to do prevention. I called th policie ang ot polcied but in
a courtroom I have a yojg woman that talked down to me about my religous expression of calling on io the name of "Jesus
please help". It is my beif that thes folks need emergency housing or protection as a class.

federal complaints have been filed and no repsonse has been given. Thee are persons with disabilities that are not being
given protection and we are wondering why theis type of hate andpraphanelia is beoing spawned andr retaliation, allowed.

CRB has been given notice and to this date INjsutice racial and pther stereotyping and abuse of power has
continued. Even in thre rent office it has occurred. Head blows, bats, sticks, pornography racial slurs, bad physical
conditions, Public hosuing was told and has done..NOTHING except trying to remove Ms. Darow. They even attempted
to remove the evidence as of the beginning. Police refuse to take edence but did arrest the son and threatened to arrest
Ms. Darow. She has to watch for her mail because it gets stolen. Why are they attempting to run her out? Why does she have to install a camera and security system to protect her grounds? Who is responsible for this ground and violations from those person unauthorized.

Why is that the threat of arrest given to blacks and others, when we. Ms. Darow took blows to the Head and her son took bat blows and all, then arrested? I am saddened by this in the times of Trayvon Martin this reveals quite a bit about safety in Public Housing and how City of Miami Police handles it or mishandles reports of violence hate and abuse as well as fraud on federal funded properties. Love and peace don't live there in Gwen Cherry. When were

Right now. Is Liberty Square the only public housing unit that this county or City seems to focus on?

When I went to court since police did not want me to be a witness or took camera and viewed the pics as well as others were ignored...I was attempting to speak with the Public Defender and was yelled at, as well as the Judge told me I could call on "jesus" name while in the court. This is sad.

Please come and take a look at 2422 NW 12th at Gwen Cherry. Pictures and witnesses has been documented. We will be preparing a press conference and have consulted with legal help. What can you do to help us with this trend and patterns of discrimination. As well as the ignorance to a situation that has gone on for now over 3 years.

Madame 786 260 2409
Justin McCarthy

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2012 4:12 PM
To: walter richardson; reinaldovaldes9@gmail.com; Reinaldo Valdes; Vickie Jackson; Edward Shohat; Lgyap@aol.com; Ronald Fulton; harold@chpuci.com
Subject: FYI Martin Luther King Jr. - March and Candlelight - Wed. April 4th
Attachments: MLK_TRAYVON_half_front[1] (Large).jpg

FYI: We received this information this afternoon and are not clear on the sponsors.

The information provided in this e-mail is forwarded to you by the Miami-Dade County Office of Community Advocacy for the purpose of sharing information that may be useful to gathering intelligence on issues and events of possible importance to the audience, and in no way suggests any endorsement or support by the Office of Community Advocacy, any of its Board members, or staff.

From: Braynon, Oscar (Aviation) [mailto:OBraynon@miami-airport.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2012 4:00 PM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy); Boone, Retha (Advocacy); SAINTFLEUR.KATIA.S33; lowery.oneca.s33@fisenate.gov
Subject: Martin Luther King Jr.- March and Candlelight - Wed. April 4th
Oscar J. Braynon, Aviation Property Manager
Miami-Dade Aviation Department - REM
P.O. Box 025504
Miami, Florida 33102-5504
Tel: (305) 876-7250
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Please consider your environmental responsibility before printing this e-mail
To: Mr. Jamarv Dunn, Principal  
Miami Carol City SHS

c/o  
Amy Carswell  
Program Officer  
Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board  
Board of County Commissioners  
Office of the Chair  
Office of Community Advocacy  
(305) 375-5730, direct (305) 375-1406  
amy2@miamidade.gov
John:

This looks good. I made a few edits for your review and approval. Dr. Richardson has approved the title “Youth Speak Out”.

Please review for additions or deletions and respond. I will take the letter and application to the school today with the insurance form. Thanks
Justin McCarthy

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2012 1:23 PM
To: OUR Homes, Inc.
Cc: mysistahshand2hold@yahoo.com; Richard P. (Commissioner District 5) Dunn II; libertycouncil@aol.com; Alexis Snyder; Hashim Benford; Doretha Nichson; Roy Hardemon; wgazette@bellsouth.net; Gigi Tinsley; Ted Lyons; Janet Johnson; Carroll Abia; Boone, Retha (Advocacy); Nathaniel Wilcox; Cynthia Cruz; Morisseau, Yvans R. (Advocacy); ed.haynes@mail.house.gov; Brian Dennis; Carol Young; ethel.duncan@naacpmiamidade.org; JabariBrad@aol.com; Diaz, Rene (Advocacy); Suzanne (Mayor's Office) Salichs; Cheryl Waterman; Binns, Basil (DIST3); Diaz, Rene (Advocacy); Dr. Walter T. Richardson; Paulette Darow; Paulette Darow; Harris Jr., Edward B. (DIST7)
Subject: RE: Complaint of discrimination, harassment, and abuse Paulette Darow and son Beaten.

Ms. Holmes:

Mr. Morisseau and the Office of Community Advocacy may be able to help Ms. Darow to clarify her concerns and help her to access the appropriate resources. This same assistance can be provided to you.

From: OUR Homes, Inc. [mailto:holmes_builders@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2012 1:06 PM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
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Ms. Darow is currently seeking medical attention and safe housing. The harassment continues for her and her son and myself. I am not sure if you are offering us all help. She is cc on this email as well as directing me to forward. Her son is seeking medical attention a baseball bat is a hard thing to deal with and being imprisoned with injuries as well. This is so sad that she and I at the time speaking with Mr. Morisseau was attempting to avoid such a thing, and that her filing and efforts a a person living with disabilitiy for sooooo long have been ignored or usurped.

I am not sure are you offering us all that help ro Ms. Darow her amail is attached. Mr. Morisseau will be contacted but it is my help tha those poper persons in such as Greg Fortner and all will be forwarded at this time it seems middleman conversation will only slow down the protection as she is a resident of public housing and this is the brunt of it all. Can you ask them to do their jobs?

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To: "OUR Homes, Inc." <holmes_builders@yahoo.com>
Ms. Holmes:

Thank you for your activism on behalf of our community. I understand that you spoke at length to Yvans Morisseau, Community Advocacy Assistant, on yesterday about some of the concerns described below. As he suggested to you, I recommend that Ms. Darrow meet with Mr. Morisseau so that we may gather more specific information about her complaints, including what happened and when, who and what agencies and individuals were involved (if known) and what remedies are being sought. If Ms. Darrow is not able to come into the Office of Community Advocacy, an alternative meeting site can be arranged. I have personally worked with Ms. Darrow on numerous occasions over the past several years in an effort to address/resolve some of her concerns related to her public housing and problems with some neighbors. I understood that some progress was made and I am saddened to read that she is experiencing difficulties again. Meanwhile, she is aware, as are you, that an important step toward resolving her complaints is to prepare and submit a written complaint to the responsible agencies, including police, public housing management, and/or others. She may also benefit from participation in a less formal mediation process. We are available to assist in this regard.

Amy Carswell

Program Officer

Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board

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Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2012 11:17 AM
To: Binns, Basil (DIST3); Boone, Retha (Advocacy); Carswell, Amy (Advocacy); Nathaniel Wilcox; Cynthia Cruz; Morisseau, Yvans R. (Advocacy); ed.haynes@mail.house.gov; Brian Dennis; Carol Young; 'ethel.duncan@naacpmiamidade.org'; JabariBrad@aol.com; Suzanne (Mayor's Office) Salichs; Cheryl Waterman
Cc: mysistahshand2hold@yahoo.com; holmes_builders@yahoo.com; Richard P. (Commissioner District 5) Dunn II; libertycouncil@aol.com; Alexis Snyder; Hashim Benford; Doretha Nichson; Roy Hardemon; wgazette@bellsouth.net; Gigi Tinsley; Ted Lyons; Janet Johnson; Carroll Abia
Subject: Complaint of discrimination, harassment, and abuse Paulette Darow and son Beaten.

This is a request for your help as community leaders and representatives. **Paulette Darow community activist and son were beaten on Tuesday after reporting that racial slurs, and sexual assault was done to them over a course of years and after filing federal complaints.**

Not only that her son was arrested without a shirt, while his attacker was given water, pills, and comfort by several hispanic officers whom left and allowed special notice to the attacker's family. No evidence was asked for and when he was put into car they slid off and left his mother for whom he is the caregiver alone, and in with certain health and risk conditions. Now neighbors are being harassed as well and asking

When effort was made to give Ms. Darow aid a officer threatened me as a caregiver and during the attempt to give aid. I was spoke to in a most disdainful and intimidating way as an adult attempting to give first aid. I am disappointed because I was on the phone with a response team and attempting to do prevention. I called the police and the police but in a courtroom I have a young woman that talked down to me about my religious expression of calling on the name of "Jesus please help". It is my belief that these folks need emergency housing or protection as a class.

Federal complaints have been filed and no response has been given. There are persons with disabilities that are not being given protection and we are wondering why these type of hate and paraphernalia is being spawned and retaliation, allowed.

CRB has been given notice and to this date Injustice racial and other stereotyping and abuse of power has continued. Even in the rent office it has occurred. Head blows, bats, sticks, pornography racial slurs, bad physical conditions. Public housing was told and has done NOTHING except trying to remove Ms. Darow. They even attempted to remove the evidence as of the beginning. Police refuse to take evidence but did arrest the son and threatened to arrest Ms. Darow. She has to watch for her mail because it gets stolen. Why are they attempting to run her out? Why does she have to install a camera and security system to protect her grounds? Who is responsible for this ground and violations from those person unauthorized.

Why is that the threat of arrest given to blacks and others, when we. Ms. Darow took blows to the Head and her son took bat blows and all, then arrested? I am saddened by this in the times of Trayvon Martin this reveals quite a bit about safety in public housing and how City of Miami Police handles it or mishandles reports of violence hate and abuse as well as fraud on federal funded properties. Love and peace don't live there in Gwen Cherry. When were
Right now, is Liberty Square the only public housing unit that this county or City seems to focus on?

When I went to court, the police did not want me to be a witness or took camera and viewed the pics as well as others were ignored...I was attempting to speak with the Public Defender and was yelled at, as well as the Judge told me I could call on "Jesus" name while in the court. This is sad.

Please come and take a look at 2422 NW 12th at Gwen Cherry. Pictures and witnesses have been documented. We will be preparing a press conference and have consulted with legal help. What can you do to help us with this trend and patterns of discrimination. As well as the ignorance to a situation that has gone on for now over 3 years.

Madame 786 260 2409
Justin McCarthy

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2012 5:12 PM
To: Dr. Walter T. Richardson
Subject: RE: Review Draft Youth Speak Out Flyer
Attachments: CRB Trayvon Youth Speak Out Flyer.docx

See update.

From: Dr. Walter T. Richardson [mailto:wtrichardson@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2012 4:44 PM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Subject: Re: Review Draft Youth Speak Out Flyer

Amy, there are a few misspelled words which I attribute to "rushing to get done."

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 3, 2012, at 2:21 PM, "Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)" <AMY2@miamidade.gov> wrote:

Dr. Richardson, Mr. Fulton and Mr. Dixon:

Please review for approval the attached DRAFT flyer on the YOUTH SPEAK OUT ABOUT TRAYVON MARTIN AND RELATED ISSUES. All of the speakers and organizations listed ARE NOT YET CONFIRMED.

Confirmed to date are: Commissioner Jordan and School Board member Holloway. As soon as Mr. Dixon confirms the Carol City Senior Auditorium, we will proceed to invite the listed officials and students.

Amy Carswell

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<CRB Trayvon Youth Speak Out Flyer.docx>
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Jeannette: 
We look forward to the participation of one or two of the Youth Commission members on the youth panel. Other youth panelists will represent the student council from Krop, Norland, Carol City and Norland Sr. High Schools, the MDEAT Teen Court and the youth School Board representative. We also invite the attendance and comments from other members of the Commission. Please be aware that we are awaiting final approval for our application to the administration of the Dade County Public Schools for the use of the Carol City Sr. Auditorium. As soon as the application is approved, I will forward the event flyer to you. Meanwhile, you will receive soon a letter from the CRB Chair formally inviting the Youth Commission.

Hi Amy
I received your phone message concerning the Youth SpeakOut at Carol City Sr. and left you one as well. We have a youth commissioner who attends Carol City Sr. High as well as other youth commissioners who attend schools in the north end. I have cc’d all of them as well as our Chair Jude Bruno and Vice Chair Peter Ramon.

As per the letter I received from Rochelle Boreland:

The Miami Dade Economic Advocacy Trust and the Miami Dade Community Relations Board are hosting a Youth Speak Out about Trayvon Martin and related issues at Carol City Senior High on Thursday, April 12th from 6pm to 8pm in the school auditorium. You are targeting young people who attend schools in the North Dade area to be in attendance at this event. Additionally, you are looking for youth leaders to sit on the panel discussions. Our youth commissioners would make excellent panelists, and with this email I am advising them of this opportunity. Please contact me and let me know how many youth commissioners you would like to serve on the panel. Do you have a flyer? We can forward it to all 29 youth commissioners as they were very interested in this issue and planned to address it at our April 19th meeting. Thnx.much. jg

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From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2012 6:06 PM
To: Holloway, Wilbert T.
Cc: Dr. Walter T. Richardson; Diaz, Rene (Advocacy); Dixon, John (MDEAT)
Subject: Youth Speak Out Confirmation
Attachments: Youth Speak Invite Holloway.docx; CRB Trayvon Youth Speak Out Flyer.docx

Honorable Wilbert Holloway
School Board District 1

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From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2012 10:35 AM
To: Gasque, Melba (MDEAT)
Cc: Dixon, John (MDEAT); Dr. Walter T. Richardson
Subject: RE: CRB Trayvon Youth Speak Out Flyer (2)
Attachments: CRB Trayvon Youth Speak Out Flyer.docx

Melba:

Thank you. Dr. Richardson, CRB Chair, made some additional edits that I have included in the attached. The CRB Executive Committee is meeting at 1 p.m. today and they may have some further input as well. Please be aware that the document is a draft as all of the panelists have not been confirmed and the event format is evolving. Let's talk later today and we can make some decisions about how/when to proceed with a final. thank you for helping to make this happen.

From: Gasque, Melba (MDEAT)
Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2012 10:02 AM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Cc: Gasque, Melba (MDEAT)
Subject: RE: CRB Trayvon Youth Speak Out Flyer (2)
Importance: High

Hi Amy again,

Actually please correct the following as:

MDEAT Youth Courts needs to be

MDEAT Teen Court

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Hello Amy,

As per John Dixon...

please correct the following:

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MDEAT Teen Courts

"concerns among youth people in the community where he lived."
and it is either young people or youth... not youth people

Thank you,

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Thanks for keeping us informed. At this late time and date, I’m not going to worry about it. I sent your email to the CRB Exec. I spoke with Ronald Fulton earlier and he said he is going.

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Thanks . I heard a little about this, but has not seen the flyer. Who is sponsoring?
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Justin McCarthy:

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2012 4:14 PM
To: Dr. Walter T. Richardson
Subject: RE: Approve Youth Speak Out Invite

Great. I will modify and send a proper version to all of the adult panelists today. We have been given the day off tomorrow and I hope to take advantage. Thanks. HAPPY EASTER!

From: Dr. Walter T. Richardson [mailto:wtrichardson@beilsouth.net]
Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2012 4:09 PM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Subject: Re: Approve Youth Speak Out Invite

I'm sorry Amy. I've been charging my phone. The letter is fine!

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 5, 2012, at 3:56 PM, "Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)" <AMY2@miamidade.gov> wrote:

**Dr. Richardson:**

ASAP Please review for approval the draft letter below that will be forwarded (and modified) to the school principals. I am trying to get this out asap, as we will not be in the office tomorrow. We have not received the final okay from the school administration on the venue, but we need to move forward and will cancel if there is a problem. Thanks.

Ms. Dawn Baglos, Principal
Dr. Michael M. Krop SHS
1410 NE 215 Street
Miami, Florida 33179

Dear Ms. Baglos:
As you know, the tragic death of Miami-Dade high school student Trayvon Martin has raised many questions and concerns among young people in the community where he lived. In order to provide the youth with an opportunity to be heard, the Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board (CRB) and the Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT) are convening a community forum.

Please accept this letter as an invitation to you and the students and staff at Dr. Michael Krop Senior High School to participate in the:

**YOUTH SPEAK OUT**

**ABOUT TRAYVON MARTIN AND RELATED ISSUES**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2012, 6 – 9 P.M.**

**MIAMI CAROL CITY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, 3422 NW 187TH STREET, MIAMI GARDENS**

This event will allow young people, ages 21 years and under, to address a panel of youth leaders and local officials and to be heard before the community-at-large. Parents, educators, community leaders and all concerned residents will be welcomed to listen and observe. Attached, please find a flyer listing the youth and adult panelists expected to participate. School Board member Wilbert Holloway and County Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan are among those who have already confirmed. Please invite your students and staff by distributing a copy of the flyer to them. You may RSVP by contacting Ms. Amy Carswell, CRB Director, at (305) 375-1406 or amy2@miamidade.gov

The Miami-Dade County CRB works to intervene to prevent and reduce community tensions and conflict and build bridges of mutual understanding and respect among our diverse populations. Thank you for helping us to engage and empower our young people and all of the communities we serve.

Sincerely,

Walter T. Richardson
Chair, Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board

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From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2012 3:40 PM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy); solano@dadeschools.net
Subject: FW: Assistance for Youth Speak Out
Attachments: DOC040912.pdf; Youth Speak Invite Norland.docx

FYI

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2012 3:39 PM
To: 'lcharlton@dadeschools.net'
Cc: Dixon, John (MDEAT)
Subject: FW: Assistance for Youth Speak Out

Ms. Charlton:

I understand from Ms. Tabb that you may assist us to invite the Student Council President and to invite your student body to this important community event. Dr. Holloway and Superintendent Carvalho will participate.

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2012 3:35 PM
To: 'Kathytabb@dadeschools.net'
Cc: 'lcharlton@dadeschools.net'; Diaz, Rene (Advocacy); Dixon, John (MDEAT); 'lsolano@dadeschools.net'
Subject: Assistance for Youth Speak Out

Ms. Tabb:

As we discussed, your assistance is needed so that we may invite the Student Council President to serve on the youth panel. We also need to work with your staff to distribute the flyer to the student body. We have both electronic and paper copies available. I am reaching out to Ms. Charlton. Please advise asap. Thank you.

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2012 6:20 PM
To: 'lsolano@dadeschools.net'
Cc: 'lcharlton@dadeschools.net'; 'Dr. Walter T. Richardson'; Diaz, Rene (Advocacy); Dixon, John (MDEAT)
Subject: Please Attend Youth Speak Out

Mr. Luis Solano, Principal
Miami Norland SHS

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Amy,

This is the final... it includes Rev. Richardson and John.

Thank you,

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ASAP Approve letter rescinding request for GWA

Dr. Richardson:

ASAP. Please review for approval the letter below rescinding the CRB's request for GWA for the Youth Speak Out. Thank you.

Honorable Carlos
Gimenez
April 12, 2012
Mayor, Miami-Dade County

Dear Mayor Gimenez:

Thank you for considering the Miami-Dade Community Relations Board (CRB) request for Goodwill Ambassadors at the "Youth Speak Out" event previously scheduled for April 12, 2012 at Miami Carol City Senior High's auditorium, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Regrettably, the event was postponed upon the determination on yesterday, April 11, 2012 by the Associate Superintendent of the Miami-Dade County Public Schools that it would be disruptive to students preparing for the pending FCAT examinations. The event will be rescheduled at a later date and we will
resubmit a request for
GWA deployment at
that time.

The CRB and the
Miami-Dade Economic
Advocacy Trust
(MDEAT) will convene
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For more information,
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Carswell, CRB Program
Officer at 305-375­
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Dr. Walter T. Richardson,
Chairman, Community Relations Board

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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.

Dr. Walter T. Richardson,
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From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2012 1:35 PM
To: dbaglos@dadeschools.net
Subject: FW: Please Attend Youth Speak Out
Attachments: Youth Speak Invite Baglos.docx; CRB Trayvon Youth Speak Out Flyer.docx

Ms. Baglos:

Please attend. We would also like to invite the Student Council President to serve on the youth panel. Also, we would like to work with your staff to distribute the flyer to the student body. We have both electronic and paper copies available. Who would be our contacts? Please advise asap. Thank you.

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2012 6:22 PM
To: 'dbaglos@dadeschools.net'
Subject: Please Attend Youth Speak Out

Ms. Dawn Baglos, Principal
Dr. Michael M. Krop SHS

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As per Mr. Iglesias' Out of Office Assistant

Honorable Carlos Gimenez
Mayor, Miami-Dade County
April 10, 2012

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 187th 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.

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Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board Chair Dr. Walter T. Richardson will be a guest on WQBA Radio 1140 AM at 5 p.m. this evening, Monday, April 9, 2012. He will be interviewed on the program “Prohibido Callarse (Prohibited to Stay Quiet) about the Community Relations Board and the impact of the Trayvon Martin case in our community. The programs’ hosts are Roberto Rodriguez Tejera and Helen Aguirre. The interview will be conducted in Spanish.

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From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)  <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2012 5:52 PM
To: estephens@dadeschools.net
Subject: FW: YOUTH SPEAK OUT ABOUT TRAYVON MARTIN FLYER

Thanks for the great work.

From: ladawn russell [mailto:ladawn_russell@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2012 5:51 PM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Subject: Re: YOUTH SPEAK OUT ABOUT TRAYVON MARTIN FLYER

Okay I will change the date when you are informed about the change.

From: "Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)" <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
To: ladawn russell <ladawn_russell@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2012 5:27 PM
Subject: RE: YOUTH SPEAK OUT ABOUT TRAYVON MARTIN FLYER

Ladawn:

The Youth Speak Out event planned for Thursday, August 12, 2012 at Miami Carol City Senior High School has been postponed. Leaders of the Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board and the Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust announced the postponement today. The two boards will determine when the event will be rescheduled. Miami-Dade School leaders informed the county that the event may be disruptive to students preparing for FCAT examinations.
Justin McCarthy:

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2012 2:25 PM
To: Puig, Vanessa (Office of the Chair)
Subject: FW: CRB youth speak out
Attachments: CRB youth speak out.doc

See changes. Thanks

From: Puig, Vanessa (Office of the Chair)
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2012 1:01 PM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Cc: Diaz, Rene (Advocacy)
Subject: CRB youth speak out

Please advise.
Ms. Clark:

Please advise asap. Thank you.

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From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2012 5:50 PM
To: Puig, Vanessa (Office of the Chair)
Cc: Diaz, Rene (Advocacy); Floyd, Trenae (DISTl)
Subject: Media Person at Youth Speak Out.

Vanessa:

Do we have a media person who can work this event. MDEAT may have somebody but I would rather that we do it, if possible. The needs are as follows:

- Coordinate with the news media on site to facilitate interviews, etc.
- Work with Assistant Principal Stephens at Miami-Carol City for parking/placement of live news trucks outside the Auditorium. He has a place for them to go if any want to do live coverage.

The School (Carol City Sr.) does not have a news media person so the coordination needs to be done by us. Also, this is our (CRB and MDEAT) event being held at the school, so again, we are responsible. Given the size of the venue and the OCA’s lack of staff, I could use the help. Please advise. Thanks.

FYI: MDTV will be on site to video tape the event.

Vanessa:

Please prepare a press release inviting the community to the

YOUTH SPEAK OUT
ABOUT TRAYVON MARTIN AND RELATED ISSUES
THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2012, 6 – 9 P.M.
MIAMI CAROL CITY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, 3422 NW 187TH STREET, MIAMI GARDENS

I am really trying to get this into the Miami Herald and other appropriate media asap. Also, I can use your assistance to get the flyer and information out to young people, particularly at the targeted high schools and the middle schools that feed into them. Please advise. Thanks.

Honorable Barbara Jordan
County Commission District 1
Amy Carswell
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NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 10, 2012
CONTACT: Amy Carswell, 305-375-5730

Miami-Dade Community Relations Board to hold Youth Speak Out forum on Trayvon Martin case

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For more information, please contact the Miami-Dade Community Relations Board at 305-375-5730.

WHO: Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board

WHAT: Youth Speak Out about Trayvon Martin and related issues

WHEN: Thursday, April 12, 2012
6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

WHERE: Miami Carol City Senior High School
Auditorium
3442 NW 187th Street, Miami Gardens

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Justin McCarthy

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2012 1:12 PM
To: Baglos, Dawn M.
Cc: janderson@dadeschools.net
Subject: Outreach for Youth Speak Out
Attachments: CRB Trayvon Speak Out Announcement.docx; CRB Trayvon Speak Out Announcement (2).docx

Ms. Baglos:

Thank you for working with us to engage your students in sharing their concerns and recommendations with students and community leaders and with the community-at-large.

- Please forward to me the name of the student who will represent your school on the Youth Speak Out panel. If required, please ask the student to complete a media release form as the program will be video-taped for future airing on public television and we anticipate that news media will also cover the event.
- Please find attached an announcement that we recommend be broadcast/transmitted on your school’s Connect-Ed system. Miami-Carol City administrators will also include the message in their morning/afternoon public address announcements.
- A staff person will deliver hard copies of the flyer (also attached) to your office tomorrow morning. Please post at strategic locations around the school.

We appreciate you keeping us informed about your activities in this regard.

From: Baglos, Dawn M. [mailto:dbaglos@dadeschools.net]
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2012 6:12 AM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Subject: RE: Please Attend Youth Speak Out

Good Morning Ms. Carswell,

I will try to be there, but do have a previous engagement. In the meantime, I have forwarded your request to our District’s Director of Safe Schools, Suzanne Milano-Berrios, as the discussion may be more global than this recent unfortunate incident. Additionally, I may have a Student Government representative available for Thursday and have already made contact with her. I can handle the distribution of the copies.

Dawn M. Baglos
Principal
Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High School
1410 Countyline Road
Miami, Florida 33179
305-652-6808

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) [mailto:AMY2@miamidade.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2012 1:35 PM
To: Baglos, Dawn M.
Subject: FW: Please Attend Youth Speak Out

Ms. Baglos:
Please attend. We would also like to invite the Student Council President to serve on the youth panel. Also, we would like to work with your staff to distribute the flyer to the student body. We have both electronic and paper copies available. Who would be our contacts? Please advise asap. Thank you.

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2012 6:22 PM
To: 'dbaglos@dadeschools.net'
Subject: Please Attend Youth Speak Out

Ms. Dawn Baglos, Principal
Dr. Michael M. Krop SHS

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From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2012 2:56 PM
To: Dr. Walter T. Richardson
Cc: Diaz, Rene (Advocacy); Morisseau, Yvans R. (Advocacy)
Subject: Please Approve GWA Request

DR. Richardson:
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Sincerely,

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Chair

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FYI: Justice for Trayvon Martin Movement Crosses Ethnic/Racial Lines in Miami-Dade

http://www.miamiherald.com/508/index.html?media_id=139759821&genre_id=4216

FYI: See attached link to Miami-Dade multi-racial, multi-ethnic demonstration of young people for the repeal of Stand Your Ground law.

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Great. Thank you. Please give me a call later today as we have several pending issues to talk about.

Looks fine to me

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 12, 2012, at 12:42 PM, "Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)" <AMY2@miamidade.gov> wrote:

Dr. Richardson:

ASAP. Please review for approval the letter below rescinding the CRB's request for GWA for the Youth Speak Out.

Honorable Carlos Gimenez

April 12, 2012

Mayor, Miami-Dade County
Dear Mayor Gimenez:

Thank you for considering the Miami-Dade Community Relations Board (CRB) request for Goodwill Ambassadors at the "Youth Speak Out" event previously scheduled for April 12, 2012 at Miami Carol City Senior High’s auditorium, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2012 2:21 PM
To: Garcia-Amodeo, Jeannette (JAC)
Cc: Christopher Fisk Kolychkine
Subject: RE: CRB Trayvon Youth Speak Out Flyer.docx

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2012 2:20 PM
To: Garcia-Amodeo, Jeannette (JAC)
Subject: POSTPONED: YOUTH SPEAK OUT

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2012 6:12 PM
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From: Garcia-Amodeo, Jeannette (JAC)
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2012 2:17 PM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Cc: 'Christopher Fisk Kolychkine'
Subject: FW: CRB Trayvon Youth Speak Out Flyer.docx

Chris, I am cc'g Amy on this so she can respond. jg

From: Christopher Fisk Kolychkine [mailto:cfiskkoly@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2012 6:53 PM
To: Garcia-Amodeo, Jeannette (JAC)
Subject: Re: CRB Trayvon Youth Speak Out Flyer.docx
Do you have a contact number for Amy Carswell?

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 10, 2012, at 1:40 PM, "Garcia-Amodeo, Jeannette (JAC)" <JAC0076@miamidade.gov> wrote:

Thank you for your interest in participating in the Youth SpeakOut on Thursday at Carol City Sr. I have provided your names to Ms. Amy Carswell, Community Relations-and she asks that you see her upon your arrival. You will be given subsequent VIP parking Info. as soon as I receive it. Additionally, please be sure to wear your Youth Commission Shirts.

Three of you will be serving as panelists:

Marica Daniels

Chris Fisk

Michael Ivory

The others will be attendees and Jude and Clarence have been designated back-up panelists in the event one of the others cannot make it.

Please be sure to take pictures and share with Brenda and me. Let me know if you have any questions or comments. jg

<CRB Trayvon Youth Speak Out Flyer.docx>
I am getting nervous about announcing panelists who are not confirmed. See update. We can update again when all are confirmed.

Hi Amy,

Just got your message... send me the latest greatest flyer.

Thank you!

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Sent: Monday, April 09, 2012 4:46 PM
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Subject: Press Release on Youth Speak Out
Attachments: Youth Speak Invite Jordan.docx; DOC040912.pdf

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Obtained by Judicial Watch
Great. Thanks.

From: Dr. Walter T. Richardson [mailto:wrichardson@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2012 3:39 PM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Cc: Diaz, Rene (Advocacy); Morisseau, Yvans R. (Advocacy)
Subject: Re: Please Approve GWA Request

Nice letter. Approved!

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2012 1:14 PM
To: OUR Homes, Inc.
Subject: RE: POSTPONED: YOUTH SPEAK OUT

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From: OUR Homes, Inc. [mailto:holmes_builders@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2012 1:14 PM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Subject: RE: POSTPONED: YOUTH SPEAK OUT

who is the AS?

Madame 786 260 2409

--- On Thu, 4/12/12, Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov> wrote:

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
Subject: RE: POSTPONED: YOUTH SPEAK OUT
To: "OUR Homes, Inc." <holmes_builders@yahoo.com>
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2012, 12:26 PM

The Assistant Superintendent decided that the event would be disruptive to students preparing for FCAT.

--- On Wed, 4/11/12, Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov> wrote:

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
Subject: POSTPONED: YOUTH SPEAK OUT
To:
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2012, 6:07 PM
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From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2012 12:47 PM
To: Puig, Vanessa (Office of the Chair)
Subject: RE: Press Release on Youth Speak Out

Vanessa:

Thank you. We do need to get this out asap. We are working on contacting the schools.

From: Puig, Vanessa (Office of the Chair)
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2012 12:40 PM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Cc: Diaz, Rene (Advocacy)
Subject: RE: Press Release on Youth Speak Out

Hi, Amy:

I’ll work on this today. Please be advised that, unfortunately, I do not have any database listing for schools to send releases, only media. I know that occasionally commission offices do have information on schools in their district so it might help for you to reach out to them depending on what area you’re trying to target.

I’ll have a release for you to review momentarily.

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Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2012 1:15 PM  
To: ldiaz21@dadeschools.net  
Cc: vholtclark@dadeschools.net  
Subject: Outreach for Youth Speak Out

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From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)  
Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2012 6:16 PM  
To: ldiaz21@dadeschools.net  
Cc: Dr. Walter T. Richardson; Diaz, Rene (Advocacy); Dixon, John (MDEAT)  
Subject: Please Attend Youth Speak Out

Mr. Luis Diaz, Principal  
American SHS
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From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2012 12:54 PM
To: Mario Artecona
Cc: Dr. Walter T. Richardson
Subject: RE: WQBA to Feature CRB Chair Tonight

Thanks. Perhaps, you will help us to determine how well it went.

From: Mario Artecona [mailto:miamimario@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2012 12:52 PM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Subject: Re: WQBA to Feature CRB Chair Tonight

Fantastic! Good show. Good people.

M

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 9, 2012, at 12:36 PM, "Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)" <AMY2@miamidade.gov> wrote:

Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board Chair
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From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2012 5:52 PM
To: ladawn russell
Subject: RE: YOUTH SPEAK OUT ABOUT TRAYVON MARTIN FLYER

Thanks for the great work.

From: ladawn russell [mailto:ladawn_russell@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2012 5:51 PM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Subject: Re: YOUTH SPEAK OUT ABOUT TRAYVON MARTIN FLYER

Okay I will change the date when you are informed about the change.

From: "Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)" <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
To: ladawn russell <ladawn_russell@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2012 5:27 PM
Subject: RE: YOUTH SPEAK OUT ABOUT TRAYVON MARTIN FLYER

Ladawn:

The Youth Speak Out event planned for Thursday, August 12, 2012 at Miami Carol City Senior High School has been postponed. Leaders of the Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board and the Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust announced the postponement today. The two boards will determine when the event will be rescheduled. Miami-Dade School leaders informed the county that the event may be disruptive to students preparing for FCAT examinations.

From: ladawn russell [mailto:ladawn_russell@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2012 11:42 PM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Subject: YOUTH SPEAK OUT ABOUT TRAYVON MARTIN FLYER
Justin McCarty

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2012 1:01 PM
To: cstephens@dadeschools.net
Subject: RE: Youth Speak Out School Announcements and Student Government Meeting

See update announcement with short version

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From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2012 6:44 PM
To: 'cstephens@dadeschools.net'
Cc: Diaz, Rene (Advocacy); Dixon, John (MDEAT); 'Dr. Walter T. Richardson'
Subject: Youth Speak Out School Announcements and Student Government Meeting

Mr. Clyde Stephens, Jr.
Assistant Principal
Miami Carol City Senior High School

Mr. Stephens:

Please find attached the
YOUTH SPEAK OUT ON TRAYVON MARTIN ANNOUNCEMENT

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I look forward to speaking with you and the members of the Carol City Sr. Student Government on tomorrow, Tuesday, April 10, 2012, at 1 p.m. I will call you in your office.

Thank you for all your valuable guidance and assistance.

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From: Gasque, Melba (MDEAT)
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2012 12:42 PM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Subject: resend me flyer in microsoft word
Importance: High

Hi Amy,

Can you please resend me the flyer in a Word Doc?

John's name is missing and I need to add it.

Thanks,

Melba C. Gasque
Marketing Administrator
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I have requested a BCC communications person to work with the news media on site. I will let you all know the outcome.

FYI...

Good morning, Trenae.

Miami-Dade TV will be there to cover this event.

Have a great weekend.

Leila
MDEAT, the CRB and the Youth Commission will hold an event at Miami Carol City Senior High School to allow students to voice their opinion about the Trayvon Martin issue. Commissioner Jordan will participate in some capacity. Please schedule a videographer for Thursday, April 12, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Please let me know if a videographer is available.

Thanks.

Trenae V. Floyd
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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD (CRB) AND MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST (MDEAT)

YOUTH SPEAK OUT ABOUT TRAYVON MARTIN AND RELATED ISSUES

THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2012, 6 P.M.
MIAMI CAROL CITY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
3422 NW 187TH STREET, MIAMI GARDENS

The tragic death of 17-year-old high school student Trayvon Martin in Sanford, Florida on February 26, 2012 has raised many questions and concerns among young people in the community where he lived.

YOUNG PEOPLE, AGES 21 YEARS AND UNDER, ARE INVITED TO SPEAK OUT AND BE HEARD BY A PANEL OF YOUTH
LEADERS AND LOCAL OFFICIALS.
ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO LISTEN AND OBSERVE.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CRB AT (305) 375-5730

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Brinne:

Please post on face book and send to Krop, Norland, Carol City and American students. Ask Matthew to send to his school and friends.

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Subject: Youth Speak Out School Announcements and Student Government Meeting
Attachments: CRB Trayvon Speak Out Announcement.docx; DOC040912.pdf

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Jeannette:
Thank you. We look forward to having the youth panelists. Please ask them to see me when they arrive. I will send you a map for parking today or tomorrow. See the updated event flyer. Please distribute.

From: Garcia-Amodeo, Jeannette (JAC)  
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2012 12:05 PM  
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)  
Cc: 'JudeBruno@mdyc.org'; 'District 12 Youth Commissioner Peter Ramon'; Boreland, Rochelle (DIST1)  
Subject: Youth SpeakOut on Thursday, April 12th

Amy
As per our conversation, please note that the following Miami-Dade Youth Commissioners have volunteered to serve as youth panelists at the SpeakOut on Thursday:

- Marica Daniels, Carol City Sr. High, District 1
- Chris Fisk, Palmetto Sr. High, District 8
- Michael Ivory, North Miami Sr. High, Office of the Mayor

Additionally, the following Youth Commissioners have informed me that they plan to attend:

- Jude Bruno, Law Enforcement Officers Memorial High, District 2  * (back-up Panelist)
- Clarence Moore III, Young Men’s Preparatory Academy, District 3  * (back-up Panelist)
- Daniela Salinas, Miami Sr. High, District 5 (please note, Ms. Salinas is legally blind and will be arriving via Special Transportation Services-she will need someone to guide her to her seat)

I will be asking the Youth Commissioners to wear their red youth commission shirts. Let me know if there is anything else you need. Thnx. jg

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From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2012 3:58 PM
To: Gimenez, Carlos A. (Office of the Mayor)
Cc: Iglesias, Genaro "Chip" (Office of the Mayor); Diaz, Rene (Advocacy); Morisseau, Yvans R. (Advocacy); Dr. Walter T. Richardson
Subject: Request for Goodwill Ambassadors for Youth Speak Out Event April 12
Attachments: DOC041012.pdf
Importance: High

Honorable Carlos Gimenez
Miami-Dade County

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 187th 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.

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

Please approve CRB actions listed below as per your authority to act on behalf of the CRB pending the next Executive Committed and General Membership meeting.

The CRB Leadership Committee met earlier today with representatives of the Miami-Dade State Attorney’s Office, including Chief Assistants Don Horn, Kathleen Hogue, Jose Arrojo and Communications Director Ed Griffith and Assistants Raynald Louis and Janeen Jones. CRB members in attendance were Ed Shohat, who chaired the meeting, Reinaldo Valdes, Maritza Lopez and Dr. Brad Brown. Also present were Maria Shohat and Rochelie Borelan, Commissioner Jordan’s Office, Retha Boone-Fye, Amy Carswell, Eddie Harris, Yvans Morisseau. The participants heard and presentation from SAO staff and a lively discussion ensued. The CRB members then met with staff and made the following recommendations:

- That the CRB issue a position paper about the need for calm and determined action by the community, describing concerns about the Stand Your Ground law, describing some actions that have been taken by other agencies (DOJ, State legislators, FBI, FDLE) and announcing a CRB youth initiative. I am currently preparing a draft in collaboration with Ed Shohat. The document will be vetted with those present at the leadership meeting to ensure factual accuracy and the important points are included. I have also received a commitment to collaborate from the Office of State Senator Oscar Braynon.

- That the CRB convene a community forum or town hall in cooperation with the Miami-Dade County Public Schools for the purpose of providing students an opportunity to be empowered by sharing their concerns and proposals for action with a panel of CRB leaders, agency leaders and elected officials. Panel members would respond to students concerns and comments, as appropriate, and recommend actions for empowerment. The forum would be a public event convened by the CRB and public comments limited to Miami-Dade high school students only.

Please advise. ASAP.
Mr. Shohat:

Please review for approval CRB Statement on Trayvon Martin case. Thank you for your patience.

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Dr. Richardson and Mr. Shohat:
Please review for approval. I have edited for brevity and accuracy (legal) and hope to have achieved both. Please advise asap. Thank you.

Teenager’s Death Inspires Passions and Hope for Positive Change
A POSITION PAPER FROM THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD
March 27, 2012

The killing of Trayvon Martin is a painful blow to those who knew and loved him and a source of distress to all who believe in the value of human life in this community. The members of the Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board (CRB) have extended our condolences to Martin’s family. Ronald Fulton, Trayvon’s beloved uncle, is a member of the CRB Executive Committee.

The emotions of grief, bewilderment, pain and anger that this young man’s death has created across our nation and the world, are being felt with particular poignancy in Miami-Dade County. Trayvon was a local kid, a young man of promise with deep family and personal ties to this community. Like so many of his peers, Trayvon was blessed with unique and valuable attributes that gave his life special worth. Young people such as these inspire a sense of hope for the future. The loss of any hurts us all. This sense of loss can exacerbate destructive impulses like hatred and revenge. We have all heard the shrill voices. Expressions of outrage and accusations come more sincerely from those who believe Trayvon’s killing was unlawful and racially motivated. But when passions threaten to overwhelm, courage and fortitude are needed most.

Trayvon Martin’s family members have helped to lead the way in calling for both justice and prayers for peace. Their example has helped to guide the many thousands of Miami-Dade young people, mainly high school and university students, who are awakening to the possibility that they can change the world in this community.

It is the youth who are creating a movement that may help save their generation from further devastation by gun violence and from the pervasive wrongs of prejudice and racial hatred. We applaud a movement that aspires to value every life in our community. Fueled by action and inspired by teenagers and young adults, these efforts are most sincerely welcomed.

The CRB also understand that Florida laws are critical to the safety and security of all residents. Last week, we reached out to Miami-Dade State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle and she sent some of her senior attorneys to inform and educate us about the so-called “Stand Your Ground” law, (F.S. 776.032). We learned the following:

- The law allows a person who has used deadly force against another to avoid arrest by claiming that they feared for their life.
- A person who uses deadly force is not required to prove they were in actual danger of imminent death or great bodily injury. It is the state attorney who must prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the fear of danger was not reasonable.
- A judge ultimately decides whether fear of death or injury is reasonable. Deleting the judicial immunity provisions in the SYG law would allow a jury to make that determination.
• Courts in Florida do not agree whether the SYG law protects a person who leaves a place of safety and causes injury or death to another. An amendment could make that clear.

• Florida’s “Speedy Trail” laws require that the state attorney file charges and present its case to the court no later than 180 days after a defendant is arrested. Therefore, it is not always advisable to push for a speedy arrest as time may run out before all the evidence is collected. A hasty arrest can cause a case to be lost.

• The “Castle Doctrine” recognizes a person’s right to defend their home or business and to use deadly force if they are placed in imminent danger of death or great bodily harm. It does not give a vigilant the right to chase a person down and shoot them.

There is much work to be done in the pursuit of justice for Trayvon Martin. The CRB supports the following actions:

• The Florida Legislature and the Governor’s Task Force should take a hard look at the “Stand Your Ground” law to determine whether it achieves the outcomes intended or changes are needed to protect the innocent and punish the guilty. The CRB applauds the efforts of State Senator Oscar Braynon and Governor Rick Scott in this regard.

• The police in Sanford and in Seminole County should cooperate fully with the Special Prosecutor’s investigation of the circumstances and motives that led to Trayvon Martin’s death. We anticipate the best efforts of Prosecutor Angela Corey and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

• Local officials and community leaders in Sanford should be receptive to recommendations from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Community Relations Service. There is a need to implement strategies that will better inform and engage family members and residents alike.

• DOJ criminal prosecutors should be both vigorous and fair in protecting the civil rights of Trayvon Martin as well as the admitted shooter, George Zimmerman.

People in our community are heartbroken over the shooting death of Trayvon Martin, a promising 17-year-old high school student, under such tragic and troubling circumstances. As we look for ways to respond, it is important that we support each other and engage with community members and responsible authorities in a spirit of cooperation and mutual respect. In this way, we can each do our part to pursue justice and healing.

The primary mission of the Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board (CRB) is to intervene quickly and effectively to prevent and reduce community tensions and conflict. The members are prominent local residents, representative of Miami-Dade’s diverse community, who are business, civic, government and religious leaders. For nearly 50 years, the CRB (founded in 1963) has served as an advisor to county Mayors, Commissioners and administrators and to the community-at-large on issues impacting intergroup relations in Miami-Dade.

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From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 23, 2012 3:12 PM
To: Alexis Snyder
Subject: Accommodations for Sanford City Commission Meeting

You may wish to reach out to Mr. Thomas if you are in need, or would like, seating or other accommodations for the Congresswoman at the Sanford City Council meeting Monday.

From: Thomas, Andrew [mailto:Andrew.Thomas@Sanfordfl.gov]
Sent: Friday, March 23, 2012 1:11 PM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Cc: Thomas, Andrew
Subject: Touching Bases

Good Morning Ms. Carswell.

I got your name and email address form Mildred Duprey de Robles from the Community Relations Services of DOJ as a person to reach out to and connect with regarding the Trayvon Martin case. We are very saddened by this tragedy and can only imagine what the family and friends of Trayvon are going through. As the Mayor and City Manager of the City of Sanford has stated on numerous occasions, we like so many others have echoed, want the truth and to see justice prevail.

In preparation for our upcoming City Commission meeting next Monday, March 26, 2012, I am reaching out to you for assistance. Mildred indicated to me there may be several buses coming from the Miami area to the Commission meeting in support of Trayvon Martin’s family. Thank you for your participation and please be assured the City of Sanford welcomes you as our guest and wants to make your visit a pleasant one. Since we are anticipating a rather large crowd and seating will be limited, I would greatly appreciate your assistance in letting me know approximately how many people you anticipate will be attending the Commission meeting so we can plan accordingly. Also, I would greatly appreciate it if you would let me know if any City/County Officials from the Miami Dade area plan on attending the meeting and if any one would like to speak. The Commission’s Agenda is pretty much devoted to recognizing and acknowledging the death of Trayvon.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Cordially,

Andrew Thomas
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Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 7:46 PM
To: waiter richardson
Cc: Harris Jr., Edward B. (DIST7); Morisseau, Yvans R. (Advocacy); Diaz, Rene (Advocacy)
Subject: Approve CRB General Membership Meeting Agenda

Dr. Richardson: Please review for approval the CRB meeting agenda below. Thank you.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

AGENDA
March 21, 2012, 2:00 p.m.
Stephen P. Clark Government Center, 111 NW 1st Street, Miami, FL 33128
Conference Room 18-4

1. Welcome
2. Moment of Silence
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Agenda and February General Membership Meeting Report
5. CRB Chair’s Report
6. Conversation with Penelope Townsley,
   Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections
7. Committee Reports
   - 50th Anniversary Commemoration Planning
   - Hate Crimes Legislation and Resources Forum Planning
   - Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement
8. CRB Member Activity Reports
   - Princeton Prize for Race Relations
   - Commemoration of Right to Council in Criminal Cases
9. Discussion and Determinations
   - Strategies to Reduce Tensions Over Killing of Trayvon Martin
   - Questions for Miami-Dade Corrections Director
   - CRB Members' Retreat
10. Issues Roundtable: Critical and Pressing Community Relations Concerns
11. New Business
12. Adjourn

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Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2012 7:47 PM
To: Snyder, Alexis
Subject: Check for CASTLE

Alexis:
Powerful stuff. We may surely need it to get this law changed. Meanwhile, check the release: I believe CAPSULE doctrine is intended to read CASTLE doctrine. Thanks for keeping us informed. See you soon.

From: Snyder, Alexis [mailto:Alexis.Snyder@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Tue 3/27/2012 7:03 PM
To: Snyder, Alexis
Subject: CONGRESSWOMAN FREDERICA WILSON STATEMENT TO THE MIAMI TIMES NEWSPAPER REGARDING THE TRAYVON MARTIN SHOOTING

CONGRESSWOMAN FREDERICA WILSON STATEMENT TO THE MIAMI TIMES NEWSPAPER REGARDING THE TRAYVON MARTIN SHOOTING

I am tired of burying young black boys.

I am tired of watching them suffer at the hands of those who fear them and despise them.

In Florida, almost 3 years ago, as I served in the Florida Senate, a young black boy, Martin Lee Anderson, was beaten to death at a Florida boot camp. It was all captured on a State of Florida Corrections Video and shown all over the world.

After they beat him to death on international TV, as the world watched, over and over again, not one guard was sent to prison. Not even one was reprimanded. And now in Florida we have another Martin, Trayvon Martin.

Trayvon Martin was murdered 30 days ago, and still there has been no arrest.

The “Stand Your Ground” law was not written for Trayvon Martin. Trayvon Martin was pursued and hunted down like an animal.

When the Criminal Justice Committee of the Florida Senate was considering what would come to be known as the “Stand Your Ground “ law, we heard riveting testimony. One of the most moving testimonies came from Florida State Senator Evelyn Lynn. Senator Lynn at that time was seventy-seven years old. She lived alone. Her house was broken
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The case of Senator Lynn and ones like it was who “Stand Your Ground“ was designed to protect”. I live alone and I identified very closely with her. My house had been broken into three times in two months. Three cars had been stolen from my driveway. My neighbors and constituents were having similar experiences.

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The bill was voted for by the entire Florida State Senate. Every single one of them voted in favor of the bill. Not one person who voted in favor of the bill ever anticipated it being used to protect the murderer of a young child who was racially profiled. I will work to repeal the law or appeal the way the Sanford police is trying to use it against Trayvon Martin. George Zimmerman was the aggressor not Trayvon Martin.

If I had the opportunity to vote on this bill again, I would vote no. If I could do it all over again, I would put concern for my own safety aside for fear that this law would unjustly allow someone to use it as an excuse to take the life of another innocent child.
CONGRESSWOMAN FREDERICA WILSON
STATEMENT TO THE MIAMI TIMES NEWSPAPER REGARDING THE TRAYVON MARTIN SHOOTING

March 27, 2012

I am tired of burying young black boys.

I am tired of watching them suffer at the hands of those who fear them and despise them.

In Florida, almost 3 years ago, as I served in the Florida Senate, a young black boy, Martin Lee Anderson, was beaten to death at a Florida boot camp. It was all captured on a State of Florida Corrections Video and shown all over the world.

After they beat him to death on international TV, as the world watched, over and over again, not one guard was sent to prison. Not even one was reprimanded.

Trayvon Martin was murdered 30 days ago, and still there has been no arrest.

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If I had the opportunity to vote on this bill again, I would vote no. If I could do it all again, I would put the fear for my own safety aside for fear that this law would unjustly allow someone to use it as an excuse to take the life of another innocent child.
Justin McCarthy

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov>  
Sent: Friday, March 23, 2012 1:20 PM  
To: Diaz, Rene (Advocacy)  
Subject: County Officials at Sanford Commission Meeting

Mr. Diaz:

Can you help with finding out if any Miami-Dade elected officials are planning to attend the Monday meeting? Please advise. Thank you.

From: Thomas, Andrew [mailto:Andrew.Thomas@Sanfordfl.gov]  
Sent: Friday, March 23, 2012 1:11 PM  
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)  
Cc: Thomas, Andrew  
Subject: Touching Bases

Good Morning Ms. Carswell.

I got your name and email address form Mildred Duprey de Robles from the Community Relations Services of DOJ as a person to reach out to and connect with regarding the Trayvon Martin case. We are very saddened by this tragedy and can only imagine what the family and friends of Trayvon are going through. As the Mayor and City Manager of the City of Sanford has stated on numerous occasions, we like so many others have echoed, want the truth and to see justice prevail.

In preparation for our upcoming City Commission meeting next Monday, March 26, 2012, I am reaching out to you for assistance. Mildred indicated to me there may be several buses coming from the Miami area to the Commission meeting in support of Trayvon Martin’s family. Thank you for your participation and please be assured the City of Sanford welcomes you as our guest and wants to make your visit a pleasant one. Since we are anticipating a rather large crowd and seating will be limited, I would greatly appreciate your assistance in letting me know approximately how many people you anticipate will be attending the Commission meeting so we can plan accordingly. Also, I would greatly appreciate it if you would let me know if any City/County Officials from the Miami Dade area plan on attending the meeting and if any one would like to speak. The Commission’s Agenda is pretty much devoted to recognizing and acknowledging the death of Trayvon.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Cordially,

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Albert Einstein

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Mr. Shohat and Dr. Richardson:

Please review the updated CRB Statement attached. Thank you.

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Teenager’s Death Inspires Passions and Hope for Positive Change

In Miami-Dade County

A POSITION PAPER
CREATED BY THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD
March 27, 2012

The killing of Trayvon Martin is a painful blow to those who knew and loved him and a source of distress to all who believe in the value of human life in this community. The members of the Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board (CRB) join with all those what have extended condolences to Martin’s family. The family includes Ronald Fulton, Trayvon’s beloved uncle, who is a member of the CRB Executive Committee.

While there is a rare lack of conflict over Trayvon’s killing in Miami-Dade County, (most people seem to agree that a grave wrong was committed); there is a lot of emotion and passionate debate. The grief, bewilderment, pain and anger that this young man’s death has created around the nation and the world, are being felt with particular poignancy by caring people here. Trayvon was a local kid, our neighbor with deep family and personal ties to our community. He was also a young man of promise, blessed with the many unique and valuable attributes that gave his life special worth. It is such young people, and the many like him in this community, who encourage in us a sense of hope for the future. The loss of Trayvon Martin really hurts.

We know that this sense of loss can also be the source of destructive passions such as hatred and revenge. We have all heard the shrill voices. Expressions of outrage and accusation are understandable from those who believe Trayvon’s killing was unlawful and racially motivated. But when passions threaten to overwhelm, courage and fortitude are needed most.

Trayvon Martin’s family members have helped to lead the way in calling for both justice and prayers for peace. Their example has helped to guide the many thousands of young people, mainly high school and university students, who are awakening to the possibility that they can change the world in this community. It is the youth who are creating a movement that will be the only way to save themselves from the devastation of gun violence and the pervasive wrongs of prejudice and racial hatred.

The CRB joins with responsible leaders throughout Miami-Dade County in applauding loudly for the positive efforts of the many young people, and not so young people, who are working to create a movement that aspires to value every life in our community. Such a movement, fueled by action and inspired by teenagers and young adults, is most sincerely welcomed.
The CRB has also joined along with others to explore the impact of Florida laws upon the pursuit of justice for Trayvon Martin and for the future safety and security of all our state’s residents. Last week, Miami-Dade State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle sent some of her senior attorneys to meet with a contingent of CRB members to inform and educate us about the so-called “Stand Your Ground” law, (F.S. 776.032). These Chief Assistant State Attorneys did not take a position on that law, but from their descriptions, we learned the following:

- The immunity provisions of the “Stand Your Ground” (SYG) law allow a person who has used deadly force against another to avoid arrest by claiming that they feared for their life. In fact, police who arrest a killer who claims they acted in self defense are themselves liable for payment of that person’s attorney’s fees if a judge later finds that the killing was lawful.
- A person who uses deadly force is not required to prove that they acted because they were in danger of imminent death or great bodily injury. It is the responsibility of the state attorney with jurisdiction in the case to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the person acted in a way that was unreasonable.
- Only a judge may decide whether a defendant had a reasonable fear of death or injury under the SYG law. An amendment of the judicial immunity provisions would allow a jury of citizens to make that determination.
- Courts in Florida do not currently agree about whether a person may claim the protection of the SYG law even if they leave a place of safety and cause injury or death to another. An amendment could make this clear.
- Florida’s “Speedy Trial” laws require that a state attorney file charges and present its case to the court no later than 180 days from the time a defendant is arrested. Therefore, it is not always advisable to push for a speedy arrest as it may lead to a prosecution without sufficient time for all the important evidence to be collected. A hasty arrest may cause the case to be lost.
- Florida law allows a criminal defendant to sue people who make an accusation against him/her in civil court and, if they lose, force the accusers to pay the defendant’s civil court costs. In other words, if Trayvon Martin’s family sues the admitted shooter, George Zimmerman, and they lose, the Martins can be forced to pay Zimmerman’s civil attorneys’ fees and other court costs.

The Miami-Dade State Attorney’s who met with CRB members did take a position about the actions of the man who killed Trayvon Martin. “Stand Your Ground”, they said, does not allow a person to leave a place of safety in order to pursue someone just because they believe the person being pursued may have committed a crime. The “Castle Doctrine” recognizes a person’s right to defend their home or business and to use deadly force if they are placed in imminent danger of death or great bodily harm. It does not give a vigilant the right to chase a person down and shoot them.

Clearly, there is much work to be done in the pursuit of justice for Trayvon.

- The State Legislature and the Governor’s Task Force needs to take a hard look at the “Stand Your Ground” law to determine whether it achieves the outcomes intended or whether changes need to be made to protect the innocent and punish the guilty. The CRB supports the actions of State Senator Oscar Braynon to convene legislative hearings and Governor Rick Scott who convened a Task Force that will try to ensure that residents are protected.
- The police in Sanford and in Seminole County need to work closely with the state attorney to conduct a thorough and complete investigation of the circumstances and motives that led to Trayvon Martin’s death. We anticipate the best efforts of State Attorney Angela Corey, who
has been appointed by Governor Rick Scott to prosecute this case, and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, whom the Governor has directed to assist.

- Law enforcement elected and appointed officials and community leaders in Sanford need to work closely with the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Community Relations Service. We understand local officials and community leaders have been receptive to DOJ staff and have begun to implement strategies that will better inform and engage family members and concerned residents.
- The DOJ’s criminal prosecutors need to be both vigorous and fair in their application of applicable federal laws for the protection of the civil rights of Trayvon Martin as well as the rights of George Zimmerman.

There is nothing that any of us can do to restore what has been lost in this tragedy. People in our community are heartbroken over the shooting death of Trayvon Martin, a promising 17 year-old high school student, under such tragic and troubling circumstances. As we look for ways to respond, it is important that we support each other and engage with community members and responsible authorities in a spirit of cooperation and mutual respect. In this way, we can each do our part to pursue justice and healing.

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Cc: Diaz, Rene (Advocacy); Harris Jr., Edward B. (DIST7)
Subject: Approve Updated CRB Statement

Mr. Shohat and Dr. Richardson:

Please review the updated CRB Statement attached. Thank you.

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Teenager's Death Should Inspire Positive Change
A POSITION PAPER FROM THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD
March 28, 2012

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The emotions of grief, bewilderment, pain and anger that this young man’s death has created across our nation and the world, are being felt with particular poignancy in Miami-Dade County. Trayvon was a local kid, a young man of promise with deep family and personal ties to this community. Like so many of his peers, Trayvon was blessed with unique and valuable attributes that gave his life special worth. Young people such as these inspire a sense of hope for the future. The loss of any hurts us all.

These feelings of loss can exacerbate destructive impulses like hatred and revenge. We have all heard the shrill voices. Expressions of outrage and accusations come more sincerely from those who believe Trayvon’s killing was unlawful and racially motivated. But when passions threaten to overwhelm, courage and fortitude are needed most.

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It is the youth who are creating a movement that may help save their generation from further devastation by gun violence and from the pervasive wrongs of prejudice and racial hatred. We applaud a movement that aspires to value every life in our community. Fueled by action and inspired by teenagers and young adults, these efforts are most sincerely welcomed.

The CRB also understands that Florida laws are critical to the safety and security of all residents. Last week, we reached out to Miami-Dade State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle and she sent some of her senior attorneys to inform and educate us about the so-called “Stand Your Ground” law, (F.S. 776.032). We learned the following:
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Dr. Richardson and Mr. Shohat:

I have committed to preparing ASAP a first draft of a statement for the CRB regarding the Trayvon Martin case, the Stand Your Ground law and related issues. Unfortunately, I have been unable to complete this draft up to this time, due to the need to address the numerous phone calls, emails and requests for assistance and information that I have received related to this case since the CRB met on this issue last Thursday. Please be assured that I will forward a draft to Mr. Shohat before he returns on Monday morning. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

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From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2012 1:20 PM
To: Battles, Thomas (CRS)
Subject: FW: Miami Justice for Trayvon Martin Rally, April 1
Attachments: TrayvonMartin_Miami_Rally.jpg

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JUSTICE FOR TRAYVON MARTIN

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Join the parents of Trayvon Martin: Tracy Martin and Sabrina Fulton, Attorney Benjamin Crump, Elected Officials, Community Leaders, Clergy, National Speakers and Celebrities

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From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 3:55 PM
To: Gordon, Joan (Elections)
Subject: CRB Questions for Elections Supervisor
Attachments: CRB Elections Supervisor Questions March 2012.docx

Joan:

Please see the final approved questions attached which are the same as the draft submitted earlier, minus the occasional typo. The questions are intended to serve as an aide to Ms. Townsley in preparing her remarks and reflect issues and concerns shared with the CRB members and staff by members of our community. Thanks again and please tell Ms. Townsley that we very much appreciate your patience in receiving these questions. We have been very tied up responding to a barrage of community inquiries about issues related to the Trayvon Martin case (the Miami Gardens teen shot and killed in Sanford Florida) and this delayed our ability to provide the questions as anticipated.

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From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 7:09 PM
To: Mildred Duprey de Robles
Cc: Battles, Thomas (CRS)
Subject: CRB Responses to Trayvon Martin Tensions

A small contingent of Miami-Dade CRB staff and possibly CRB members, County Commissioners and or their staffs will be traveling to Sanford for activities on March 31. We are also available for meetings with Sanford officials and/or community leaders on March 30 and/or 31.

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From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 7:01 PM
To: 'Dr. Walter T. Richardson'
Cc: Diaz, Rene (Advocacy); Harris Jr., Edward B. (DIST7); Morisseau, Yvans R. (Advocacy)
Subject: RE: Approve CRB Responses to Trayvon Martin Tensions

Dr. Richardson:

Thank you. We have also received the go ahead from our Director, Rene Diaz, to travel to Sanford to observe and to work with our Miami-Dade folks. Tommy Battles has suggested that the best time for us to go, (myself, Eddie Harris, Yvans, etc) is on Saturday, March 31. It has also been suggested that we may wish to be there on Monday, March 26? It will be one or the other. What do you think?

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From: Dr. Walter T. Richardson [mailto:wtrichardson@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 6:51 PM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Cc: Edward Shohat; Diaz, Rene (Advocacy); Harris Jr., Edward B. (DIST7)
Subject: Re: Approve CRB Responses to Trayvon Martin Tensions

Thanks Amy.
I read this rather hurriedly, as I am now at the rally in Sanford. It seems fine. So please proceed!

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 22, 2012, at 6:00 PM, "Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)" <AMY2@miamidade.gov> wrote:

Dr. Richardson:

Please approve CRB actions listed below as per your authority to act on behalf of the CRB pending the next Executive Committed and General Membership meeting.

The CRB Leadership Committee met earlier today with representatives of the Miami-Dade State Attorney’s Office, including Chief Assistants Don Horn, Kathleen Hogue, Jose Arrojo and Communications Director Ed Griffith and Assistants Raynald Louis and Janeen Jones. CRB
members in attendance were Ed Shohat, who chaired the meeting, Reinaldo Valdes, Maritza Lopez and Dr. Brad Brown. Also present were Maria Shohat and Rochelle Borelan, Commissioner Jordan’s Office, Retha Boone-Fye, Amy Carswell, Eddie Harris, Yvans Morisseau. The participants heard and presentation from SAO staff and a lively discussion ensued. The CRB members then met with staff and made the following recommendations:

- That the CRB issue a position paper about the need for calm and determined action by the community, describing concerns about the Stand Your Ground law, describing some actions that have been taken by other agencies (DOJ, State legislators, FBI, FDLE) and announcing a CRB youth initiative. I am currently preparing a draft in collaboration with Ed Shohat. The document will be vetted with those present at the leadership meeting to ensure factual accuracy and the important points are included. I have also received a commitment to collaborate from the Office of State Senator Oscar Braynon.

- That the CRB convene a community forum or town hall in cooperation with the Miami-Dade County Public Schools for the purpose of providing students an opportunity to be empowered by sharing their concerns and proposals for action with a panel of CRB leaders, agency leaders and elected officials. Panel members would respond to students concerns and comments, as appropriate, and recommend actions for empowerment. The forum would be a public event convened by the CRB and public comments limited to Miami-Dade high school students only.

Please advise. ASAP.

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Students in Trayvon Martin walkout damage drugstore

By Christina Veiga

About 100 students who walked out of class at North Miami Beach Senior High School in honor of Trayvon Martin, the Miami Gardens teenager who was shot to death last month in Sanford, ended up ransacking a Walgreens drugstore, breaking displays and merchandise, North Miami Beach police said.

The students walked out of school about 11 a.m. Friday in an otherwise peaceful demonstration, according to a statement emailed by police.

Walgreens surveillance cameras rolled as the students flooded the store and ran through the aisles. At one point, the school's assistant principal entered the store to try to get the students to leave. They soon begin streaming out of the store and back into the street.
Justin McCarthy

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 16, 2012 3:06 PM
To: wtrichardson@bellsouth.net
Subject: Fw: Fwd: Article on other cases in Sanford

From: Adora [mailto:adoranwezel@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Friday, March 16, 2012 12:48 PM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Subject: Fwd: Article on other cases in Sanford

Have you seen this article? The NAACP will have a March Rally on Saturday, March 31 in Sanford, FL. This is in addition to the March/Rally on March 21.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Dale R. Landry" <drlandry11@comcast.net>
Date: March 16, 2012 10:46:49 AM EDT
To: <adoranweze1@bellsouth.net>
Subject: Article on other cases in Sanford

Madam President:

Here is the article:

When Bill Lee Jr. took over as police chief in Sanford, Fla., last May, he promised to polish the force's image and clean up an agency that had lost the confidence of many residents, particularly in the black community.

But last month's shooting death of Trayvon Martin -- an unarmed black teenager who police said was shot by a white neighborhood watch captain -- has reopened old wounds. The police have not arrested George Zimmerman, 28, who is white, and who police said admitted to shooting the teen in self-defense.

According to the Sanford Police Department, Zimmerman called 911 before the shooting, identifying Martin as a “suspicious person.” He was then told not to follow the teen, who was walking from a nearby store to his father’s house in the gated community. But Zimmerman trailed Martin, and had a physical confrontation with him, police said. Moments later, Martin was fatally shot.

Lee has said he will not arrest Zimmerman because there is no evidence to suggest the shooting was anything other than self-defense. But the Martin family's attorneys and black community leaders have said the teenager was profiled and targeted because he was young and black.
In Sanford, hurt feelings over a string of past incidents involving black victims and white perpetrators have yet to ease, and the shooting rekindled distrust over the way police and courts have handled such cases. Local college students are planning rallies over the Martin case, and this afternoon, ministers from a number of black churches in the area gathered to voice their anger.

“There has been tension between the black community and the police for a long time,” Turner Clayton, president of the local NAACP, told HuffPost Black Voices. “When [Chief Lee] first started, it seemed that things would get better, but with this Martin case, seems we're dealing with the same old Sanford regime.”

Lee's Brian To was fired from office last year following involving son, turned himself in after the video surfaced on YouTube and was charged in the attack.

Collison's family paid an undisclosed sum to the homeless man, Sherman Ware, and Ware asked prosecutors to drop the case. They didn't, and Collison eventually pleaded no contest and received probation, according to the Orlando Sentinel.

But the 2005 killing of a black teenager, Travares McGill, by two white security guards, one the son of a Sanford Police officer, drove city race relations to a modern low, according to some black residents.

Early one summer morning, security guards Patrick Swofford and Bryan Ansley saw McGill dropping off a group of friends in the parking lot of the apartment complex they were hired to guard, according to published reports. They claimed McGill tried to run them down, and both fired, later claiming self-defense. McGill was pronounced dead at the scene. Swofford was a police department volunteer and Ansley is the son of a former veteran of the force.

The pair was arrested and charged, Swofford with manslaughter and Ansley with firing into an occupied vehicle. But a judge later cited lack of evidence and dismissed both cases. According to autopsy reports, McGill suffered fatal gunshot wounds to the back, and it was unclear if the pair was in danger.

“People are outraged because they never recovered from the last shooting, or recovered from the beating a year or so ago with the policeman’s son,” said Turner. “All of these things are escalating and simmering, and it’s going to reach a point where it’s going to explode.”

The Sanford Police Department on Tuesday turned the case over to the Seminole County State Attorney’s Office. The state attorney will now decide whether or not Zimmerman will be charged in connection with the killing.

Natalie Jackson, an attorney for the Martin family and a Sanford native, said that she has no confidence Zimmerman will be charged. “I’m an eternal optimist,” Jackson said. “But if history [in Sanford] has shown me anything, they are not going to do anything.”

In the year since Lee took over the department, change seemed to be within reach.

Lee told the Orlando Sentinel in June that, “I hope to focus on developing partnerships with the community and continuing what they've started in their efforts of community policing: working...
in areas that will enable an officer to get to know the community he's working in; who in that community is not supposed to be there; work together with the community to identify problems.”

“All of the men and women of the police department that I've spoken to are committed to doing the best that they can and performing and bringing honor to the profession and organization.”

But the way the police have handled the Martin case has been called into question as more details surface.

_{ABC News has reported that a source inside the police department told them a narcotics detective, not a homicide detective, first approached Zimmerman and peppered him with questions, possibly leading his story._

Another officer reportedly corrected a witness after she told him that she heard the teen cry for help, according to ABC. The officer told the woman that it was Zimmerman who cried for help, not Martin.

Shortly after the shooting, the police told the Martin family that Zimmerman had a clean record, Tracy Martin, Trayvon’s father, told HuffPost. _But a public records search shows that he was arrested in 2005 for resisting arrest with violence and battery_. The charges were later dropped.

In an email to HuffPost on Wednesday, Lee refuted the idea that his officers would intentionally keep information about Zimmerman’s past from the public or Martin’s family.

“I do not know what Zimmerman told officers at the scene about his background,” he wrote. “Why would we lie about the background of Zimmerman that we know exists? The investigator in speaking with [Martin’s father] and relating the account given to law enforcement by Zimmerman told Mr. Martin that Zimmerman portrayed himself to be squeaky clean… hearts go out to the family of Trayvon and we are sorry for their loss.”

He added that his department, in consultation with the state attorney's office, worked “to complete a thorough and fair investigation as quickly as possible.”

At a press conference Monday, Lee told reporters and spectators that though the Martin shooting may have set relations back in the city, he believed the community and police still could work together.

“We want to build a partnership, and since I have been in office for 10 months we were making good strides and this is certainly a huge stumbling block,” Lee said. “And so it is a tragedy for the community and for the city of Sanford, too, because I believe we can truly have a great partnership and get through all the ugly thoughts and all the disagreements and ill will and hard feelings and truly come together as a community.”

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| From: amy [mailto:amy2@miamidade.gov] |
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| To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) |
| Subject: An article from www.miamiherald.com |

Amy has sent you the following story:

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Students at two Miami high schools stage walk out in protest of boy’s death

*By Laura Isensee*

More than 1,000 students walked out of Miami Carol City Senior High Thursday after lunch, chanting that they want justice for their former schoolmate Trayvon Martin, who was killed last month in Sanford.

Trayvon, 17, attended the school as a freshman and during part of his sophomore year.

"He needs it. His family needs it,” said Ebony Freeman, 17, about the calls for justice.

Read More...
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Subject: Fw: (updated) Congresswoman Wilson Announces Hometown Rally for Family of Trayvon Martin on Sunday, April 1 in Bayfront Park

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Arrive by 3pm - His name will be on list. Enter on south side of bayfront between bayside. The road that runs near Hardrock.

He will be shown where to park. Is he traveling with guest?

Sent via BlackBerry from T-Mobile

From: "Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)" <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
Date: Sat, 31 Mar 2012 17:00:38 -0400
To: <mccray.kim@gmail.com>
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Where should he report at Bayfront and at what time?

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Thanks. Best wishes.

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Hi Amy

Went over program late last night with family, he is a go. I was planning to contact u by 5pm to confirm but u reached out first. I'm on roller skates today. Thanks for your patience.

Sent via BlackBerry from T-Mobile
Ms McCray: Has there been a determination about including CRB Chair Dr Walter Richardson on the agenda for the Rally. Please advise asap. Thank you.

Thank you very much. See you in the morning.

Sent via BlackBerry from T-Mobile

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, U.S. Rep. Frederica Wilson (D-Fla.) announced that a hometown rally for the family of Trayvon Martin will be held on Sunday, April 1, 2012 at 4:00 pm in Bayfront Park in Miami.
Trayvon's parents, Tracy Martin and Sybrina Fulton, Congresswoman Wilson and Miami Commissioner Michelle Spence-Jones will be Congresswoman Corinne Brown and Congressman Al Green (D-Texas), FL state Representative Cynthia Stafford, Miami Commissioner Barbara Jordan, singer Betty Wright, actress JoMarie Payton and many other elected officials, community leaders and clergy.

National figures attending the hometown rally include Chaka Khan and Rev. Jesse Jackson.

Gates open for the public at 1:00 pm, and members of the press can start setting up at 12:00 noon.

For more information, contact Gwen Belton at gwen.belton@mail.house.gov or via cell at (305) 407-4270.

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Rep. Frederica S. Wilson is a first-term Congresswoman representing the 17th District of Florida, including Northern Miami-Dade and Southeast Broward Counties. A former state legislator and school principal, she is the founder of the 5000 Role Models for Excellence Project, a mentoring program for young males at risk of dropping out of school.

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Cc: From:
Subject: FW: Herald: State senator calls for hearings into Stand Your Ground law

FYI: More on Florida’s Stand Your Ground law

From: Ed Griffith [mailto:EdGriffith@MiamiSAO.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 10:41 AM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Subject: Herald: State senator calls for hearings into Stand Your Ground law

Hate to sound like a genius (as in what we had previously discussed) but this IS the way to go!

The Miami Herald

Posted on Tue, Mar. 20, 2012

State senator calls for hearings into Stand Your Ground law
By Marc Caputo
mcaputo@MiamiHerald.com

Florida Sen. Oscar Braynon, who represents the Miami Gardens district where Trayvon Martin’s mother lives, is calling for legislative hearings into the Stand Your Ground law implicated in last month’s shooting death of the 17-year-old in Sanford.

The law, passed in 2005, expands the rights of people to use deadly force in public if they feel threatened during a confrontation. If a shooter invokes the law, and no witnesses can dispute his claim of feeling threatened, police are all but forbidden from arresting him.

Braynon says that’s a problem.

"The Legislature needs to take a look at Stand Your Ground," Braynon told The Miami Herald. "This is a perfect case of where it goes awry. This could only be the beginning of more problems down the road. It has unintended consequences. When the Legislature passed this in 2005, I don’t think they planned for people who would go out and become vigilantes or be like some weird Batman who would go out and kill little kids like Trayvon."

The shooting has gripped the national news media’s attention. Florida Gov. Rick Scott has called in the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to examine the case. The Department of Justice and FBI are investigating as well.

Braynon said he’s drafting a letter to incoming Florida Senate President Don Gaetz to ask for legislative hearings into the law, how it’s worked and how to improve or scrap it. Braynon, an African-American legislator, also plans to ask the Florida Conference of Black State Legislators to unite behind his call for hearings.

"As we see, this law could disproportionately affect the African American population," Braynon said. "We know how racial profiling goes. If you feel intimidated by someone, you can pull a gun on someone and shoot them? That’s not the kind of law we need."
Trayvon, a Michael Krop Senior High School student, was killed Feb. 26 in Sanford, a town of 55,000 just north of Orlando. The 17-year-old boy, on suspension from school, was staying at his father’s girlfriend’s house when he walked to a nearby 7-Eleven store to buy candy and iced tea.

George Zimmerman, 28, a neighborhood watch volunteer with a long history of calling in everything from open garage doors to “suspicious characters,” called police to say he had spotted someone who looked drugged, was walking too slowly in the rain, and appeared to be looking at people’s houses. Zimmerman sounded alarmed because the stranger had his hand in his waistband and held something in his other hand.

The unarmed teen was carrying Skittles and a can of Arizona iced tea. Zimmerman said he had stepped out of his truck to check the name of the street he was on when Trayvon attacked him from behind as he walked back to his truck, police said. He fired the semiautomatic handgun he was licensed to carry because he feared for his life.

Read more here: http://www.miamiherald.com/2012/03/20/v-print/2703579/state-senator-calls-for-hearings.html#storylink=cpy
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To: Ronald Fulton
Subject: FW: Is the "stand your ground" debate helping or hurting justice for Trayvon?

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From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 6:16 PM
To: 'muhammed malik'; 'subhash.kateel@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Is the "stand your ground" debate helping or hurting justice for Trayvon?

Subhash and Muhammed:
FYI: A Committee of Community Relations Board leaders met today with senior assistants from the Miami-Dade State Attorney's office to discussed issues and concerns related to Florida's "Stand Your Ground" law. The CRB will issue a statement in the next few days describing some of the components of the law that the CRB members believe are inconsistent with our community's commonly held belief in the value of human life. The statement will encourage our elected officials to define and pursue specific legislative action needed to update and reform Florida laws with the goal of protecting all of us from future tragedies and unintended consequences such as that which contributed to the death of Trayvon Martin.

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opinions? here's an opinion piece by subhash kateel, co-host of let's talk about it radio. tune in to our show every wednesday night 7pm. we cover events on the ground and talk about real issues with real people. SHARE THIS! http://www.letstalkaboutit.info/2012/03/by-subhash-kateel-it-almost-hurts-me-to.html

Thursday, March 22, 2012

Is the “stand your ground” debate helping or hurting justice for Trayvon?
By Subhash Kateel

It almost hurts me to write anything about Trayvon Martin. Since he was killed, there has been a massive outcry amongst almost anyone with a beating heart. As I was preparing for my radio show dedicated to Trayvon’s murder, what struck me about this case is that virtually every person I talked to, White, Black, Brown, liberal or conservative, gun owner or not, is outraged at Trayvon’s murder and the actions/inactions of the Sanford Police Department and local prosecutors. It hurts even more to criticize people I respect who I feel are making a huge mistake putting Florida’s “stand your ground,” “shoot first” or “self-defense” law (depending on your perspective) on the same trial as Trayvon’s killer George Zimmerman and the cops who failed to do the right thing. In the end, I think the insistence on making this as much about “stand your ground” as it is about Trayvon, the man that murdered him and the police that didn’t do their job is hurting the case.

If you don’t know by now, 17-year-old Miami native Trayvon Martin was visiting his father in Sanford, Florida, a small town north of Orlando. Volunteer neighborhood watchman, George Zimmerman called the police, follows Trayvon against the advice of a 911 dispatcher, confronts him and shoots him to death with his legally owned 9 mm pistol. The cops come and don’t arrest Zimmerman, calling the killing a justifiable homicide.

It is not easy to say that people I look up to (and not because I am short) may be hurting Trayvon’s case, and I don’t think it is intentional in any way. That doesn’t stop my belief that entangling Trayvon’s murder with “stand your ground” is counterproductive. For example, one of my favorite broadcast journalists, Amy Goodman of Democracy Now, spent ten minutes of her Tuesday program talking with guests that labeled attempts to repeal “stand your ground,” “Trayvon’s reversal.” One of my favorite state senators, Oscar Braynon (D-Miami Gardens) is calling for hearings on “stand your ground,” telling the Miami Herald that “this is a perfect case of where it goes awry.” Mother Jones, a magazine I read often, ran an article yesterday referring to it as “the law protecting Trayvon Martin’s killer.” Josh Horwitz of the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence, an organization I once featured on my show, did an entire analysis of the bill in a Huffington Post article claiming that the law is “arming Zimmerman’s” defense. Even a Facebook friend of mine declared on my wall yesterday that Zimmerman was “within the limits of the law.” I could literally go on for pages.

There are many, many, things wrong with this all of this. For starters, accepting that “stand your ground” is the reason Zimmerman is not in jail requires us to believe that Zimmerman was actually defending himself and that the cops who responded to the case actually did their job and were just following the law. It also means not believing Trayvon’s family lawyer, Jasmine Rand, who insisted on the exact same Democracy Now program mentioned above that there is more than enough evidence for cops to arrest George Zimmerman and for prosecutors to prosecute him, if only people in power would do their jobs. Furthermore, almost every person talking about Trayvon’s murder and “stand your ground” in the same breath are either not reading the law, misreading it or reading the wrong parts of it. In the end, insinuating in any way that Zimmerman, the cops or the prosecutors simply acted within the limits of the law and that the law is the primary problem in this case, not only creates reasonable doubt in the court of public opinion where there should be none, it unnecessarily turns a clear cut case of right vs. wrong, illegal vs. legal, and murder into an unhelpful ideological and culture war that doesn’t benefit Trayvon, his family or justice.

If you look at the mountain of evidence in the case, from the 911 tapes where a dispatcher tells Zimmerman to not follow Trayvon into the neighborhood, to the conversation between Trayvon and his girlfriend where he
fears he is being followed by someone, to the eyewitnesses in the case who told Anderson Cooper that right after hearing Zimmerman (who outweighed Trayvon by 100 pounds) shoot Trayvon, they saw Zimmerman on top of him, the idea that Zimmerman was using deadly force to prevent imminent death, great bodily harm or a forcible felony (as the law requires) quickly falls apart.

If people who are much smarter than me would just read the law in its entirety, and not just the parts they like or dislike, they would see that Florida's “Justifiable Use of Force” statutes (it is not called “stand your ground,” “shoot to kill,” or “yippie ki yay, I'm a cowboy”) include a section (776.041) that few people (even those defending the law) mention which explicitly prohibits a shooter from using self defense as an excuse, when they are the ones provoking the use of force. In fact, in those cases, the law requires exactly what Senator Braynon and Josh Horwitz want, that people provoking a confrontation must try to escape it, and not just shoot first.

On my show yesterday, Tampa Gun Shop owner and firearms instructor Vic Grechniw, who teaches the same classes that Zimmerman was required to take before getting his Concealed Weapons Permit, not only insists that he sees nothing justifiable in Zimmerman's actions, he states that he doesn't know any firearms instructors that would. The irony of the whole situation is that he believes if you read Florida's law in its entirety, there was one person that had the right to “stand his ground” against a perceived “imminent” threat, and that person was Trayvon Martin.

But he is not alone, the Republican lawmakers that crafted Florida's specific “stand your ground” provisions don't get why Zimmerman hasn't been charged yet. A former Miami Dade prosecutor told the Herald that if Zimmerman was asked to back off (which a 911 dispatcher did), then “he’s not covered by the law.” Miami criminal defense attorney Marcus Tan told me on my show that if the cops did their jobs, there was more than enough to make an arrest. By constantly invoking existing Florida law as the primary barrier, some of my friends speaking out for Trayvon while saying that the cops acted within the current law, seem to be the only ones that disagree.

If anything, after reading the entire Justifiable Use of Force statute, what troubled me most wasn’t its newer “stand your ground” provisions, but its older provisions (776.05) giving law enforcement officers (as opposed to wannabe cops) a whole lot of leeway to use “any force”(including lethal force) in a wide variety of situations. Is this the law used to let crooked Miami Beach Cop Adam Tavss off the hook for two questionable shootings in one week two years ago right before he was arrested for growing drugs in his basement? If so, should the people newly interested in “stand your ground” be interested in reviewing all of it?

The reason all of this is important is twofold. As a practical matter, if this case does go to trial, in criminal court or civil court, it will not be in my old home New York, Washington DC, or California. It will be in Florida, and likely require a jury of Floridians. The jury pool may very well consist of people that own guns, have concealed weapons permits, agree with “stand your ground,” but still think murdering a young boy is a GOD-awful thing to do. The more this is about issues that invoke a culture war and a shooter that acted within “the limits of the law,” and not a clear case of unlawful murder of a young boy and incompetent cops that didn’t make a proper arrest, the more it muddies the minds of people that may serve on a jury.

But perhaps more importantly, it is patently unfair to expect Trayvon’s family, anyone mourning Trayvon’s murder, hashtagging his name on twitter or saying a prayer for his family to recount, research, or recite the long history of race relations, self defense laws, gun ownership or anything else in order to achieve justice for Trayvon. If this is a race issue, a gun issue, or a culture war issue, it is because a man murdered a young boy and the specific cops in the case neither followed the law nor did their job. Can we all stand our ground, together, on that fact?

Don't forget to tune in to our show every Wednesday at 7pm.
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Subject: FW: Major Performing Artists Trayvon Martin Tribute


See major performing artists tribute to Trayvon Martin.

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Have you seen this article? The NAACP will have a March Rally on Saturday, March 31 in Sanford, FL. This is in addition to the March /Rally on March 21.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

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Madam President:

Here is the article:

When Bill Lee Jr. took over as police chief in Sanford, Fla., last May, he promised to polish the force’s image and clean up an agency that had lost the confidence of many residents, particularly in the black community.

But last month’s shooting death of Trayvon Martin -- an unarmed black teenager who police said was shot by a white neighborhood watch captain -- has reopened old wounds. The police have not arrested George Zimmerman, 28, who is white, and who police said admitted to shooting the teen in self-defense.

According to the Sanford Police Department, Zimmerman called 911 before the shooting, identifying Martin as a “suspicious person.” He was then told not to follow the teen, who was walking from a nearby store to his father’s house in the gated community. But Zimmerman trailed Martin, and had a physical confrontation with him, police said. Moments later, Martin was fatally shot.

Lee has said he will not arrest Zimmerman because there is no evidence to suggest the shooting was anything other than self-defense. But the Martin family's attorneys and black community leaders have said the teenager was profiled and targeted because he was young and black.
In Sanford, hurt feelings over a string of past incidents involving black victims and white perpetrators have yet to ease, and the shooting rekindled distrust over the way police and courts have handled such cases. Local college students are planning rallies over the Martin case, and this afternoon, ministers from a number of black churches in the area gathered to voice their anger.

“There has been tension between the black community and the police for a long time,” Turner Clayton, president of the local NAACP, told HuffPost Black Voices. “When [Chief Lee] first started, it seemed that things would get better, but with this Martin case, seems we're dealing with the same old Sanford regime.”

Lee’s predecessor, Brian Tooley, was forced from office last year following a scandal involving a lieutenant’s son who was captured on video attacking a homeless black man. Police officers reportedly questioned him but did not arrest him. The officer’s son, Justin Collison, 21, later turned himself in after the video surfaced on YouTube and was charged in the attack.

Collison’s family paid an undisclosed sum to the homeless man, Sherman Ware, and Ware asked prosecutors to drop the case. They didn’t, and Collison eventually pleaded no contest and received probation, according to the Orlando Sentinel.

But the 2005 killing of a black teenager, Travares McGill, by two white security guards, one the son of a Sanford Police officer, drove city race relations to a modern low, according to some black residents.

Early one summer morning, security guards Patrick Swofford and Bryan Ansley saw McGill dropping off a group of friends in the parking lot of the apartment complex they were hired to guard, according to published reports. They claimed McGill tried to run them down, and both fired, later claiming self-defense. McGill was pronounced dead at the scene. Swofford was a police department volunteer and Ansley is the son of a former veteran of the force.

The pair was arrested and charged, Swofford with manslaughter and Ansley with firing into an occupied vehicle. But a judge later cited lack of evidence and dismissed both cases. According to autopsy reports, McGill suffered fatal gunshot wounds to the back, and it was unclear if the pair was in danger.

“People are outraged because they never recovered from the last shooting, or recovered from the beating a year or so ago with the policeman’s son,” said Turner. “All of these things are escalating and simmering, and it’s going to reach a point where it’s going to explode.”

The Sanford Police Department on Tuesday turned the case over to the Seminole County State Attorney’s Office. The state attorney will now decide whether or not Zimmerman will be charged in connection with the killing.

Natalie Jackson, an attorney for the Martin family and a Sanford native, said that she has no confidence Zimmerman will be charged. “I’m an eternal optimist,” Jackson said. “But if history [in Sanford] has shown me anything, they are not going to do anything.”

In the year since Lee took over the department, change seemed to be within reach.

Lee told the Orlando Sentinel in June that, “I hope to focus on developing partnerships with the community and continuing what they’ve started in their efforts of community policing: working
in areas that will enable an officer to get to know the community he's working in; who in that community is not supposed to be there; work together with the community to identify problems.”

“All of the men and women of the police department that I've spoken to are committed to doing the best that they can and performing and bringing honor to the profession and organization.”

But the way the police have handled the Martin case has been called into question as more details surface.

_ABC News has reported that a source inside the police department told them a narcotics detective, not a homicide detective, first approached Zimmerman and peppered him with questions, possibly leading his story._

Another officer reportedly corrected a witness after she told him that she heard the teen cry for help, according to ABC. The officer told the woman that it was Zimmerman who cried for help, not Martin.

Shortly after the shooting, the police told the Martin family that Zimmerman had a clean record, Tracy Martin, Trayvon’s father, told HuffPost. _But a public records search shows that he was arrested in 2005 for resisting arrest with violence and battery._ The charges were later dropped.

In an email to HuffPost on Wednesday, Lee refuted the idea that his officers would intentionally keep information about Zimmerman’s past from the public or Martin’s family.

“I do not know what Zimmerman told officers at the scene about his background,” he wrote. “Why would we lie about the background of Zimmerman that we know exists? The investigator in speaking with [Martin’s father] and relating the account given to law enforcement by Zimmerman told Mr. Martin that Zimmerman portrayed himself to be squeaky clean... hearts go out to the family of Trayvon and we are sorry for their loss.”

He added that his department, in consultation with the state attorney's office, worked “to complete a thorough and fair investigation as quickly as possible.”

At a press conference Monday, Lee told reporters and spectators that though the Martin shooting may have set relations back in the city, he believed the community and police still could work together.

“We want to build a partnership, and since I have been in office for 10 months we were making good strides and this is certainly a huge stumbling block,” Lee said. “And so it is a tragedy for the community and for the city of Sanford, too, because I believe we can truly have a great partnership and get through all the ugly thoughts and all the disagreements and ill will and hard feelings and truly come together as a community.”

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Is the “stand your ground” debate helping or hurting justice for Trayvon?
By Subhash Kateel

It almost hurts me to write anything about Trayvon Martin. Since he was killed, there has been a massive outcry amongst almost anyone with a beating heart. As I was preparing for my radio show dedicated to Trayvon’s murder, what struck me about this case is that virtually every person I talked to, White, Black, Brown, liberal or conservative, gun owner or not, is outraged at Trayvon’s murder and the actions/inactions of the Sanford Police Department and local prosecutors. It hurts even more to criticize people I respect who I feel are making a huge mistake putting Florida’s “stand your ground,” “shoot first” or “self-defense” law (depending on your perspective) on the same trial as Trayvon’s killer George Zimmerman and the cops who failed to do the right thing. In the end, I think the insistence on making this as much about “stand your ground” as it is about Trayvon, the man that murdered him and the police that didn’t do their job is hurting the case.

If you don’t know by now, 17-year-old Miami native Trayvon Martin was visiting his father in Sanford, Florida, a small town north of Orlando. Volunteer neighborhood watchman, George Zimmerman called the police, follows Trayvon against the advice of a 911 dispatcher, confronts him and shoots him to death with his legally owned 9 mm pistol. The cops come and don’t arrest Zimmerman, calling the killing a justifiable homicide.

It is not easy to say that people I look up to (and not because I am short) may be hurting Trayvon’s case, and I don’t think it is intentional in any way. That doesn’t stop my belief that entangling Trayvon’s murder with “stand your ground” is counterproductive. For example, one of my favorite broadcast journalists, Amy Goodman of Democracy Now, spent ten minutes of her Tuesday program talking with guests that labeled attempts to repeal “stand your ground,” “Trayvon’s reversal.” One of my favorite state senators, Oscar Braynon (D-Miami Gardens) is calling for hearings on “stand your ground,” telling the Miami Herald that “this is a perfect case of where it goes awry.” Mother Jones, a magazine I read often, ran an article yesterday referring to it as “the law protecting Trayvon Martin’s killer.” Josh Horwitz of the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence, an organization I once featured on my show, did an entire analysis of the bill in a Huffington Post article claiming that the law is “arming Zimmerman’s” defense. Even a Facebook friend of mine declared on my wall yesterday that Zimmerman was “within the limits of the law.” I could literally go on for pages.

There are many, many, things wrong with this all of this. For starters, accepting that “stand your ground” is the reason Zimmerman is not in jail requires us to believe that Zimmerman was actually defending himself and that the cops who responded to the case actually did their job and were just following the law. It also means not believing Trayvon’s family lawyer, Jasmine Rand, who insisted on the exact same Democracy Now program mentioned above that there is more than enough evidence for cops to arrest George Zimmerman and for prosecutors to prosecute him, if only people in power would do their jobs. Furthermore, almost every person talking about Trayvon’s murder and “stand your ground” in the same breath are either not reading the law, misreading it or reading the wrong parts of it. In the end, insinuating in any way that Zimmerman, the cops or the prosecutors simply acted within the limits of the law and that the law is the primary problem in this case, not only creates reasonable doubt in the court of public opinion where there should be none, it unnecessarily turns a clear cut case of right vs. wrong, illegal vs. legal, and murder into an unhelpful ideological and culture war that doesn’t benefit Trayvon, his family or justice.

If you look at the mountain of evidence in the case, from the 911 tapes where a dispatcher tells Zimmerman to not follow Trayvon into the neighborhood, to the conversation between Trayvon and his girlfriend where he
fears he is being followed by someone. Another witness who told Anderson Cooper that right after hearing Zimmerman (who outweighed Trayvon by 100 pounds) shoot Trayvon, they saw Zimmerman on top of him, the idea that Zimmerman was using deadly force to prevent imminent death, great bodily harm or a forcible felony (as the law requires) quickly falls apart.

If people who are much smarter than me would just read the law in its entirety, and not just the parts they like or dislike, they would see that Florida’s “Justifiable Use of Force” statutes (it is not called “stand your ground,” “shoot to kill,” or “yippie ki yay, I’m a cowboy”) include a section (776.041) that few people (even those defending the law) mention which explicitly prohibits a shooter from using self defense as an excuse, when they are the ones provoking the use of force. In fact, in those cases, the law requires exactly what Senator Braynon and Josh Horwitz want, that people provoking a confrontation must try to escape it, and not just shoot first.

On my show yesterday, Tampa Gun Shop owner and firearms instructor Vic Grechniw, who teaches the same classes that Zimmerman was required to take before getting his Concealed Weapons Permit, not only insists that he sees nothing justifiable in Zimmerman’s actions, he states that he doesn’t know any firearms instructors that would. The irony of the whole situation is that he believes if you read Florida’s law in its entirety, there was one person that had the right to “stand his ground” against a perceived “imminent” threat, and that person was Trayvon Martin.

But he is not alone, the Republican lawmakers that crafted Florida’s specific “stand your ground” provisions don’t get why Zimmerman hasn’t been charged yet. A former Miami Dade prosecutor told the Herald that if Zimmerman was asked to back off (which a 911 dispatcher did), then “he’s not covered by the law.” Miami criminal defense attorney Marcus Tan told me on my show that if the cops did their jobs, there was more than enough to make an arrest. By constantly invoking existing Florida law as the primary barrier, some of my friends speaking out for Trayvon while saying that the cops acted within the current law, seem to be the only ones that disagree.

If anything, after reading the entire Justifiable Use of Force statute, what troubled me most wasn’t its newer “stand your ground” provisions, but its older provisions (776.05) giving law enforcement officers (as opposed to wannabe cops) a whole lot of leeway to use “any force”(including lethal force) in a wide variety of situations. Is this the law used to let crooked Miami Beach Cop Adam Tavss off the hook for two questionable shootings in one week two years ago right before he was arrested for growing drugs in his basement? If so, should the people newly interested in “stand your ground” be interested in reviewing all of it?

The reason all of this is important is twofold. As a practical matter, if this case does go to trial, in criminal court or civil court, it will not be in my old home New York, Washington DC, or California. It will be in Florida, and likely require a jury of Floridians. The jury pool may very well consist of people that own guns, have concealed weapons permits, agree with “stand your ground,” but still think murdering a young boy is a GOD-awful thing to do. The more this is about issues that invoke a culture war and a shooter that acted within “the limits of the law,” and not a clear case of unlawful murder of a young boy and incompetent cops that didn’t make a proper arrest, the more it muddies the minds of people that may serve on a jury.

But perhaps more importantly, it is patently unfair to expect Trayvon’s family, anyone mourning Trayvon’s murder, hashtagging his name on twitter or saying a prayer for his family to recount, research, or recite the long history of race relations, self defense laws, gun ownership or anything else in order to achieve justice for Trayvon. If this is a race issue, a gun issue, or a culture war issue, it is because a man murdered a young boy and the specific cops in the case neither followed the law nor did their job. Can we all stand our ground, together, on that fact?

Don't forget to tune in to our show every Wednesday at 7pm.
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Subject: FW: Major Performing Artists Trayvon Martin Tribute


See major performing artists tribute to Trayvon Martin.

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From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
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Cc: Diaz, Rene (Advocacy); 'waiter richardson'; Harris Jr., Edward B. (DIST7); Morisseau, Yvans R. (Advocacy)
Subject: Miami-Dade CRB Deployments Related to Martin Case

Mr. Battles:

As you know, the board members and staff of the Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board (CRB) are committed to responding to intergroup tensions and to building bridges of understanding and respect among our diverse communities. Unfortunately, we will not be able to attend the NAACP March in Sanford or to meet with representatives of the City this week as previously discussed. A host of events and activities being conducted in Miami-Dade County will require our attentions here and we will therefore be unable to travel to Sanford at this time. Please be aware that Trayvon Martin's family, in cooperation with County Commissioner Barbara Jordan, Congresswoman Frederica Wilson and Miami Commissioner Spence Jones, are planning a "mass rally" in Miami's Bayfront Park on Sunday, April 1, 2012, 4 p.m. The CRB Goodwill Ambassadors are being activated and CRB board members and staff are coordinating with the organizers who anticipate 15,000 - 20,000 participants. Other local events this week are a rally/march organized by Haitian American leaders in North Dade this evening, a rally organized by pastors in the Goulds community of South Dade on this Friday, and other events, etc. We had been anticipating an opportunity to work directly with you, Florida NAACP leaders and members of the Sanford community, and regret that we will be unable to do so at this time. We are confident that the NAACP event will be well organized and productive.

Please appreciate that the Miami-Dade County CRB will continue to collaborate with the DOJ Community Relations Service and to assist whenever we can with important efforts that you identify. I have shared with you and Ms. De Robles some of the model strategies and programs that the Miami-Dade CRB has implemented that members of the Sanford community may find informative in their efforts to address community tensions there. We would be willing to meet with Sanford city officials, or other relevant parties, at a time that is mutually convenient. We hope to see you soon.

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Amy: Good to hear from you. We look forward to working with you and the CRB's team that will be on site to work the NAACP march. It is my understanding that several buses from Miami Dade will be in Sanford to participate in the march. Your experience and familiarity with the Miami Leadership will serve to reduce tension as it may arise.

In addition we will facilitate a meeting between the CRB and the Project Manager for the City that has responsibility for community relations and outreach.

See you on Saturday.

Tommy
Justin McCarthy

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Subject: FW: Herald: Justice Dept. & Trayvon Martin killing & Stand your Ground

CRB Executives:
FYI: we have been involved for some days in discussions with trusted advisors at the Miami-Dade State Attorney, Brad Brown NAACP and Ronald Fulton, CRB Executive and uncle of Trayvon Martin about the impact of the Stand Your Ground law on the prosecution of the man who shot Martin and other unintended consequences. Working to change/modify this law may be an effective way to help channel our community's distress over this young man's death into positive action and thereby reduce community tensions. I will keep you informed of further developments.

From: Ed Griffith [mailto:EdGriffith@MiamiSAO.com]
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Superb explanation of "Stand Your Ground"

The Miami Herald

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Florida’s self-defense law could hamper efforts to prosecute Trayvon Martin shooter

By DAVID OVALLE and FRANCES ROBLES
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Martin Family Photos, File / AP Photo
FILE - In this undated file family photo, Trayvon Martin poses for a family photo. College students around Florida rallied Monday, March 19, 2012, to demand the arrest of a white neighborhood watch captain who shot unarmed teen Martin last month, though authorities may be hamstrung by a state law that allows people to defend themselves with deadly force. Florida’s controversial 2005 “Stand-Your-Ground” self-defense law could hamper any efforts to charge a Sanford man who fatally shot an unarmed Miami Gardens teenager, legal experts say.

An arrest could hinge on whether prosecutors believe neighborhood watch volunteer George Zimmerman acted unreasonably when he encountered the teen, Trayvon Martin, whom he suspected was a prowler. A 911 dispatcher told Zimmerman he didn’t need to follow the youth, and now attorneys want to know whether he did so anyway.

“If he was attacked, he can stand his ground,” said retired Miami-Dade prosecutor David Waksman, who is not involved in the case. “But if police say back off and we’ll take care of it, he’s not covered by the law.”
Florida’s controversial self-defense law eliminated a citizen’s duty to retreat before using deadly force to confront an attacker. Police and prosecutors statewide have derided the measure, saying the law fosters a shoot-first, ask-questions-later mentality and gives criminals a pass on facing justice.

The law also included a provision that grants “immunity” from prosecution or civil suit if a person is deemed to have acted in self-defense, though lawmakers did not clearly specify exactly who bestows the immunity.

After a series of court battles across the state, the Florida Supreme Court in December 2010 ruled that judges should be the ones to weigh the evidence under a looser standard than the familiar “beyond a reasonable doubt” one used before juries in criminal cases.

Since then, South Florida judges have dismissed charges in several high-profile murder cases in which defendants sought immunity based on the law.

Last month, however, Miami-Dade Circuit Judge Milton Hirsch denied the immunity claim of a Florida International University student who fatally stabbed an unarmed football player during a brawl.

The law “does not justify the use of deadly force in response to threats or shows of force of any and every kind. In ordinary circumstances a push or a slap may be met with a push or a slap, or perhaps a punch — but not with a bullet,” Hirsch said.

Said Miami-Dade defense attorney Jeffrey Weiner, who recently had a murder case thrown out by a judge on self-defense grounds: “The shooter must be able to point out, preferably with witnesses, that he wasn’t just seeking vigilante justice.”

Still, legal experts say Zimmerman, if arrested, would probably be charged with manslaughter and not murder — and would have a strong defense under Florida’s law, with a judge needing to decide first whether he is immune from prosecution.

“I think absolutely this is a case that squarely falls within the Stand Your Ground immunity statute,” said defense attorney Bill Matthewman. “Even if he shouldn’t have been following [Martin] he’s not committing a crime and he can stand his ground.”

Zimmerman, 28, the target of the investigation, is a neighborhood watch volunteer who fatally shot Martin on Feb. 26 at the Retreat at Twin Lakes community in Sanford. He has not been charged.

The case has sparked racial tensions, because Martin was black and Zimmerman is not. Martin’s family has insisted Zimmerman was racially profiling the teen, who was visiting friends of relatives and that night had walked to the store to buy candy.

While prosecutors decide whether charges are warranted, attorneys say Sanford’s police chief has been unusually forceful in declaring that Zimmerman appeared to be acting in self-defense when he killed the teen in a public walkway at a housing community.

To be sure, not all the facts in Zimmerman’s case have been released to the public. But according to 911 calls released last week, Zimmerman told dispatchers that said the person now identified as 17-year-old Martin looked drugged and was walking slowly, as if looking inside people’s homes.

“These a--holes always get away,” complained Zimmerman, who has called 911 scores of times to complain of potential criminals.

Zimmerman, who was in his truck, told the dispatcher that the suspicious person had his hand in his waist band — suggesting he thought the teen was armed, a fact that could bolster his defense. “Something’s wrong with him. He’s coming to check me out,” Zimmerman said.

As Zimmerman narrated, the dispatcher asked: “Are you following him?”

“Yeah,” Zimmerman replied.

“We don’t need you to do that,” the dispatcher said.

An interpretation of that exchange could be key in deciding whether Zimmerman acted recklessly in pursuing Martin. Sanford Police Chief Bill Lee, in an interview last week, suggested that Zimmerman did not.

“That’s another question we get quite often: ‘He was told not to follow him.’” Lee said in an interview last week. “Well that’s a recommendation or a suggestion. It’s not a lawful order.”

Zimmerman’s responsibility to stay in his truck and keep out of it was a “moral responsibility,” Lee said. Zimmerman told police that he was headed back to his truck when Martin jumped him from behind, Lee said.

Waksman, the former Miami-Dade prosecutor, pointed out that Zimmerman was supposed to be a “crime watch” volunteer.
"You’re supposed to look and call it in," Waksman said. "He’s placing himself in danger and he can’t say, I had no choice. He did have a choice."

Indeed, Zimmerman got out of the truck, allegedly to check the name of the street he was on, which even Lee said he found implausible given the small size of the complex and the volunteer’s familiarity with it.

What happened next remains unclear. Calls to 911 alerted police to a scuffle and someone crying for help. Zimmerman claimed he was the one hollering for help. Witnesses thought it was Martin.

"Another important critical issue is, who is approaching who? Is he approaching the decedent and approaching him aggressively?" Matthewman said.

Zimmerman told investigators that Martin was the aggressor and that he was taking such a beating — and that no one responded to his calls for help — that he was forced to fire. "He had injuries consistent with his story," Lee said. Zimmerman’s statement to police has not been released to the public, but legal experts say that he could claim the boy was reaching for a perceived weapon, or even for Zimmerman’s own gun during the scuffle.

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**U.S. Department of Justice, FBI and FDLE to probe Trayvon Martin killing**

By Frances Robles
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**Trayvon Martin, 17, of Miami Gardens, shot and killed by a neighborhood watch volunteer Feb. 26 in Sanford, an Orlando suburb.**

The U.S. Department of Justice’s Civil Rights Division and the FBI will investigate the killing of Miami Gardens teenager Trayvon Martin by a neighborhood watch volunteer, the department announced late Monday.

The announcement coincided with a statement from Florida Gov. Rick Scott asking the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to offer "appropriate resources" in the case.

The federal and state agencies are intervening in what attorneys call a botched investigation into the killing of the Michael Krop Senior High School student, who was killed Feb. 26 in Sanford, a town of 55,000 just north of Orlando. Trayvon, 17, on suspension from school, was staying at his father’s girlfriend’s house when he walked to a nearby 7-Eleven store to buy candy and iced tea.

George Zimmerman, 28, a neighborhood watch volunteer with a long history of calling in everything from open garage doors to “suspicious characters,” called police to say he had spotted someone who looked drugged, was walking too slowly in the rain, and appeared to be looking at people’s houses. Zimmerman sounded alarmed because the stranger had his hand in his waistband and held something in his other hand.

The unarmed teen was carrying Skittles and a can of Arizona iced tea.

Zimmerman said he had stepped out of his truck to check the name of the street he was on when Trayvon attacked him from behind as he walked back to his truck, police said. He said he feared for his life and fired the semiautomatic handgun he was licensed to carry because he feared for his life.

"The department will conduct a thorough and independent review of all of the evidence and take appropriate action at the conclusion of the investigation," the Justice Department said in a statement. "The department also is providing assistance to and cooperating with the state officials in their investigation into the incident. With all federal civil rights crimes, the government must prove beyond a reasonable doubt that a person acted intentionally and with the specific intent to do something which the law forbids — the highest level of intent in criminal law. "Negligence, recklessness, mistakes and accidents are not prosecutable under the federal criminal civil rights laws."
From the start, Trayvon’s family accused Sanford police of molding the investigation to fit Zimmerman’s account. Several witnesses said they heard cries that sounded like a boy wailing — howling silenced by the crack of gunfire — and were shocked to hear police later portray the cries as Zimmerman’s. One witness said police ignored her repeated phone calls.

The police chief was accused of telling lies big and small in ways that shielded Zimmerman. The family hired attorneys who helped devise a national campaign to demand a federal investigation.

Members of Congress and prominent black clergy members joined the chorus for a federal probe. At a rally outside the Sanford courthouse Monday, students called for Zimmerman’s arrest.

Police Chief Bill Lee told The Miami Herald that he was comfortable that his investigators were fair and thorough. “I can say very confidently we would welcome any outside entity that wants to come look at what we did,” Lee said last week. “They are welcome to come here and look at it. We have not done anything but conduct a fair and complete investigation.”

He dismissed accusations of irregularities and insisted that investigators found no probable cause to arrest Zimmerman because there was no evidence to disprove his version of events.

The U.S. Community Relations Service will be in Sanford this week to meet with civil rights leaders, community leaders and local law enforcement officials to address tension in the community, the Justice Department announcement said.
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FYI: More on Florida's Stand Your Ground law

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Hate to sound like a genius (as in what we had previously discussed) but this IS the way to go!

The Miami Herald

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State senator calls for hearings into Stand Your Ground law

By Marc Caputo
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Florida Sen. Oscar Braynon, who represents the Miami Gardens district where Trayvon Martin's mother lives, is calling for legislative hearings into the Stand Your Ground law implicated in last month's shooting death of the 17-year-old in Sanford.
The law, passed in 2005, expands the rights of people to use deadly force in public if they feel threatened during a confrontation. If a shooter invokes the law, and no witnesses can dispute his claim of feeling threatened, police are all but forbidden from arresting him.
Braynon says that's a problem.
"The Legislature needs to take a look at Stand Your Ground," Braynon told The Miami Herald. "This is a perfect case of where it goes awry. This could only be the beginning of more problems down the road. It has unintended consequences. When the Legislature passed this in 2005, I don't think they planned for people who would go out and become vigilantes or be like some weird Batman who would go out and kill little kids like Trayvon."
The shooting has gripped the national news media's attention. Florida Gov. Rick Scott has called in the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to examine the case. The Department of Justice and FBI are investigating as well.
Braynon said he's drafting a letter to incoming Florida Senate President Don Gaetz to ask for legislative hearings into the law, how it's worked and how to improve or scrap it. Braynon, an African-American legislator, also plans to ask the Florida Conference of Black State Legislators to unite behind his call for hearings.
"As we see, this law could disproportionately affect the African American population," Braynon said. "We know how racial profiling goes. If you feel intimidated by someone, you can pull a gun on someone and shoot them. That's not the kind of law we need."
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Read more here: [http://www.miamiherald.com/2012/03/20/v-print/2703579/state-senator-calls-for-hearings.html#storylink=cpy](http://www.miamiherald.com/2012/03/20/v-print/2703579/state-senator-calls-for-hearings.html#storylink=cpy)
Good Morning Ms. Carswell.

I got your name and email address form Mildred Duprey de Robles from the Community Relations Services of DOJ as a person to reach out to and connect with regarding the Trayvon Martin case. We are very saddened by this tragedy and can only imagine what the family and friends of Trayvon are going through. As the Mayor and City Manager of the City of Sanford has stated on numerous occasions, we like so many others have echoed, want the truth and to see justice prevail.

In preparation for our upcoming City Commission meeting next Monday, March 26, 2012, I am reaching out to you for assistance. Mildred indicated to me there may be several buses coming from the Miami area to the Commission meeting in support of Trayvon Martin’s family. Thank you for your participation and please be assured the City of Sanford welcomes you as our guest and wants to make your visit a pleasant one. Since we are anticipating a rather large crowd and seating will be limited, I would greatly appreciate your assistance in letting me know approximately how many people you anticipate will be attending the Commission meeting so we can plan accordingly. Also, I would greatly appreciate it if you would let me know if any City/County Officials from the Miami Dade area plan on attending the meeting and if any one would like to speak. The Commission’s Agenda is pretty much devoted to recognizing and acknowledging the death of Trayvon.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Cordially,

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Subject: FW: Trayvon Martin Peace March
Attachments: Trayvon Martin Peace March.pdf

FYI

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Cc: Harris Jr., Edward B. (DIST7); Morisseau, Yvans R. (Advocacy); Diaz, Rene (Advocacy)  
Subject: FW: Request for Assistance

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"But my main message is to the parents of Trayvon Martin. You know, if I had a son, he'd look like Trayvon," Obama said. "All of us as Americans are going to take this with the seriousness it deserves."

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Dr. Brown:
As per your request Ronald Fulton’s email is ronald.fulton001@mynmdc.net, his phone number is (305) 651-5155. Please do no distribute. If I see Ronald today, would you like for me to ask him to call you. I will get back to you on details of possible events in Miami as they become more clear.

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Dr. Richardson:

Please review for approval the agenda attached and below. Please also address other matters:

- I have received calls and emails from five or so members of the public who are planning to attend the meeting to hear the conversation with Director Ryan. Do you wish me to distribute/make available index cards so that folks may submit written questions? I have told people that you will allow questions if time permits. Question cards may be helpful as at least two of the people who have contacted me are clearly not supportive of Mr. Ryan’s administration.

- Eddie Harris is still trying to find out more about the in-custody death of George Salgado, 21 years, after being Tased and Baker Acted, April 13, by West Miami and/or Miami-Dade Police.

- Also, Ronald Fulton has asked me about the status of your conversation with Commissioner Diaz about the CRB’s role as liaison to reduce tensions among Jackson Health System administrators, employees and patients. You may recall that this issue was discussed at the March CRB Executive Committee. Please advise. Thank you.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

AGENDA
April 18, 2012, 2:00 p.m.
Stephen P. Clark Government Center, 111 NW 1st Street, Miami, FL 33128
Conference Room 18-4

1. Welcome
2. Moment of Silence
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Agenda and March General Membership Meeting Report
5. CRB Chair’s Report

6. Conversation with Timothy Ryan, Director
   Miami-Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation
   • Presentation
   • Questions and Answers

7. Discussion and Determinations
   • CRB Members’ Retreat Schedule and Content
   • Youth Speak Out on Trayvon Martin and Related Issues
   • Miami-Dade Fire Captain’s Facebook Attack on Black Youth/Parents
   • U.S. Senate Hearings on Racial Profiling
   • WeCount Study of Racial Profiling of Latino Drivers in Miami-Dade
   • U.S. Supreme Court to Rule on Arizona Immigration Enforcement Law
   • Miami-Dade Charter Review Task Force

8. Issues Roundtable: Critical and Pressing Community Relations Concerns

9. New Business

10. Adjourn

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Looks very interesting. I will try to attend. Thank you.

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NAACP Branch meeting April 23, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at Victor T. Curry Christian Community Empowerment Center at New Birth Baptist Church East Campus in the Sanctuary, 13230 N. W. 7th Avenue.

Draft PROGRAM:
1. Update and action items re: racist facebook page post of Miami Dade Fire Dept. Captain – presenter Captain Faye Davis
2. 
3. Review of legal aspects of Trayvon Martin’s trial= Presenter Atty. Chris Benjamin NAACP Vice President
4. 
5. School to Prison Pipeline Issues Vice President and Fl. NAACP Education Chair Dr. Shirley Johnson and Miami NAACP Education Chair Dannie McMillon
6. 
7. Voter registration efforts, check on your voter registration, update it if needed, register for vote by mail, know the new rules, Attn. Kishasha Sharpe Miami Dade Civic Engagement Director and Ms Ebony Jackson, Youth Council Advisor and Youth Council members
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March 21, 2012, 2:00 p.m.
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3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Agenda and February General Membership Meeting Report
5. CRB Chair’s Report
6. Conversation with Penelope Townsley,
   Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections
7. Committee Reports
   • 50th Anniversary Commemoration Planning
   • Hate Crimes Legislation and Resources Forum Planning
   • Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement
8. CRB Member Activity Reports
   • Princeton Prize for Race Relations
   • Commemoration of Right to Council in Criminal Cases
9. Discussion and Determinations
   • Strategies to Reduce Tensions Over Killing of Trayvon Martin
   • Questions for Miami-Dade Corrections Director
   • CRB Members’ Retreat
10. Issues Roundtable: Critical and Pressing Community Relations Concerns
11. New Business
12. Adjourn
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AGENDA
April 4, 2012, 1:00 p.m.
Stephen P. Clark Government Center, 111 NW 1st Street, Miami, FL 33128
10th Floor Rear Conference Room

1. Welcome

2. Moment of Silence

3. Approval of Agenda

4. Approval of March Executive Meeting Minutes

5. CRB Chair’s Report

6. CRB Activities Reports
   • Goodwill Ambassadors Deployment at Miami Justice for Trayvon Rally
   • Youth Speak Out about Trayvon Martin Event
   • CRB Not-For-Profit Process Update
   • CRB Committee Meetings

7. Discussions and Determinations
   • CRB Responses to Gang Related Multiple Shooting
   • CRB Member Retreat Schedule
   • Questions and Comments for Miami-Dade Corrections Director
   • April CRB General Membership Agenda

8. Issues Roundtable: Critical and Pressing Community Relations Concerns

9. New Business

10. Adjourn
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Meeting date and location: March 7, 2012, 1:00 p.m. Stephen P. Clark Government Center, 111 NW 1st Street, Miami, FL 33128, 10th Floor CITT Conference Room

Attendance: CRB Executive Members: Dr. Walter Richardson; Reinaldo Valdes; Vickie Smith Jackson; Ronald Fulton; Eduard Shohat; George Yap. Staff: Amy Carswell

The agenda was approved.

The CRB February Executive Meeting Report was approved.

CRB Chairs Report
Dr. Richardson reported the following:

• Condolences were extended to the family of CRB Executive Committee member Ronald Fulton upon the tragic death of his 17-year-old nephew Trayvon Martin in Sanford Florida. Mr. Martin was enrolled at Michael Krop Senior High and was previously a student at Miami Carol City Sr. He was shot and killed under mysterious circumstances while visiting family members in Sanford Florida. This young man’s death has caught the attention of local activists along with Miami-Dade family members who are questioning the killing of an African-American youth during an unexplained altercation with a Sanford resident (a white male, age 28 years). The family is awaiting more information from the Sanford Police. CRB Community Intervention staff has also reached out to the Sanford Police Department and have also not received any additional information. We understand that, at this time, the young man who shot Trayvon has not been arrested.

• Miami-Dade County Commission Chairman Joe Martinez has submitted his mandatory resignation to the Clerk of the Courts and the Supervisor of Elections.

• The CRB forwarded a letter to Florida Legislators encouraging them to protect the successful Miami-Dade Wage Theft Ordinance.

• Local supporters of the Wage Theft Ordinance have conducted demonstrations and distributed flyers outside the downtown Macy’s department store this past week.

• Miami-Dade Corrections Director Tim Ryan has agreed to meet with the CRB at the April 18 General Membership Meeting. Dr. Richardson and Amy Carswell met with Mr. Ryan and a representative of the County Attorney and shared the CRB’s goal of engaging residents to reduce tensions. Mr. Ryan agreed to share information and will decline to answer any questions on the advice of the county’s attorney.

• The RACE Exhibit Fundraising Committee has met its goals for bringing the exhibit to our community. A total of $16,000 has been collected including a $500 donation from the CRB and $10,000 from the Children’s Trust.

• CRB member Maritza Lopez will represent the CRB at a planning committee meeting for the Gideon at 50 Celebration. The Miami-Dade Public Defender is
organizing activities in our community and the CRB has been invited to participate in the planning.

- The Commission for Women is co-hosting the In the Company of Women event on March 21 at the Biltmore Hotel.

**Administrative Issues:**

- Amy Carswell reported that the following committee meetings have been scheduled:
  - CRB 5th Anniversary Commemoration Planning, Thursday, March 15, 2012, Noon;
  - CRB Hate Crimes Forum Planning Group, Thursday, March 15, 2012, 2 p.m., CRB Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement Committee, Monday, March 19, 2012, 10 a.m.
- Staff was asked to poll the CRB members about potential dates in May for the CRB Member Retreat.

**Issue 1: Proposed Jackson Hospital CRB and Community Liaison**

**Discussion:** Ronald Fulton reported that there is growing public conflict between employee groups and the administration at the county's public hospital system concerning appropriate staffing levels, proposed lay-offs and the impact on staff moral and patient care. There is a need for a community liaison to implement strategies aimed at reducing tensions between JMH administrators, employees and consumers. Dr. Richardson will reach out to County Commissioner Jose Diaz, Chair of the Board of County Commissioners Public Safety and Healthcare Administration, to determine what may be an appropriate role for the CRB to help reduce tensions.

**Issue 2: Florida Alien Land Law**

**Discussion:** The CRB received a Resolution adopted by the Miami-Dade Asian American Advisory Board (AAAB) urging the CRB to support the repeal of the Alien Land Law from the State of Florida Constitution. The law, adopted in 1926, outlaws the sale of property to any person ineligible for U.S. citizenship. This original intent of the law was to keep the many immigrants of Chinese and Japanese heritage from purchasing farmland in the state. The AAAB Resolution states that the law is discriminatory, hurtful and insulting to all Asian Americans and non-Asian Americans and should be removed from the Florida Constitution. The CRB members stated that the repeal of the law is a multi-cultural, equal protection issue and appropriate for the CRB to address. CRB staff was asked to reach out the leadership of the AAAB to determine what specific action is recommended. Actions may include a resolution, letter of support, or educational activities. A representative of the AAAB will be invited to address the CRB Executive Committee on this issue.

**Issue 3: Questions and Comments for Miami-Dade Elections Supervisor**

**Discussion:** CRB staff was asked to poll the CRB members and submit their questions for review and approval by the CRB Chair.

**Issue 4: Critical and Pressing Community Relations Concerns**

**Discussion:** The CRB will continue to monitor community tensions related to the death of Miami-Dade teenager Trayvon Martin.
Thanks. I already received from Ed and they are very helpful. It's good to know you guys are thinking of us. I believe these efforts will prove very valuable to empowering our community at a very important time in our history. I am especially inspired by the activism of our local youth.

FYI
In follow up to our meeting yesterday I thought you might want to share these columns that Ed forwarded to me and others in our office. The first one is written by the former member of the House of Representatives who sponsored the Stand Your Ground law.

A Necessary Law, but Not in This Case

Dennis K. Baxley, Republican of Ocala, sponsored the Stand Your Ground law in the Florida House of Representatives.

March 21, 2012

The tragic story of Trayvon Martin's death has ignited a great deal of debate about the Stand Your Ground law that seems to allow the defense claimed by his attacker, George Zimmerman. As the prime sponsor of this legislation in the Florida House, I'd like to clarify that there is nothing in the law that provides for the opportunity to pursue and confront individuals. It simply lets those who would be victims use force in self-defense.

The catalytic event that led to the legislation's passage in 2005, was the looting of property in the aftermath of hurricanes. Specifically, there was a situation in the panhandle of Florida where a citizen moved an RV onto his property, to protect the remains of his home from being looted. One evening, a perpetrator broke into the RV and attacked the property owner. The property owner, acting in self defense in his
home, shot and killed the perpetrator. It was months before he knew whether he would be charged with a crime because there was no clear legal definition of self defense in such a case or of when a potential victim was required to retreat.

Inspired by homeowners fending off looters, the law wasn't meant to defend a shooter who pursued someone who had not threatened him. The Stand Your Ground law, as passed, clarified that individuals are lawfully able to defend themselves when attacked and there is no duty to retreat when an individual is attacked on his property. Since its enactment, 20 other states have implemented similar statues. Additionally, the American Legislative Exchange Council used the Florida law as model legislation for other states. Quite simply it is a good law that now protects individuals in most states.

But media reports about Trayvon Martin's death indicate that Zimmerman's unnecessary pursuit and confrontation of Martin elevated the prospect of a violent episode, and does not seem to be an act of self defense as defined by the law.

I have great sympathy for the family of Trayvon Martin and am grateful that a grand jury is further exploring what actually happened on that night in Sanford. I trust that justice will prevail.

An Unnecessary Law

Gregory O'Meara, a former prosecutor, is an associate professor of law at Marquette University.

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The difficulty with Stand Your Ground laws is that they are based on the assumption that neither the common law nor modern criminal codes adequately protect ordinary citizens who are under attack. This assumption is simply wrong. Contemporary criminal statutes express a nuanced and sophisticated concept of defensive force derived from hundreds of years of common law precedent. These laws adequately protect both the innocent and those who mistakenly believe they are under attack while permitting the criminal prosecution of trigger-happy cowboys.

Stand Your Ground laws provide a rock-solid defense to paranoid or dangerously aggressive people who are armed with deadly force. To claim self defense or defense of others under current statutes, a person under attack (the defender) needs to raise credible proof: first, that he reasonably thought he (or another) was unlawfully under imminent deadly attack by another; second, that each
forceful action, including deadly force, he took in response to this attack was necessary to stop the attack; and third, that he acted solely with the intent to thwart the unlawful attack. In many jurisdictions, the defender must withdraw from the fight before using deadly force if he can do so in complete safety. If the defender meets these requirements, he will be found not guilty. Furthermore, even if the defender is completely wrong about the situation but his mistake is reasonable about either the imminence of the deadly attack or the necessity of his forceful response, he still gets the full defense and will be found not guilty.

This is and has been the law in the Anglo-American system for over 400 years. As a result, these sorts of cases are almost never charged by prosecutors with limited state resources. In my home state of Wisconsin, a large group of criminal prosecutors, defense attorneys and judges could come up with only one case in which any homeowner was prosecuted when he shot someone who entered his home illegally. That conviction was later overturned.

By contrast, under the Stand Your Ground law, there is never a requirement that one withdraw or retreat before using deadly force, and the requirements of reasonableness are attenuated or essentially removed because the other witness is dead, and the defender may shade the truth. Thus, Stand Your Ground laws may provide a rock-solid defense to paranoid or dangerously aggressive people who are armed with deadly force.

Current law protects those using defensive force, including deadly force, while insisting that they act reasonably. Stand Your Ground laws upset that careful balance by removing the requirement that the defender act reasonably. For that reason, these laws should be repealed.

Focus Must Be Narrower

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March 21, 2012

Stand Your Ground laws, which eliminate the longstanding legal requirement that a person threatened outside of his or her own home retreat rather than use force, are the latest manifestation of the political strength of the gun rights movement. First adopted in Florida in 2005, Stand Your Ground laws, drafted and promoted by the National Rifle Association, have since been enacted in some form in more than 20 states. The Trayvon Martin shooting suggests that, in the rush to adopt these laws, lawmakers and gun advocates have gone too far in authorizing the use of deadly force.
Stand Your Ground laws should only allow what their name suggests; they should not encourage vigilantism. Although the facts of Trayvon Martin’s death remain uncertain, we know that George Zimmerman, who was active in the local neighborhood crime watch, suspected Martin was a criminal and shot him on a Florida street. Despite being instructed by police to stay away, Zimmerman confronted Martin. The situation escalated quickly into violence. The police have yet to arrest Zimmerman; apparently because Florida’s Stand Your Ground law entitled Zimmerman to use deadly force.

Florida legislators, however, insist the Stand Your Ground law does not provide a defense for people like Zimmerman, who pursue and confront someone. Florida Senator Durrell Peadon, who sponsored the law, said that Zimmerman “has no protection under my law.” According to state Representative Dennis Baxley, “There’s nothing in this statute that authorizes you to pursue and confront people.” The law, Baxley notes, was designed only “to prevent you from being attacked by other people.”

The problem is that nothing in Peadon and Baxley’s law says this. It provides that any person may use deadly force when “he or she reasonably believes that such force is necessary to prevent imminent death or great bodily harm to himself or herself or another.” So long as someone reasonably thinks he or someone else is in danger, he can shoot to kill, regardless of whether the shooter is the one who initiated the hostile confrontation.

Indeed, given the law’s authorization of the use of deadly force to protect other people and, as the law also provides, “to prevent the imminent commission of a forcible felony,” Florida’s law unambiguously authorizes people to pursue and confront others. Whatever the merits of standing your ground when personally threatened, Florida’s law goes much further and encourages vigilantism. It tells people, who today are increasingly likely to be carrying concealed weapons, that they can pretend to be police officers and use their guns to protect and serve the broader public.

Stand Your Ground laws should only allow what their name suggests: permit people who are threatened to stand their own ground and protect themselves. They should not give people the right to use force to defend someone else’s ground. Under no circumstances should people be able to confront others in a hostile manner, end up using deadly force, and escape punishment.

Racism Is the Problem Here

Kenneth Nunn is a professor at the University of Florida Levin College of Law, and is a member of the Florida Innocence Commission.

Stand Your Ground does not permit the use of deadly force against an initial aggressor unless “the person reasonably believes that he or she is in imminent danger of death or great bodily harm and that he or she has exhausted every reasonable means to escape such danger.” Ordinarily, one would expect that a reasonable force requirement would provide ample protection against idiosyncratic or morally suspect behavior. But this is not the case when victims happen to be black.
As several legal scholars have pointed out, the connection between reasonableness and race is problematic. African-Americans, black males in particular, have been constructed in popular culture as violence-prone and dangerous.

Decisions regarding the reasonableness of self-defense claims should be made in court. Sociologists tell us this attitude toward black males is widely shared, sometimes unconsciously, as the Harvard implicit racism test discloses. In the minds of Americans who hold these views, fear of black males, and consequently the use of deadly force against them, is “reasonable.”

A jury is particularly likely to credit a defendant’s fear of blacks when the determination of reasonableness is made not in an objective manner but from the position of someone in the defendant’s situation. Indeed, Bernhard Goetz’s acquittal of charges for the shooting of four black men in the New York subway in 1984, and the acquittal in 2008 of the police officers involved in the Sean Bell shooting, were due in no small part to their lawyers’ “fear of the black man” manipulations.

Simply eliminating Stand Your Ground would not get rid of racially disparate applications of the reasonableness test. It would not prevent young men like Trayvon Martin from getting killed and their killers getting off scot-free. Self-defense claims should be limited to cases in which they are objectively reasonable, not when they are reasonable to someone in the defendant’s shoes.

Additionally, decisions regarding the reasonableness of self-defense claims should be made in court. Many Stand Your Ground statutes grant killers who claim self-defense immunity from prosecution, so they cannot be arrested if the police view their assertions of self defense to be reasonable. This is wrong. The reasonableness of a killer’s actions ought to be decided in open court by juries made up of ordinary people, and not determined prior to trial in the secrecy of the police station.

Stand Your Ground statutes may be problematic for a number of reasons. But if we really want to save lives and prevent future miscarriages of justice, we will have to confront the reality of race.

Due Process Will Prove the Facts
Walter Olson is a senior fellow at the Cato Institute and edits the blog Overlawyered.

March 21, 2012
Under any criminal law, injustice can result if cops get the facts wrong. The Sanford, Fla., police, accused of buying a dubious self-defense tale after the Trayvon Martin shooting, will now come under searching scrutiny for that decision. Sanford’s mayor says his town is eager to stand corrected by the evidence as a fuller story emerges. So who’s left to disagree? Not the authors of Florida’s Stand Your Ground law, who told The Miami Herald that the law they sponsored applies only to cases of genuine self defense and won’t protect neighborhood-watcher George Zimmerman if critics of the Martin shooting are right about what he did that night.

Despite doomful predictions from gun foes, concealed carry and liberalized self-defense laws haven’t touched off a surge of gun violence. The old “duty to retreat” rule made it hard to invoke self defense even if you had faced an immediate threat of assault: “you could have run away,” the state would argue, and conviction would follow. Among those who often lost out under that old rule were domestic violence victims who turned on their assailants; feminists pointed out that “you could have run away” may not work well when faced with a stalker or vengeful ex.

Despite doomful predictions from gun foes, concealed carry (now the dominant rule) and liberalized self-defense laws (adopted by half the states) haven’t touched off the great warned-of surge of gun violence. Yes, prosecutors may now need to take more care to marshal a show of actual evidence to counter claims of self defense. For those who value due process in criminal justice – a group that should emphatically include members of historically mistreated minorities – that should count as not a bug but a feature.

Self Defense Is Part of Our Heritage

Jeannie Suk is a professor at Harvard Law School, and the author of "At Home in the Law."

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Stand Your Ground laws that have caught on in many states since 2005 are also called Castle Doctrine laws – referring to the traditional legal concept that a man’s house is his castle. But what does a doctrine that relieves us, in our homes, of the duty to try to flee an intruder’s attack before resorting to force in self defense, have to do with shoot-outs in public streets?
Beginning in the late 19th century, most states extended the previously home-located privilege to anywhere a person has a right to be, influenced by ideals of true manhood on the American frontier.

Stand Your Ground laws were influenced by ideals of true manhood on the American frontier. So the provisions of legislation like Florida’s, eliminating the duty to retreat from an attacker in public space before killing in self defense, are not in themselves radical departures from what we have traditionally known. Indeed they track the same old move – leveraging the appealing idea of standing one’s ground at home, into any other place a person “has the right to be.”

The real outrages are not actually in the provisions of the new self-defense laws, as nothing in those laws give permission to shoot or refuse to retreat when one isn’t attacked to begin with. The dangers lie rather in incorrect and confused law enforcement perceptions of what the law allows, fueled by the cultural background and emotions that surrounded the laws’ passage.

In a post-9/11 decade of anxiety about securing the “homeland” against attack, it was perhaps unsurprising to see sudden and sweeping preoccupations with self defense against intruders. Tragically, the expansive rhetoric of home protection that gave the new laws such momentum during that time has also made it more likely that a vigilante would perceive the shooting of a black teenager in a gated community as self defense.
Justin McCarthy

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
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Thank you.

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Date: March 19, 2012 3:17:37 PM EDT
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Subject: Justice for Trayvon Martin

Below is an email from Maria Roach, a MoveOn member who created a petition on SignOn.org that is getting a lot of attention and may be of interest to you. If you have concerns or feedback about this petition, click here.

Dear MoveOn member,

Seventeen-year-old Trayvon Martin was shot and killed while walking home from a convenience store on the evening of February 26. The shooter, George Zimmerman, was the neighborhood watch captain. Zimmerman, a 200-pound 28-year-old with a history of violence, claimed self defense, even though Trayvon Martin had no criminal history and nothing more than candy and an iced tea in his hands.

It's a deep injustice that George Zimmerman remains free. That's why I created a petition on SignOn.org to Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi and U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, which says:

George Zimmerman's shooting of Trayvon Martin, an African American teenager, reveals a history of racism in Sanford, Florida, that has stubbornly refused to die. Weeks after the shooting, the Sanford police department is slow to release details of the shooting and, more surprisingly, has not arrested George Zimmerman, a man who has a history of violence.

We urge you to sign this petition to protect private citizens from gun violence and inept law enforcement. Florida's Attorney General Pam Bondi must step in and provide justice for Trayvon Martin, his family, and the community.
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Will you sign the petition? Click here to add your name, and then pass it along to your friends:

http://www.moveon.org/r?r=272971&id=37516-17245398-AqOLdqx&t=2

Thanks!

--Maria Roach

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Thanks. We have received already. Appreciate your keeping us in the loop.

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From: Gibbons, Wanda
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Subject: FW: Justice for Trayvon

SAD

Fam, Frnds, Stepprs, It would be a blessing to attend this rally in Sanford. Download flyer for details.

"It's All About Love" Lovely Linda Hodges Holloway, lindaholloway@att.net, 305 653-5336; c 305 620-7878

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FYI - Trayvon's mother, Sybrina Fulton, is a graduate of Florida Memorial and a member of the North Dade Chapter.
Margaret Porter-Hall, President
FMUNAA North Dade Chapter

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Date: Monday, March 19, 2012, 9:17 PM
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To: Puig, Vanessa (Office of the Chair)
Subject: RE: CRB trayvon martin

Looks good Thank you. Please attach the position paper to the release. Thanks.

From: Puig, Vanessa (Office of the Chair)
Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2012 4:10 PM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Cc: Diaz, Rene (Advocacy); Victores, Yaniris (Office of the Chair)
Subject: CRB trayvon martin

Hi, Amy:

Here is the release as you requested. Please let me know if you need any changes. I will send the letter along with the press release. Please note I have to leave a little early today to pick up my car at the mechanic. If you can approve it by 4:30, I can get it out today, otherwise I will ask my colleague to send it out on my behalf. Thanks!
From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 10:57 AM
To: Ed Griffith
Subject: RE: Herald: State senator calls for hearings into Stand Your Ground law

Thx much.

From: Ed Griffith [mailto:EdGriffith@MiamiSAO.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 10:41 AM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Subject: Herald: State senator calls for hearings into Stand Your Ground law

Hate to sound like a genius (as in what we had previously discussed) but this IS the way to go!

The Miami Herald

Posted on Tue, Mar. 20, 2012

State senator calls for hearings into Stand Your Ground law
By Marc Caputo
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Florida Sen. Oscar Braynon, who represents the Miami Gardens district where Trayvon Martin’s mother lives, is calling for legislative hearings into the Stand Your Ground law implicated in last month’s shooting death of the 17-year-old in Sanford.
The law, passed in 2005, expands the rights of people to use deadly force in public if they feel threatened during a confrontation. If a shooter invokes the law, and no witnesses can dispute his claim of feeling threatened, police are all but forbidden from arresting him.
Braynon says that’s a problem.
"The Legislature needs to take a look at Stand Your Ground," Braynon told The Miami Herald. "This is a perfect case of where it goes awry. This could only be the beginning of more problems down the road. It has unintended consequences. When the Legislature passed this in 2005, I don’t think they planned for people who would go out and become vigilantes or be like some weird Batman who would go out and kill little kids like Trayvon."
The shooting has gripped the national news media’s attention. Florida Gov. Rick Scott has called in the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to examine the case. The Department of Justice and FBI are investigating as well.
Braynon said he’s drafting a letter to incoming Florida Senate President Don Gaetz to ask for legislative hearings into the law, how it’s worked and how to improve or scrap it. Braynon, an African-American legislator, also plans to ask the Florida Conference of Black State Legislators to unite behind his call for hearings.
"As we see, this law could disproportionately affect the African American population," Braynon said. "We know how racial profiling goes. If you feel intimidated by someone, you can pull a gun on someone and shoot them? That’s not the kind of law we need."
Trayvon, a Michael Krop Senior High School student, was killed Feb. 26 in Sanford, a town of 55,000 just north of Orlando. The 17-year-old boy, on suspension from school, was staying at his father’s girlfriend’s house when he walked to a nearby 7-Eleven store to buy candy and iced tea.

George Zimmerman, 28, a neighborhood watch volunteer with a long history of calling in everything from open garage doors to “suspicious characters,” called police to say he had spotted someone who looked drugged, was walking too slowly in the rain, and appeared to be looking at people’s houses. Zimmerman sounded alarmed because the stranger had his hand in his waistband and held something in his other hand.

The unarmed teen was carrying Skittles and a can of Arizona iced tea.

Zimmerman said he had stepped out of his truck to check the name of the street he was on when Trayvon attacked him from behind as he walked back to his truck, police said. He fired the semiautomatic handgun he was licensed to carry because he feared for his life.

Read more here: http://www.miamiherald.com/2012/03/20/v-print/2703579/state-senator-calls-for-hearings.html#storylink=cpy
Justin McCarthy

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 26, 2012 10:31 PM
To: Thomas.Battles@usdoj.gov
Subject: Re: Request for Assistance

I understand there may be a big rally in Miami April 1. Keep to you and Mildred for now pls.

From: Battles, Thomas (CRS) [mailto:Thomas.Battles@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 26, 2012 06:53 PM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy); Duprey de Robles, Mildred I. (CRS) <mildred.dupreyderobles@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Harris Jr., Edward B. (DIST7); Morisseau, Yvans R. (Advocacy); Diaz, Rene (Advocacy)
Subject: Re: Request for Assistance

Amy: Tension is high and I'm not sure if I can respond to your inquiry. The NAACP will march in Sanford on Saturday March 31. They have Marshals however the concepts we know so well are being assessed. With other options to institutionalize and build capacity in this community.

I look forward to continuing our discussion related to your offer. I will pass on your contact information with City officials in an effort to facilitate. Sister city/community communication.

Tom Battles

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) [mailto:AMY2@miamidade.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 26, 2012 06:48 PM
To: Battles, Thomas (CRS); Duprey de Robles, Mildred I. (CRS)
Cc: Harris Jr., Edward B. (DIST7); Morisseau, Yvans R. (Advocacy)
<MORYVA@miamidade.gov>; Diaz, Rene (Advocacy) <RENED@miamidade.gov>
Subject: FW: Request for Assistance

Mildred and Tommy:

Please advise as to the status of this request. I must prepare and submit an itinerary for our staff no later than tomorrow afternoon.

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) [mailto:AMY2@miamidade.gov]
Sent: Friday, March 23, 2012 12:31 PM
To: Duprey de Robles, Mildred I. (CRS)
Cc: Battles, Thomas (CRS); Diaz, Rene (Advocacy) <RENED@miamidade.gov>; Harris Jr., Edward B. (DIST7) <EHARRIS@miamidade.gov>; Morisseau, Yvans R. (Advocacy) <MORYVA@miamidade.gov>
Subject: Request for Assistance

Mildred de Robles
Regional Coordinator
U.S. Department of Justice
Community Relations Service:
Obtained by Judicial Watch

As we have discussed, CRB community response staff (Amy Carswell, Eddie Harris, Yvans Morisseau) are prepared to meet with Sanford and Seminole county officials on Friday, March 30 to discuss/present some models for responding to community tensions related to high profile incidents (including police involved incidents.) These models are “Goodwill Ambassadors (crowd control); Community Briefings (inform and engage community members with responsible government leaders); Community forums (engage community members and local leaders for information sharing and strategy planning); and Community Relations Boards (creation and roles and responsibilities of a permanent council that intervenes to prevent and reduce intergroup tensions and conflict). Our discussions/presentations may be modified to the needs you all identify and the time that the officials have available. In order for CRB staff to participate (and for Miami-Dade county to expend funds for this purpose), we require a request for assistance from you, other CRS official or authorized official from the City of Sanford and/or Seminole county. Please advise asap. Thank you.

This participation may be coordinated with Miami-Dade CRB and County Commission staff’s approved travel to Sanford for demonstrations/gatherings related to the Trayvon Martin case on March 31, 2012.

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Mr. Thomas:

Thank you again for reaching out. We are not aware of large numbers of Miami-Dade residents who are planning to attend the City Commission meeting in Sanford. District One County Commissioner Barbara Jordan, who represents the district wherein Trayvon and his mother are constituents, will not attend nor will any other member of the Board of County Commissioners, the Mayor or other county elected official. Congresswoman Frederica Wilson will not attend. State Senator Oscar Braynon will attend, as will members of his staff. I have forwarded an email to you from his office. Please contact the Senator’s staff for details ASAP.

We understand that the Martin/Fulton family is organizing a bus contingent, estimated at three buses @50 people each for a total of 150 people. Accompanying this contingent will be the following Miami-Dade County officials: Mr. Ronald Fulton, a member of the Executive Committee of the Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board (CRB). Mr. Fulton is Trayvon Martin’s uncle and will require accommodations for his wheelchair; Ms. Retha Boone-Fye, Director of the Miami-Dade County Black Affairs Advisory Board (BAAB). Ms. Boone-Fye will serve as the on-site coordinator for Miami-Dade officials and may be reached at (305) 815-1932. Ms. Priscilla Dames, Blake, Chair of the Black Affairs Advisory Board and BAAB member Ms. Danny McMillon.

Otherwise, there may be a few churches or other organizations coming from Miami-Dade but we have not been made specifically aware. Likely there will also be some unaffiliated people who come up on their own. We are also aware that a bus is coming out of Ft. Lauderdale@50 people.

Please be aware that we do expect a much larger contingent from Miami-Dade to attend events in Sanford on Saturday, March 31, 2012. The Miami-Dade Branch of the NAACP is organizing busses for the community-at-large. Several other county staff members, including myself, will be in Sanford on that date on behalf of the Miami-Dade Community Community Relations Board and the Office of the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners. I will let you know later next week about county leaders and staff expected to participate.

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Good Morning Ms. Carswell.

I got your name and email address from Mildred Duprey de Robles from the Community Relations Services of DOJ as a person to reach out to and connect with regarding the Trayvon Martin case. We are very saddened by this tragedy and can only imagine what the family and friends of Trayvon are going through. As the Mayor and City Manager of the City of Sanford has stated on numerous occasions, we like so many others have echoed, want the truth and to see justice prevail.

In preparation for our upcoming City Commission meeting next Monday, March 26, 2012, I am reaching out to you for assistance. Mildred indicated to me there may be several buses coming from the Miami area to the Commission meeting in support of Trayvon Martin's family. Thank you for your participation and please be assured the City of Sanford welcomes you as our guest and wants to make your visit a pleasant one. Since we are anticipating a rather large crowd and seating will be limited, I would greatly appreciate your assistance in letting me know approximately how many people you anticipate will be attending the Commission meeting so we can plan accordingly. Also, I would greatly appreciate it if you would let me know if any City/County Officials from the Miami Dade area plan on attending the meeting and if any one would like to speak. The Commission's Agenda is pretty much devoted to recognizing and acknowledging the death of Trayvon.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Cordially,

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Albert Einstein

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Justin McCarthy

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2012 4:43 PM
To: Puig, Vanessa (Office of the Chair)
Subject: RE: Miami-Dade Community Relations Board urges positive change in wake of Trayvon Martin's death

I was just going to ask. Thanks.

From: Puig, Vanessa (Office of the Chair)
Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2012 4:43 PM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Subject: Fw: Miami-Dade Community Relations Board urges positive change in wake of Trayvon Martin's death

Amy, did I copy you? if not, I'm sorry.
Vanessa Puig
BCC Media
Miami-Dade County

From: Puig, Vanessa (Office of the Chair)
Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2012 04:19 PM
Subject: Miami-Dade Community Relations Board urges positive change in wake of Trayvon Martin’s death

Media note: Please see referenced paper attached.

NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 28, 2012
CONTACT: Amy Carswell, 305-375-5730

Miami-Dade Community Relations Board urges positive change in wake of Trayvon Martin’s death

MIAMI, FL – On March 28, 2012, Dr. Walter T. Richardson, chair of Miami-Dade’s Community Relations Board (CRB), distributed a position paper to the community at large calling for justice for Trayvon Martin’s family, as well as supporting the re-examination of Florida’s “Stand Your Ground” law.

CRB officials, who seek to dispel and prevent community tensions and conflict, have already sent their condolences to the Martin family, including Ronald Fulton, Trayvon’s uncle and member of the CRB Executive Committee. In the paper, Dr. Richardson expressed that while the call for justice has been heard loud and clear in Miami-Dade, he urges residents not to let their outrage turn to revenge and violence. He praised local high school and college students who have led movements for peace in honor of Trayvon.

Dr. Richardson also outlined actions the CRB supports in the aftermath of Trayvon’s death: review of the “Stand Your Ground” law by state officials, full cooperation by the Sanford Police Department in the state’s investigation of the case, Sanford officials being
receptive to the recommendations of the Department of Justice (DOJ) Community Relations Service, and DOJ prosecutors protecting the civil rights of both Trayvon Martin and George Zimmerman fairly.

"I'd like to be exposed to a credible investigation, a blind carriage of justice, and a comprehensive review of all laws that affect this case," said Dr. Richardson.

For more information, please contact the Miami-Dade Community Relations Board at 305-375-5730.

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From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 3:59 PM
To: Gordon, Joan (Elections)
Subject: RE: CRB Questions for Elections Supervisor

2:15 is good.

From: Gordon, Joan (Elections)
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 3:58 PM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Subject: RE: CRB Questions for Elections Supervisor

Amy, as we discussed last week, you said that Supervisor Townsley could arrive at around 2:15 p.m. Is that still ok or should she be there @ 2:00 p.m.?

Joan E. Gordon, Senior Executive Secretary
Miami-Dade County Elections Department
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Miami, FL 33172
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From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 3:55 PM
To: Gordon, Joan (Elections)
Subject: CRB Questions for Elections Supervisor

Joan:

Please see the final approved questions attached which are the same as the draft submitted earlier, minus the occasional typo. The questions are intended to serve as an aide to Ms. Townsley in preparing her remarks and reflect issues and concerns shared with the CRB members and staff by members of our community. Thanks again and please tell Ms. Townsley that we very much appreciate your patience in receiving these questions. We have been very tied up responding to a barrage of community inquiries about issues related to the Trayvon Martin case (the Miami Gardens teen shot and killed in Sanford Florida) and this delayed our ability to provide the questions as anticipated.

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From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 7:32 PM
To: mildred.dupreyderobles@usdoj.gov
Subject: Re: CRB Responses to Trayvon Martin Tensions

When I know you will

From: Duprey de Robles, Mildred I. (CRS) [mailto:mildred.dupreyderobles@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 07:13 PM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Subject: Re: CRB Responses to Trayvon Martin Tensions

Thanks. Following City request, let me know who is in the delegation of the CRB and Commissioners -

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) [mailto:AMY2@miamidade.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 07:08 PM
To: Duprey de Robles, Mildred I. (CRS)
Cc: Battles, Thomas (CRS)
Subject: CRB Responses to Trayvon Martin Tensions

A small contingent of Miami-Dade CRB staff and possibly CRB members, County Commissioners and or their staffs will be traveling to Sanford for activities on March 31. We are also available for meetings with Sanford officials and/or community leaders on March 30 and/or 31.

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 7:01 PM
To: 'Dr. Walter T. Richardson'
Cc: Diaz, Rene (Advocacy); Harris Jr., Edward B. (DIST7); Morisseau, Yvans R. (Advocacy)
Subject: RE: Approve CRB Responses to Trayvon Martin Tensions

Dr. Richardson:

Thank you. We have also received the go ahead from our Director, Rene Diaz, to travel to Sanford to observe and to work with our Miami-Dade folks. Tommy Battles has suggested that the best time for us to go, (myself, Eddie Harris, Yvans, etc) is on Saturday, March 31. It has also been suggested that we may wish to be there on Monday, March 26? It will be one or the other. What do you think?

From: Dr. Walter T. Richardson [mailto:wtrichardson@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 6:51 PM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Cc: Edward Shohat; Diaz, Rene (Advocacy); Harris Jr., Edward B. (DIST7)
Subject: Re: Approve CRB Responses to Trayvon Martin Tensions

Thanks Amy.
I read this rather hurriedly, as I am now at the rally in Sanford. It seems fine. So please proceed!

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 22, 2012, at 6:00 PM, "Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)" <AMY2@miamidade.gov> wrote:
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Dr. Richardson:

Please approve CRB actions listed below as per your authority to act on behalf of the CRB pending the next Executive Committed and General Membership meeting.

The CRB Leadership Committee met earlier today with representatives of the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office, including Chief Assistants Don Horn, Kathleen Hogue, Jose Arrojo and Communications Director Ed Griffith and Assistants Raynald Louis and Janeen Jones. CRB members in attendance were Ed Shohat, who chaired the meeting, Reinaldo Valdes, Maritza Lopez and Dr. Brad Brown. Also present were Maria Shohat and Rochelie Borelan, Commissioner Jordan’s Office, Retha Boone-Fye, Amy Carswell, Eddie Harris, Yvans Morisseau. The participants heard a presentation from SAO staff and a lively discussion ensued. The CRB members then met with staff and made the following recommendations:

- That the CRB issue a position paper about the need for calm and determined action by the community, describing concerns about the Stand Your Ground law, describing some actions that have been taken by other agencies (DOJ, State legislators, FBI, FDLE) and announcing a CRB youth initiative. I am currently preparing a draft in collaboration with Ed Shohat. The document will be vetted with those present at the leadership meeting to ensure factual accuracy and the important points are included. I have also received a commitment to collaborate from the Office of State Senator Oscar Braynon.

- That the CRB convene a community forum or town hall in cooperation with the Miami-Dade County Public Schools for the purpose of providing students an opportunity to be empowered by sharing their concerns and proposals for action with a panel of CRB leaders, agency leaders and elected officials. Panel members would respond to students concerns and comments, as appropriate, and recommend actions for empowerment. The forum would be a public event convened by the CRB and public comments limited to Miami-Dade high school students only.

Please advise. ASAP.

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Thx

From: Dr. Walter T. Richardson [mailto:wtrichardson@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2012 08:42 PM
To: Edward Shohat <ed@slsdefense.com>
Cc: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy); Diaz, Rene (Advocacy); Harris Jr., Edward B. (DIST7); Morisseau, Yvans R. (Advocacy)
Subject: Re: Approve Position Paper One Last Time

Amy:
If Attorney Shohat is satisfied with the paper, along with his suggested edits, so am I.

WTR

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 27, 2012, at 6:49 PM, Edward Shohat <ed@slsdefense.com> wrote:

Third bullet point should read: "Under the SYG law a judge may determine that the defendant is immune from prosecution depriving the prosecutor from ever presenting the case to a jury."

Sixth bullet point: “vigilante” in line 2.

Sincerely,

Edward R. Shohat, Esq.

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Dr. Richardson and Mr. Shohat:

Please review for approval. I have edited for brevity and accuracy (legal) and hope to have achieved both. Please advise asap. Thank you.

Teenager's Death Inspires Passions and Hope for Positive Change

A POSITION PAPER FROM THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD

March 27, 2012

The killing of Trayvon Martin is a painful blow to those who knew and loved him and a source of distress to all who believe in the value of human life in this community. The members of the Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board (CRB) have extended our condolences to Martin’s family. Ronald Fulton, Trayvon’s beloved uncle, is a member of the CRB Executive Committee.

The emotions of grief, bewilderment, pain and anger that this young man’s death has created across our nation and the world, are being felt with particular poignancy in Miami-Dade County. Trayvon was a local kid, a young man of promise with deep family and personal ties to this community. Like so many of his peers, Trayvon was blessed with unique and valuable attributes that gave his life special worth. Young people such as these inspire a sense of hope for the future. The loss of any hurts us all.

This sense of loss can exacerbate destructive impulses like hatred and revenge. We have all heard the shrill voices. Expressions of outrage and accusations come more sincerely from those who believe Trayvon’s killing was unlawful and racially

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motivated. But when passions threaten to overwhelm, courage and fortitude are needed most.

Trayvon Martin’s family members have helped to lead the way in calling for both justice and prayers for peace. Their example has helped to guide the many thousands of Miami-Dade young people, mainly high school and university students, who are awakening to the possibility that they can change the world in this community.

It is the youth who are creating a movement that may help save their generation from further devastation by gun violence and from the pervasive wrongs of prejudice and racial hatred. We applaud a movement that aspires to value every life in our community. Fueled by action and inspired by teenagers and young adults, these efforts are most sincerely welcomed.

The CRB also understand that Florida laws are critical to the safety and security of all residents. Last week, we reached out to Miami-Dade State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle and she sent some of her senior attorneys to inform and educate us about the so-called “Stand Your Ground” law, (F.S. 776.032). We learned the following:

- The law allows a person who has used deadly force against another to avoid arrest by claiming that they feared for their life.

- A person who uses deadly force is not required to prove they were in actual danger of imminent death or great bodily injury. It is the state attorney who must prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the fear of danger was not reasonable.

- A judge ultimately decides whether fear of death or injury is reasonable. Deleting the judicial immunity provisions in the SYG law would allow a jury to make that determination.

- Courts in Florida do not agree whether the SYG law protects a person who leaves a place of safety and causes injury or death to another. An amendment could make that clear.

- Florida’s “Speedy Trail” laws require that the state attorney file charges and present its case to the court no later than 180 days after a defendant is arrested. Therefore, it is not always advisable to push for a speedy arrest as time may run out before all the evidence is collected. A hasty arrest can cause a case to be lost.

- The “Castle Doctrine” recognizes a person’s right to defend their home or business and to use deadly force if they are placed in imminent danger of death or great bodily harm. It does not give a vigilant the right to chase a person down and shoot them.

There is much work to be done in the pursuit of justice for Trayvon Martin. The CRB supports the following actions:
• The Florida Legislature and the Governor's Task Force should take a hard look at the "Stand Your Ground" law to determine whether it achieves the outcomes intended or changes are needed to protect the innocent and punish the guilty. The CRB applauds the efforts of State Senator Oscar Braynon and Governor Rick Scott in this regard.

• The police in Sanford and in Seminole County should cooperate fully with the Special Prosecutor's investigation of the circumstances and motives that led to Trayvon Martin's death. We anticipate the best efforts of Prosecutor Angela Corey and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

• Local officials and community leaders in Sanford should be receptive to recommendations from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Community Relations Service. There is a need to implement strategies that will better inform and engage family members and residents alike.

• DOJ criminal prosecutors should be both vigorous and fair in protecting the civil rights of Trayvon Martin as well as the admitted shooter, George Zimmerman.

People in our community are heartbroken over the shooting death of Trayvon Martin, a promising 17-year-old high school student, under such tragic and troubling circumstances. As we look for ways to respond, it is important that we support each other and engage with community members and responsible authorities in a spirit of cooperation and mutual respect. In this way, we can each do our part to pursue justice and healing.

The primary mission of the Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board (CRB) is to intervene quickly and effectively to prevent and reduce community tensions and conflict. The members are prominent local residents, representative of Miami-Dade's diverse community, who are business, civic, government and religious leaders. For nearly 50 years, the CRB (founded in 1963) has served as an advisor to county Mayors, Commissioners and administrators and to the community-at-large on issues impacting intergroup relations in Miami-Dade.

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Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2012 2:27 PM  
To: Edward Shohat  
Subject: RE: ASAP: Approve Updated CRB Statement

Thank you very much.

From: Edward Shohat [mailto:ed@slsdefense.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2012 1:03 PM  
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)  
Subject: RE: ASAP: Approve Updated CRB Statement

First, paragraph 5, last sentence delete “Chief” as that is not an accurate description of their positions. If you want to characterize their role in the SAO I suggest that you use the word “top” or even the word “senior” again.

Second, it is not the “immunity” provision of the Stand Your Ground Law that allows “a person...to avoid arrest.” The immunity provision allows a judge to decide whether the SYG law applies and to dismiss a case without a jury deciding. I would illuminate the word “immunity” in the first line of the first sentence of the first bullet point after paragraph 5.

Third, in the third bullet point I would delete the word “Only” as I do not believe that it is an accurate statement of the law. I would change the second sentence to read “Deletion of the judicial immunity provision...”

Fourth, in the second bullet point after paragraph 7, please remember that the State Attorney in Sanford is no longer on the case and that a special prosecutor has been appointed. I would change that bullet point to read: “The police in Sanford and Seminole County need to cooperate fully with the Special Prosecutor’s investigation in an effort to conduct a thorough and complete investigation of the circumstances and motives that led to Trayvon Martin’s death....

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While there is a rare lack of conflict over Trayvon’s killing in Miami-Dade County, (most people seem to agree that a grave wrong was committed); there is a lot of emotion and passionate debate. The grief, bewilderment, pain and anger that this young man’s death has created around the nation and the world, are being felt with particular poignancy by caring people here. Trayvon was a local kid, our neighbor with deep family and personal ties to our community. He was also a young man of promise, blessed with the many unique and valuable attributes that gave his life special worth. It is such young people, and the many like him in this community, who encourage in us a sense of hope for the future. The loss of Trayvon Martin really hurts. We know that this sense of loss can also be the source of destructive passions such as hatred and revenge. We have all heard the shrill voices. Expressions of outrage and accusation are understandable from those who believe Trayvon’s killing was unlawful and racially motivated. But when passions threaten to overwhelm, courage and fortitude are needed most.

Trayvon Martin’s family members have helped to lead the way in calling for both justice and prayers for peace. Their example has helped to guide the many thousands of young people, mainly high school and university students, who are awakening to the possibility that they can change the world in this community. It is the youth who are creating a movement that will be the only way to save themselves from the devastation of gun violence and the pervasive wrongs of prejudice and racial hatred.

The CRB joins with responsible leaders throughout Miami-Dade County in applauding loudly for the positive efforts of the many young people, and not so young people, who are working to create a movement that aspires to value every life in our community. Such a movement, fueled by action and inspired by teenagers and young adults, is most sincerely welcomed.

The CRB has also joined along with others to explore the impact of Florida laws upon the pursuit of justice for Trayvon Martin and for the future safety and security of all our state’s residents. Last week, Miami-Dade State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle sent some of her senior attorneys to meet with a contingent of CRB members to inform and educate us about the so-called “Stand Your
The immunity provisions of the “Stand Your Ground” (SYG) law allow a person who has used deadly force against another to avoid arrest by claiming that they feared for their life. In fact, police who arrest a killer who claims they acted in self defense are themselves liable for payment of that person’s attorney’s fees if a judge later finds that the killing was lawful.

A person who uses deadly force is not required to prove that they acted because they were in danger of imminent death or great bodily injury. It is the responsibility of the state attorney with jurisdiction in the case to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the person acted in a way that was unreasonable.

Only a judge may decide whether a defendant had a reasonable fear of death or injury under the SYG law. An amendment of the judicial immunity provisions would allow a jury of citizens to make that determination.

Courts in Florida do not currently agree about whether a person may claim the protection of the SYG law even if they leave a place of safety and cause injury or death to another. An amendment could make this clear.

Florida’s “Speedy Trial” laws require that a state attorney file charges and present its case to the court no later than 180 days from the time a defendant is arrested. Therefore, it is not always advisable to push for a speedy arrest as it may lead to a prosecution without sufficient time for all the important evidence to be collected. A hasty arrest may cause the case to be lost.

Florida law allows a criminal defendant to sue people who make an accusation against him/her in civil court and, if they lose, force the accusers to pay the defendant’s civil court costs. In other words, if Trayvon Martin’s family sues the admitted shooter, George Zimmerman, and they lose, the Martins can be forced to pay Zimmerman’s civil attorneys’ fees and other court costs.

The Miami-Dade State Attorney’s who met with CRB members did take a position about the actions of the man who killed Trayvon Martin. “Stand Your Ground”, they said, does not allow a person to leave a place of safety in order to pursue someone just because they believe the person being pursued may have committed a crime. The “Castle Doctrine” recognizes a person’s right to defend their home or business and to use deadly force if they are placed in imminent danger of death or great bodily harm. It does not give a vigilant the right to chase a person down and shoot them.

Clearly, there is much work to be done in the pursuit of justice for Trayvon.

The State Legislature and the Governor’s Task Force needs to take a hard look at the “Stand Your Ground” law to determine whether it achieves the outcomes intended or whether changes need to be made to protect the innocent and punish the guilty. The CRB supports the actions of State Senator Oscar Braynon to convene legislative hearings and Governor Rick Scott who convened a Task Force that will try to ensure that residents are protected.

The police in Sanford and in Seminole County need to work closely with the state attorney to conduct a thorough and complete investigation of the circumstances and motives that led to Trayvon Martin’s death. We anticipate the best efforts of State Attorney Angela Corey, who has been appointed by Governor Rick Scott to prosecute this case, and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, whom the Governor has directed to assist.

Law enforcement elected and appointed officials and community leaders in Sanford need to work closely with the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Community Relations Service. We understand local officials and community leaders have been receptive to DOJ staff and have
begun to implement strategies that will better inform and engage family members and concerned residents.

- The DOJ’s criminal prosecutors need to be both vigorous and fair in their application of applicable federal laws for the protection of the civil rights of Trayvon Martin as well as the rights of George Zimmerman.

There is nothing that any of us can do to restore what has been lost in this tragedy. People in our community are heartbroken over the shooting death of Trayvon Martin, a promising 17 year-old high school student, under such tragic and troubling circumstances. As we look for ways to respond, it is important that we support each other and engage with community members and responsible authorities in a spirit of cooperation and mutual respect. In this way, we can each do our part to pursue justice and healing.

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Cc: Diaz, Rene (Advocacy); Harris Jr., Edward B. (DIST7)
Subject: Approve Updated CRB Statement

Mr. Shohat and Dr. Richardson:

Please review the updated CRB Statement attached. Thank you.

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Subject: RE: Is the "stand your ground" debate helping or hurting justice for Trayvon?

Subhash and Muhammed:
FYI: A Committee of Community Relations Board leaders met today with senior assistants from the Miami-Dade State Attorney’s office to discussed issues and concerns related to Florida’s “Stand Your Ground” law. The CRB will issue a statement in the next few days describing some of the components of the law that the CRB members believe are inconsistent with our community’s commonly held belief in the value of human life. The statement will encourage our elected officials to define and pursue specific legislative action needed to update and reform Florida laws with the goal of protecting all of us from future tragedies and unintended consequences such as that which contributed to the death of Trayvon Martin.

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opinions? here's an opinion piece by subhash kateel, co-host of let's talk about it radio. tune in to our show every wednesday night 7pm. we cover events on the ground and talk about real issues with real people. SHARE THIS! http://www.letstalkaboutit.info/2012/03/by-subhash-kateel-it-almost-hurts-me-to.html

Thursday, March 22, 2012

Is the “stand your ground” debate helping or hurting justice for Trayvon?

By Subhash Kateel

It almost hurts me to write anything about Trayvon Martin. Since he was killed, there has been a massive outcry amongst almost anyone with a beating heart. As I was preparing for my radio show dedicated to
Trayvon’s murder, what struck me about this case is that virtually every person I talked to, White, Black, Brown, liberal or conservative, gun owner or not, is outraged at Trayvon’s murder and the actions/inactions of the Sanford Police Department and local prosecutors. It hurts even more to criticize people I respect who I feel are making a huge mistake putting Florida’s “stand your ground,” “shoot first” or “self-defense” law (depending on your perspective) on the same trial as Trayvon’s killer George Zimmerman and the cops who failed to do the right thing. In the end, I think the insistence on making this as much about “stand your ground” as it is about Trayvon, the man that murdered him and the police that didn’t do their job is hurting the case.

If you don’t know by now, 17-year-old Miami native Trayvon Martin was visiting his father in Sanford, Florida, a small town north of Orlando. Volunteer neighborhood watchman, George Zimmerman called the police, follows Trayvon against the advice of a 911 dispatcher, confronts him and shoots him to death with his legally owned 9 mm pistol. The cops come and don’t arrest Zimmerman, calling the killing a justifiable homicide.

It is not easy to say that people I look up to (and not because I am short) may be hurting Trayvon’s case, and I don’t think it is intentional in any way. That doesn’t stop my belief that entangling Trayvon’s murder with “stand your ground” is counterproductive. For example, one of my favorite broadcast journalists, Amy Goodman of Democracy Now, spent ten minutes of her Tuesday program talking with guests that labeled attempts to repeal “stand your ground,” “Trayvon’s reversal.” One of my favorite state senators, Oscar Braynon (D-Miami Gardens) is calling for hearings on “stand your ground,” telling the Miami Herald that “this is a perfect case of where it goes awry.” Mother Jones, a magazine I read often, ran an article yesterday referring to it as “the law protecting Trayvon Martin’s killer.” Josh Horwitz of the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence, an organization I once featured on my show, did an entire analysis of the bill in a Huffington Post article claiming that the law is “arming Zimmerman’s” defense. Even a Facebook friend of mine declared on my wall yesterday that Zimmerman was “within the limits of the law.” I could literally go on for pages.

There are many, many, things wrong with this all of this. For starters, accepting that “stand your ground” is the reason Zimmerman is not in jail requires us to believe that Zimmerman was actually defending himself and that the cops who responded to the case actually did their job and were just following the law. It also means not believing Trayvon’s family lawyer, Jasmine Rand, who insisted on the exact same Democracy Now program mentioned above that there is more than enough evidence for cops to arrest George Zimmerman and for prosecutors to prosecute him, if only people in power would do their jobs. Furthermore, almost every person talking about Trayvon’s murder and “stand your ground” in the same breath are either not reading the law, misreading it or reading the wrong parts of it. In the end, insinuating in any way that Zimmerman, the cops or the prosecutors simply acted within the limits of the law and that the law is the primary problem in this case, not only creates reasonable doubt in the court of public opinion where there should be none, it unnecessarily turns a clear cut case of right vs. wrong, illegal vs. legal, and murder into an unhelpful ideological and culture war that doesn’t benefit Trayvon, his family or justice.

If you look at the mountain of evidence in the case, from the 911 tapes where a dispatcher tells Zimmerman to not follow Trayvon into the neighborhood, to the conversation between Trayvon and his girlfriend where he fears he is being followed by someone, to the eyewitnesses in the case who told Anderson Cooper that right after hearing Zimmerman (who outweighed Trayvon by 100 pounds) shoot Trayvon, they saw Zimmerman on top of him, the idea that Zimmerman was using deadly force to prevent imminent death, great bodily harm or a forcible felony (as the law requires) quickly falls apart.

If people who are much smarter than me would just read the law in its entirety, and not just the parts they like or dislike, they would see that Florida’s “Justifiable Use of Force” statutes (it is not called “stand your ground,” “shoot to kill,” or “yippie ki yay, I’m a cowboy”) include a section (776.041) that few people (even those defending the law) mention which explicitly prohibits a shooter from using self defense as an excuse, when they are the ones provoking the use of force. In fact, in those cases, the law requires exactly what Senator Braynon and Josh Horwitz want, that people provoking a confrontation must try to escape it, and not just shoot first.
On my show yesterday, Tampa Gun Shop owner and firearms instructor Vic Grechniw, who teaches the same classes that Zimmerman was required to take before getting his Concealed Weapons Permit, not only insists that he sees nothing justifiable in Zimmerman’s actions, he states that he doesn’t know any firearms instructors that would. The irony of the whole situation is that he believes if you read Florida’s law in its entirety, there was one person that had the right to “stand his ground” against a perceived “imminent” threat, and that person was Trayvon Martin.

But he is not alone, the Republican lawmakers that crafted Florida’s specific “stand your ground” provisions don’t get why Zimmerman hasn’t been charged yet. A former Miami Dade prosecutor told the Herald that if Zimmerman was asked to back off (which a 911 dispatcher did), then “he’s not covered by the law.” Miami criminal defense attorney Marcus Tan told me on my show that if the cops did their jobs, there was more than enough to make an arrest. By constantly invoking existing Florida law as the primary barrier, some of my friends speaking out for Trayvon while saying that the cops acted within the current law, seem to be the only ones that disagree.

If anything, after reading the entire Justifiable Use of Force statute, what troubled me most wasn’t its newer “stand your ground” provisions, but its older provisions (776.05) giving law enforcement officers (as opposed to wannabe cops) a whole lot of leeway to use “any force” (including lethal force) in a wide variety of situations. Is this the law used to let crooked Miami Beach Cop Adam Tavss off the hook for two questionable shootings in one week two years ago right before he was arrested for growing drugs in his basement? If so, should the people newly interested in “stand your ground” be interested in reviewing all of it?

The reason all of this is important is twofold. As a practical matter, if this case does go to trial, in criminal court or civil court, it will not be in my old home New York, Washington DC, or California. It will be in Florida, and likely require a jury of Floridians. The jury pool may very well consist of people that own guns, have concealed weapons permits, agree with “stand your ground,” but still think murdering a young boy is a GOD-awful thing to do. The more this is about issues that invoke a culture war and a shooter that acted within “the limits of the law,” and not a clear case of unlawful murder of a young boy and incompetent cops that didn’t make a proper arrest, the more it muddies the minds of people that may serve on a jury.

But perhaps more importantly, it is patently unfair to expect Trayvon’s family, anyone mourning Trayvon’s murder, hashtagging his name on twitter or saying a prayer for his family to recount, research, or recite the long history of race relations, self defense laws, gun ownership or anything else in order to achieve justice for Trayvon. If this is a race issue, a gun issue, or a culture war issue, it is because a man murdered a young boy and the specific cops in the case neither followed the law nor did their job. Can we all stand our ground, together, on that fact?

Don't forget to tune in to our show every Wednesday at 7pm.
Dr. Richardson:

Thank you. We have also received the go ahead from our Director, Rene Diaz, to travel to Sanford to observe and to work with our Miami-Dade folks. Tommy Battles has suggested that the best time for us to go, (myself, Eddie Harris, Yvans, etc) is on Saturday, March 31. It has also been suggested that we may wish to be there on Monday, March 26? It will be one or the other. What do you think?

Dr. Richardson:

Thanks Amy.
I read this rather hurriedly, as I am now at the rally in Sanford. It seems fine. So please proceed!

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 22, 2012, at 6:00 PM, "Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)" <AMY2@miamidade.gov> wrote:

Please approve CRB actions listed below as per your authority to act on behalf of the CRB pending the next Executive Committed and General Membership meeting.

The CRB Leadership Committee met earlier today with representatives of the Miami-Dade State Attorney’s Office, including Chief Assistants Don Horn, Kathleen Hogue, Jose Arrojo and Communications Director Ed Griffith and Assistants Raynald Louis and Janeen Jones. CRB members in attendance were Ed Shohat, who chaired the meeting, Reinaldo Valdes, Maritza Lopez and Dr. Brad Brown. Also present were Maria Shohat and Rochelie Borelan, Commissioner Jordan’s Office, Retha Boone-Fye, Amy Carswell, Eddie Harris, Yvans Morisseau. The participants heard and presentation from SAO staff and a lively discussion ensued. The CRB members then met with staff and made the following recommendations:
That the CRB issue a position paper about the need for calm and determined action by the community, describing concerns about the Stand Your Ground law, describing some actions that have been taken by other agencies (DOJ, State legislators, FBI, FDLE) and announcing a CRB youth initiative. I am currently preparing a draft in collaboration with Ed Shohat. The document will be vetted with those present at the leadership meeting to ensure factual accuracy and the important points are included. I have also received a commitment to collaborate from the Office of State Senator Oscar Braynon.

That the CRB convene a community forum or town hall in cooperation with the Miami-Dade County Public Schools for the purpose of providing students an opportunity to be empowered by sharing their concerns and proposals for action with a panel of CRB leaders, agency leaders and elected officials. Panel members would respond to students concerns and comments, as appropriate, and recommend actions for empowerment. The forum would be a public event convened by the CRB and public comments limited to Miami-Dade high school students only.

Please advise. ASAP.

Amy Carswell

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Ok, I think.

On further thought, I request that in the list of things you are asking to have reconsidered about the SYG law, please include the following:

* Whether the law should be amended to remove the provision for judicial immunity so that application of the law becomes jury question not one for a judge to decide;

* Whether the SYG law should be amended to add a provision prohibiting an individual who leaves a position of safety and causes injury or death to another from asserting a defense under the law.

Sincerely,
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FYI: Please find below a listing of some events related to the Justice for Trayvon Martin movement provided courtesy of the Florida Immigrant Coalition.

SANFORD, FL

Saturday March 31st: 8am-2pm at Crooms Academy 2200 W 13 Street Sanford, FL. advocates and community members will be gathering to articulate the larger systemic malady connected to this murder. The mobilization calls for government accountability in the continuous violence based on appearance that is experienced by African Americans, Muslims, Latinos, women and other minorities. To reserve a seat on the bus from Miami: RSVP to Miami-Dade NAACP for $35 roundtrip by calling: 305-685-8694.

MIAMI, FL

Thursday March 29th: Belafonte Talcocy Center: 6161 NW 9th Ave, Miami, FL 33127-1013 6PM-8PM: Join the Miami Worker's Center for a dialogue "Circle of Consciousness" on the case of Trayvon Martin, the impact of his murder on our communities, and what is the appropriate response for those of us seeking justice. RSVP to hashim@theworkerscenter.org - 305.759.8717 ext 1019.

Sunday April 1st: Bayfront Park Amphitheater at 4:00 PM (gates open at 1:00 PM) Downtown Miami 301 N. Biscayne Blvd. Join the parents of Trayvon Martin: Tracy Martin and Sabrina Fulton.

Wednesday April 4th: Miami Dade College North Campus: 11380 NW 27th Ave Bldg 4 Bookstore, Miami, FL 33167-3495 11AM-2PM Students organize Teach-In for social and racial justice.

NATIONWIDE

Friday March 30th at 8PM LIVE from CNN studios in New York, Soledad O'Brien is hosting a town hall meeting called "Beyond Trayvon: Race and Justice in America."
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Cc: Jordan, Barbara (DIST1); Ragin, Andre T. (DIST1); Hawkins, Ryan (DIST1); Lafleur, Shirlee; Alexis Snyder; walter richardson; Ronald Fulton
Subject: Please Include CRB Chair on Rally Agenda
Attachments: CRB Trayvon Martin Statement.pdf; CRB Trayvon Martin Statement.docx

Ms. McCray:

Please include as a speaker at the April 1 event, Dr. Walter T. Richardson, Chair of the Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board. Dr. Richardson would like to share a brief message of unity and empowerment, mutual cooperation and respect. The CRB is a thirty member board of prominent residents, from diverse communities, who are business, civic, government and religious leaders. Please find attached the CRB’s Position Paper on the Trayvon Martin case. Dr. Richardson’s remarks will not encompass all of the point including in the statement.

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President Barack Obama waded into the growing national controversy of the killing of an unarmed black teenager in Florida, saying Trayvon Martin's death particularly resonated with him as an African-American parent.

"If I had a son, he would look like Trayvon," Obama said in brief remarks outside the White House.

Obama said the nation should do some "soul-searching to figure out how something like this happens."

"I think every parent in America should be able to understand why it is absolutely imperative that we investigate every aspect of this and that everybody pulls together, federal, state and local, to figure out exactly how this tragedy happened," Obama said.
Miami Heat players pose in hoodies to support Trayvon Martin

1:58 PM on 03/23/2012

NBA players are now pledging their support for Trayvon Martin. Earlier today, Heat forward LeBron James tweeted a photo of him and his teammates in hoodies with the message "#WeAreTrayvonMartin." Martin was killed on February 26th.

*Martin Luther King: "Injustice Anywhere is a Threat to Justice Everywhere!"
Miami-Dade Community Relations Board urges positive change in wake of Trayvon Martin's death

MIAMI, FL – On March 28, 2012, Dr. Walter T. Richardson, chair of Miami-Dade’s Community Relations Board (CRB), distributed a position paper to the community at large calling for justice for Trayvon Martin's family, as well as supporting the re-examination of Florida’s "Stand Your Ground" law.

CRB officials, who seek to dispel and prevent community tensions and conflict, have already sent their condolences to the Martin family, including Ronald Fulton, Trayvon’s uncle and member of the CRB Executive Committee. In the paper, Dr. Richardson expressed that while the call for justice has been heard loud and clear in Miami-Dade, he urges residents not to let their outrage turn to revenge and violence. He praised local high school and college students who have led movements for peace in honor of Trayvon.

Dr. Richardson also outlined actions the CRB supports in the aftermath of Trayvon’s death: review of the “Stand Your Ground” law by state officials, full cooperation by the Sanford Police Department in the state’s investigation of the case, Sanford officials being receptive to the recommendations of the Department of Justice (DOJ) Community Relations Service, and DOJ prosecutors protecting the civil rights of both Trayvon Martin and George Zimmerman fairly.

"I'd like to be exposed to a credible investigation, a blind carriage of justice, and a comprehensive review of all laws that affect this case," said Dr. Richardson.

For more information, please contact the Miami-Dade Community Relations Board at 305-375-5730.

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Mr. Battles:

As you know, the board members and staff of the Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board (CRB) are committed to responding to intergroup tensions and to building bridges of understanding and respect among our diverse communities. Unfortunately, we will not be able to attend the NAACP March in Sanford or to meet with representatives of the City this week as previously discussed. A host of events and activities being conducted in Miami-Dade County will require our attentions here and we will therefore be unable to travel to Sanford at this time. Please be aware that Trayvon Martin's family, in cooperation with County Commissioner Barbara Jordan, Congresswoman Frederica Wilson and Miami Commissioner Spence Jones, are planning a "mass rally" in Miami's Bayfront Park on Sunday, April 1, 2012, 4 p.m. The CRB Goodwill Ambassadors are being activated and CRB board members and staff are coordinating with the organizers who anticipate 15,000 - 20,000 participants. Other local events this week are a rally/march organized by Haitian American leaders in North Dade this evening, a rally organized by pastors in the Goulds community of South Dade on this Friday, and other events, etc. We had been anticipating an opportunity to work directly with you, Florida NAACP leaders and members of the Sanford community, and regret that we will be unable to do so at this time. We are confident that the NAACP event will be well organized and productive.

Please appreciate that the Miami-Dade County CRB will to collaborate with the DOJ Community Relations Service and to assist whenever we can with important efforts that you identify. I have shared with you and Ms. De Robles some of the model strategies and programs that the Miami-Dade CRB has implemented that members of the Sanford community may find informative in their efforts to address community tensions there. We would be willing to meet with Sanford city officials, or other relevant parties, at a time that is mutually convenient. We hope to see you soon.

-----Original Message-----
From: Battles, Thomas (CRS) [mailto:Thomas.Battles@usdoj.gov]
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Subject:

Amy: Good to hear from you. We look forward to working with you and the CRB's team that will be on site to work the NAACP march. It is my understanding that several buses from Miami Dade will be in Sanford to participate in the march. Your experience and familiarity with the Miami Leadership will serve to reduce tension as it may arise.

In addition we will facilitate a meeting between the CRB and the Project Manager for the City that has responsibility for community relations and outreach.

See you on Saturday.

Tommy
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Justin McCarthy

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2012 1:47 PM
Subject: Major Performing Artists Trayvon Martin Tribute


See major performing artists tribute to Trayvon Martin.

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Dr. Walter T. Richardson, Chair of the Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board will be accompanied by his wife Deloris Richardson.

Arrive by 3pm - His name will be on list. Enter on south side of bayfront between bayside. The road that runs near Hardrock.

He will be shown where to park. Is he traveling with guest?

From: "Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)" <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
Date: Sat, 31 Mar 2012 17:00:38 -0400
To: <mccray.kim@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: (updated) Congresswoman Wilson Announces Hometown Rally for Family of Trayvon Martin on Sunday, April 1 in Bayfront Park

Where should he report at Bayfront and at what time?

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Subject: Re: (updated) Congresswoman Wilson Announces Hometown Rally for Family of Trayvon Martin on Sunday, April 1 in Bayfront Park

Thanks. Best wishes.

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To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
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Hi Amy

Went over program late last night with family, he is a go. I was planning to contact u by 5pm to confirm but u reached out first. I'm on roller skates today. Thanks for your patience.

Sent via BlackBerry from T-Mobile
Ms McCray: Has there been a determination about including CRB Chair Dr Walter Richardson on the agenda for the Rally. Please advise asap. Thank you.

Thank you very much. See you in the morning.

Sent via BlackBerry from T-Mobile

MEDIA ADVISORY
March 29, 2012

Congresswoman Wilson Announces Hometown Rally for Family of Trayvon Martin on Sunday, April 1 in Bayfront Park
WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, U.S. Rep. Frederica Wilson (D-Fla.) announced that a hometown rally for the family of Trayvon Martin will be held on Sunday, April 1, 2012 at 4:00 pm in Bayfront Park in Miami. Joining Trayvon’s parents, Tracy Martin and Sybrina Fulton, Congresswoman Wilson and Miami Commissioner Michelle Spence-Jones will be Congresswoman Corinne Brown and Congressman Al Green (D-Texas), FL state Representative Cynthia Stafford, Miami Commissioner Barbara Jordan, singer Betty Wright, actress JoMarie Payton and many other elected officials, community leaders and clergy.

National figures attending the hometown rally include Chaka Khan and Rev. Jesse Jackson.

Gates open for the public at 1:00 pm, and members of the press can start setting up at 12:00 noon.

For more information, contact Gwen Belton at gwen.belton@mail.house.gov or via cell at (305) 407-4270.

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WHEN: Sunday, April 1, 2012 at 4:00 pm
WHERE: Bayfront Park, 301 North Biscayne Blvd., Miami, Florida

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Rep. Frederica S. Wilson is a first-term Congresswoman representing the 17th District of Florida, including Northern Miami-Dade and Southeast Broward Counties. A former state legislator and school principal, she is the founder of the 5000 Role Models for Excellence Project, a mentoring program for young males at risk of dropping out of school.

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Updates from Congresswoman Wilson:

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Justin McCarthy

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Subject: FW: Teachers for Trayvon April 3rd

From: Harris Jr., Edward B. (DIST7)
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FYI:

-----Original Message-----
From: Finley, Laura L [mailto:LFinley@mail.barry.edu]
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Subject: RE: Teachers for Trayvon April 3rd

My apologies to all those who have seen/heard this multiple times, but we are really trying to get educators involved. Please see below and spread the word to any teacher/professor you know!

Teachers everywhere unite in support of Trayvon Martin and his family. Wear a hoodie to work on Tuesday, April 3rd. Teach about justice. Teach FOR justice. Spread the word. Send this to every educator at every level, K-12 to College. This could have been any of our kids, any of our students. Racial Profiling MUST end.

Like this event at Teachers for Trayvon on Facebook. Invite all your educator friends to participate.
Good morning!

I just wanted let you all know that there is a fantastic speaker coming to campus as part of the Doan-Stolzenberg International Speaker series. She will be on campus March 26 and 27 and giving a “formal” presentation and talk the evening of March 26 (5 PM). Knight Auditorium in the Desantis Building at Nova Southeastern University. The event is open to the public and is free. Please pass this information along to anyone who may be interested.

Jen Marlowe is a peace activist, and the title of her talk will be “Reflections on Resistance.” She is a Seattle-based author/documentary filmmaker/playwright and human rights advocate. Jen began her professional life working at Seattle Children’s Theatre; from 1994-2000, she did youth theatre work in Seattle, using theatre as a platform for students to tell their stories. Jen lived and worked in Jerusalem from 2000-2004, using some of
these same techniques to engage in dialogue-based conflict resolution with Palestinian and Israeli teenagers. Jen also did conflict resolution work with youth in Afghanistan, Cyprus, India, Pakistan and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

She is the author of two books, two documentaries and a play.

In 2004, with colleagues Adam Shapiro and Aisha Bain, Jen traveled to Northern Darfur and Eastern Chad to make an award-winning documentary film *Darfur Diaries: Message from Home* and wrote the accompanying book *Darfur Diaries: Stories of Survival*. *Darfur Diaries* was included in the 2007 edition of the Best American Non-Required Reading, edited by Dave Eggers.

Jen’s second feature-length award-winning documentary is called *Rebuilding Hope*. *Rebuilding Hope* follows three Sudanese-American young men on their first homecoming trip back to Sudan, to discover whether their homes and families survived the civil war and to build a school, drill wells and bring medical supplies to their villages in Sudan.

Jen’s second book, called *The Hour of Sunlight*, is co-authored with and tells the story of Sami Al Jundi, a Palestinian man from the Old City of Jerusalem who spent ten years in Israeli prison for being involved in militant anti-occupation activities as a youth and who has spent the last two decades of his life working towards nonviolence and peaceful reconciliation between Israelis and Palestinians.

Jen is also the playwright of *There is a Field*. The play addresses issues faced by Palestinian citizens of Israel. The play launched globally in October 2010, to mark the ten-year anniversary of Black October. In addition to that she recently completed a short documentary film called *One Family in Gaza* profiling one family’s experience during and after the 2009 assault on the Gaza Strip.

If you want to see more check out her website: www.donkeysaddle.org

Hope to see you there!

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"Until the great mass of the people shall be filled with the sense of responsibility for each other's welfare, social justice can never be attained" (Helen Keller)

"Children learn more from what you are than what you teach" (WEB DuBois)
Hello SFDA Partners,

In the spirit of the South Florida Diversity Alliance, I want to share with you information about the upcoming Cultural Gala being held at Nova Southeastern University. Please share it with your students and employees who would enjoy attending this event. If you have an event that you would like to invite others to attend or collaborate with you on, feel free to send it to sfda@nova.edu and we will send it out and continue to promote collaborative partnerships in South Florida.

Kind regards,

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• Upcoming events/initiatives

Conference Call Directions
• Please call 954-262-2663
• Put in our ID which is 51190 and press pound.

Talk to you soon!

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Subject: South Florida Diversity Alliance next meeting

Hi all-

Our next meeting is Wednesday November 2 from 11-12. We will be meeting in the patio area outside of the Starbucks in NSU’s University Center. As this will be our last meeting before the November 18 and 19 summits, please try to attend.

Peace-
Laura
FYI: I will let you know what happens, as the BAAB should also be a partner.

Mr. Dixon:
Dr. Richardson asked me on yesterday to go full steam ahead to convene an event that is a youth forum/townhall/speak out event to provide young people an opportunity to address relevant elected officials, agency heads, community leaders and each other about their concerns related to the Trayvon Martin case. The purpose is to intervene to prevent and reduce community tensions and build bridges of understanding and respect. Dr. Richardson asked that young people be involved as planners and conveners. The youth forum project has been percolating for the past three weeks beginning with a request by Ronald Fulton, Trayvon Martin’s uncle and CRB Executive Committee member. Since yesterday I have received commitments to participate and consulted again with Ronald Fulton and Commissioner Barbara Jordan. Dr. Richardson asked that I also consult with MDEAT leaders who discussed the need to engage with youth at a board meeting on yesterday. I also spoke with Tony Williams about the possibility of working together to link the forum with a mock-trial of racial profiling to be convened by MDEAT the following evening or shortly thereafter. The trial would provide an excellent opportunity/next step for youth who are concerned about racial profiling and related issues and who wish to take a leadership role and begin to engage in leadership activities. We have discussed a date, April 12 and 13 is looking very good, time: 6 – 9 p.m., audience: youth ages 21 and under in the communities served by Krop, Norland, Carol City and American high and location Carol City Sr. auditorium or the Betty Ferguson Community Center (I think is too small) or elsewhere. I understand from Commissioner Jordan that school board member Holloway is supportive along with Congresswoman Wilson. She also asked the Miami-Dade Youth Commission be involved. Before I reach out to any additional leaders/collaborators/resources and to the youth, I need some direction on MDEAT’s plans. Please advise asap. Thank you.

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From: Thomas, Andrew [mailto:Andrew.Thomas@SanfordFL.gov]
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To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Cc: Thomas, Andrew
Subject: Touching Bases

Good Morning Ms. Carswell.

I got your name and email address form Mildred Duprey de Robles from the Community Relations Services of DOJ as a person to reach out to and connect with regarding the Trayvon Martin case. We are very saddened by this tragedy and can only imagine what the family and friends of Trayvon are going through. As the Mayor and City Manager of the City of Sanford has stated on numerous occasions, we like so many others have echoed, want the truth and to see justice prevail.

In preparation for our upcoming City Commission meeting next Monday, March 26, 2012, I am reaching out to you for assistance. Mildred indicated to me there may be several buses coming from the Miami area to the Commission meeting in support of Trayvon Martin’s family. Thank you for your participation and please be assured the City of Sanford welcomes you as our guest and wants to make your visit a pleasant one. Since we are anticipating a rather large crowd and seating will be limited, I would greatly appreciate your assistance in letting me know approximately how many people you anticipate will be attending the Commission meeting so we can plan accordingly. Also, I would greatly appreciate it if you would let me know if any City/County Officials from the Miami Dade area plan on attending the meeting and if any one would like to speak. The Commission’s Agenda is pretty much devoted to recognizing and acknowledging the death of Trayvon.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Cordially,

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Albert Einstein
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CRB Chair Report to General Membership Meeting
March 21, 2012

- **Death of Trayvon Martin.** Our deepest condolences to the family of CRB Executive Committee member Ronald Fulton upon the tragic death of his nephew 17-year-old nephew Trayvon Martin in Sanford Florida on February 26. Mr. Martin was enrolled at Michael Krop Senior High and was previously a student at Miami Carol City Sr. He was shot and killed under mysterious circumstances while visiting family members in Sanford Florida. His funeral was held in Miami-Dade on March 3, 2012. This young man’s death has caught the attention of local, state-wide, national and international communities. People are questioning the killing of an African-American youth during an unexplained altercation with a 28 year old white male who was a self-described Crime watch Captain. Trayvon’s father is a truck driver from Miami-Dade and was at the family member’s home when the shooting occurred. Trayvon’s mother, Sybrina Fulton, is an employee at Miami-Dade Public Housing Agency. CRB Community Intervention staff has reached out to the Sanford Police Department, County Commissioner Barbara Jordan and the U.S. Department of Justice Community Relations Service. The CRS is monitoring community tensions and community regularly with the CRB staff. Later in the meeting, we will explore strategies to reduce tensions over the killing of Trayvon Martin.

- **Miami-Dade County Commission Chairman Joe Martinez** has submitted his mandatory resignation to the Clerk of the Courts and the Supervisor of Elections. Mr. Martinez has announced his candidacy for the Office of Miami-Dade Mayor. His resignation will be effective November 20, 2012. That is the date that his term as commissioner expires and a newly elected Commissioner will take office representing District 11. It is anticipated that a new County Commission Chair will be selected shortly thereafter.
• **Wage Theft Legislation letter:** The CRB prepare a letter to Florida Legislators encouraging them to protect the successful Miami-Dade Wage Theft Ordinance. The Miami-Dade Office of Intergovernmental Affairs assisted by forwarding the letter to key members of the Florida Senate this past week. A bill that would preempt the county ordinance had been adopted by the Florida House and there were efforts to by-pass Senate Committees to place a companion bill for a vote on the Senate floor. Fortunately, the bill was not heard by the Senate and was not adopted. A press release about the CRB’s efforts generated some media coverage. Mario Artecona was interviewed live of Spanish language radio and newspaper articles about the CRB’s efforts appeared in Diario las Americas and in the Florida Independent. We understand that the effort to pre-empt Miami-Dade’s Wage Theft Ordinance are likely to be introduced in the Florida Legislature again next year.

• **Wage Theft Demonstrations.** In a related develop, Miami-Dade supporters of the Wage Theft Ordinance have conducted demonstrations and distributed flyers outside the downtown Macy’s department store in downtown Miami late last month. Macy’s Vice President of Legislative Affairs, Mr. Paul Imbrone is the chairman of the Board of Directors of the Florida Retail Federation.

• I am pleased to report that **Miami-Dade Corrections Director Tim Ryan** has agreed to meet with the CRB at the April 18 General Membership Meeting. I met with Mr. Ryan and a representative of the county attorney’s office and encouraged the Corrections Director to meet with the CRB and that we would respect his need to be cautious in sharing information relevant to the U.S. Department of Justice investigation of unconstitutional conditions at Miami-Dade jail facilities. We will discuss questions to be submitted to the Corrections Director later at today’s meeting.
• I am pleased to announce that the RACE Exhibit Fundraising Committee has met its goals for bringing the exhibit to our community. A total of $16,000 has been collected including a $500 donation from the CRB and $10,000 from the Children’s Trust. The exhibit will be presented at the Museum of Science in February, March and April 2014. Congratulations to Reinaldo Valdes and other CRB members and supporters who have participated in this initiative.

• Gideon at 50. CRB member Maritza Lopez represented the CRB at a planning committee meeting for the Gideon at 50 Celebration. The Miami-Dade Public Defender is organizing activities in our community. I will ask Ms. Lopez to share a brief report on the meeting later on our agenda.

• In the Company of Women. The Commission for Women is co-hosting the In the Company of Women event which is this evening, 6 – 9 p.m. at the Biltmore Hotel. Tickets for this signature event are $40 and may be purchased at the door. We understand more than 400 people have submitted an RSVP.

• CRB ROSTER UPDATE: During this meeting, a copy of the CRB Member Roster will be passed to you. The roster lists contact information for each of you who served during calendar year 2011. It is very important that you look at the information pertaining to you and make any corrections on the document today. Staff must submit accurate information to the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners this week so that the information may be provided to the Elections Department. The Elections Department will soon mail to your correct home address, the required financial disclosure forms for all county advisory board members who served any time during calendar year 2011. Your failure to complete these forms constitutes a misdemeanor criminal offense. Your cooperation is most appreciated.
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
March 21, 2012, 2:00 p.m.
Stephen P. Clark Government Center, 111 NW 1st Street, Miami, FL 33128
Conference Room 18-4

Attendance
Members Present
Larry Capp
Valerie Davis-Bailey
Ronald Fulton
Vicki Smith Jackson
Ahmed Kabani
Lovette McGill
Brian Siegal
Walter Richardson
George L. Yap
Wilfredo Ruiz
Solomon Schiff
Farzana M. Tapia
Reinaldo Valdes
Marjorie York
Sofian Zakkout
Wilfredo Ruiz
Adam Tavakoly

Members Absent
Mario Artecona
Priscilla Dames-Blake
Maritza Lopez
Harlene Silvern Kennedy
Helen McGuire
Grace O'Donnell
Lester Rosenberg
Edward Shohat
Harold Vieux

Staff present
Amy Carswell
Yvans Morisseau
Edward Harris

The CRB General Membership Meeting was called to order by the chair, Dr. Walter T. Richardson.

The Roll Call was conducted and a quorum was affirmed. A motion was made to approve the meeting agenda. The motion was adopted.

Dr. Richardson reported that the approval of the Minutes of the February CRB General Membership Meeting will be delayed as the minutes were provided verbatim by the Clerk's Office and are not in a format that members' are accustomed and will need to be edited to focus on major action items and discussion.

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Conversation with Penelope Townsley, Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections

Discussion: MS. TOWNSLEY STATED THAT: THE DAY OF BLOOPERS IS OVER. BE ASSURED THAT ELECTIONS WILL CONTINUE TO BE CONDUCTED WITH INTEGRITY AND ACCURACY. MS. TOWNSLEY INTRODUCED CHRISTINA WHITE, DEPUTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS FOR GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS AND IN-HOUSE EXPERT ON ELECTION LAWS. ELECTION LAW CHANGES FROM 2011 INCLUDE: EARLY VOTING IS AVAILABLE FOR 8 CONSECUTIVE DAYS, 7AM TO 7PM, ENDING ON SATURDAY PRIOR TO ELECTION; 3RD PARTY VOTER REGISTRATION
ORGANIZATION MUST REGISTER WITH STATE PRIOR TO ENGAGING IN VOTER REGISTRATION ACTIVITIES; INDIVIDUALS MAY ONLY PROVIDE INFORMATION TO POTENTIAL VOTERS REGARDING HOW TO OBTAIN VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION; IF A VOTER MOVES FROM ONE COUNTY TO ANOTHER, AND CHANGES THEIR ADDRESS ON ELECTION DAY, THE VOTER MUST VOTE A PROVISIONAL BALLOT; ACTIVE VOTERS MAY WEAR CAMPAIGN PARAPHENALIA IN THE POLLING PLACE AS LONG AS THEY ARE VOTING, BUT CANNOT SOLICIT UNLESS OUTSIDE AND BEYOND 100 FT NON SOLICITATION ZONE; A POLLING ROOM MAY BE INSIDE A POLLING PLACE OR THE POLLING PLACE MAY BE THE POLLING ROOM. THE 100 FT SOLICITATION ZONE IS FROM THE ENTERANCE TO THE BUILDING; STATUTE REQUIRES ALL PROVISIONAL BALLOTS SHALL COUNT UNLESS THE CANVASSING BOARD FINDS BY PERPONDERENCE OF EVIDENCE THAT THE PERSON IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE; INELIGLE PERSONS ARE NOT REGISTERED OR ARE ATTEMPTING TO VOTE IN THE WRONG PRECIENT; A VOTER MAY CHOOSE ANY INDIVIDUAL TO ASSIST THEM; THE PERSON PROVIDING ASSISTANCE MUST COMPLETE A DECLARATION; THE DECLARED INDIVIDUAL MAY ASSIST THE VOTER AT THE BOOTH; THE TYPE AND DEGREE OF ASSISTANCE IS BETWEEN THE VOTER AND THE PERSON PROVIDING THE ASSISTANCE; A VOTER MAY ASK FOR THE ASSISTANCE OF AN ELECTION OFFICIAL.

MS. TOWNSLEY ALSO RESPONDED TO CRB MEMBER QUESTIONS AS FOLLOWS:

- FLORIDA REQUIRES VOTERS TO PRESENT ID WITH A PHOTO AND A SIGNATURE. DOES NOT PROHIBIT VOTER FROM VOTING WITHOUT BUT THE PERSON MUST VOTE PROVISIONALLY.
- THE ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO CONDUCT VOTER EDUCATION ACTIVITIES BUT IS NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE SERVICES AFTER NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS.
- INDIVIDUALS MAY ONLY PROVIDE INFORMATION TO OTHERS ON HOW TO ACCESS VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS OR MAY PROVIDE UNSOLICITED APPLICATIONS FOR AN INDIVIDUAL TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT FOR THEM.
- VOTER ASSISTANCE PAPERWORK IS COMPLETED AT THE VOTING PLACE.
- VOTER STATUS INFORMATION IS RECEIVED FROM THE STATE AND THERE COULD BE A MATTER OF TIME BETWEEN REGISTRATION AND THE ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT RECEIVING UPDATED INFO.
- RESOURCES ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO BE AS AGRESSIVE TO PROVIDE VOTER EDUCATION AND OUTREACH. WE TAKE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH ORGANIZATIONS AND WITH INDIVIDUALS TO STEER US IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION
- EVERYTHING WE DO IN ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT IS BASED ON REDUNDANCY, CONTINGENCY AND BACKUP.
- THE GREATEST CHALLENGE IS GETTING PEOPLE TO VOTE
• PROVISIONAL VOTERS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME TO THE ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT WITHIN 2 DAYS AND PROVE THEIR IDENTITY.

• WE SEND REMINDERS TO VOTERS TO UPDATE SIGNATURES SINCE SIGNATURES CHANGE OVER TIME.

• EMPLOYEES ARE TRAINED IN HANDWRITING ANALYSIS. IT IS OUR GOAL TO ENSURE THAT EVERY VOTE COUNTS.

• VOTING ABSENTEE IS ONE OF THE SAFEST AND MOST CONVENIENT WAYS TO VOTE. WE CANNOT CONTROL THE ABUSES OF OTHER PEOPLE FROM THE TIME THE BALLOT LEAVES OUR OFFICE UNTIL IT RETURNS. RECENT LEGISLATION HAS MADE MISHANDLING ABSENTEE BALLOTS A MISDEMEANOR. WE HAVE PARTNERED WITH FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF ASSISTED LIVING. REQUIRES FACILITY ADMINISTRATORS COMPLETE VOTER EDUCATION AS PART OF THEIR LICENSING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS WILL BE GIVEN TOWARD LICENSE RENEWAL.

• IF THE RELOCATION IS A PERMANENT RESIDENCE, THEY MUST CHANGE THEIR VOTER REGISTRATION. IF A TEMPORARY MOVE, YOU CAN HAVE THAT AS A MAILING ADDRESS WITHOUT CHANGING THE REGISTRATION COUNTY.

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• CHRISTINA WHITE IS THE CONTACT PERSON FOR THE CRB STAFF AT THE ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT.

Committee Reports

50th Anniversary Commemoration Planning:
Discussion: Dr. Larry Capp and Mr. Reinaldo Valdes, Co-Chairs, presented an overview of the committee’s report. Dr. Capp reported the following: WE ARE GETTING GOOD RESPONSE WITH MORE FORMER CHAIRS AND CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS INVOLVEMENT. WE ARE MOVING FORWARD WITH ESTABLISHING A 501C3 AND WILL OBTAIN PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE. WE HAVE DECIDED TO WORK WITH TWO PARTNERS; THE FIRST BEING THE MIAMI DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS. DR. BRADFORD BROWN, PAST CRB CHAIR, WILL MEET WITH PAST CRB CHAIR AND SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER, DR. WILBERT HOLLOWAY, TO ASK FOR THEIR PARTNERSHIP AND TO DEVELOP A CURRICULUM ACTIVITY, RESOURCE
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Hate Crimes Legislation and Resources Forum Planning:
Discussion: Amy Carswell, CRB Program Officer, stated that a report has not yet been completed for the committee meeting conducted on March 15, 2012. Ms. Carswell reported that: DR. BRAD BROWN CHAIRED THE COMMITTEE MEETING. REPRESENTATIVES OF FLORIDA CITY, HIALEAH AND DORAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER CRB MEMBERS ATTENDED. THE GROUP BRAINSTORMED ABOUT THE CHALLENGES AND WAYS TO IMPROVE THE ENFORCEMENT AND COUNTING OF HATE CRIMES IN MIAMI-DADE. THE INFORMATION GATHERED WILL BE SHARED WITH STAFF FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS SERVICE AND THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE. A PROPOSAL FOR AN EFFECTIVE EVENT WILL BE DEVELOPED AND BROUGHT BACK TO THE PLANNING GROUP AT IT’S NEXT MTG. DR. RICHARDSON ASKED STAFF TO PROVIDE AN INTERIM REPORT AND SENT IT TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS.

Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement:
Discussion: Vickie Smith Jackson, Committee Co-chair, presented an overview of the committee meeting as follows: THE COMMITTEE HEARD A DETAILED REPORT FROM WAYNE RAWLINS, CONSULTANT ON MIAMI-DADE COUNTY’S ANTI GANG STRATEGY. HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED: THERE ARE COST CONSTRAINTS BUT LOOKING FOR WAYS TO KEEP ACTIVITIES GOING. HOT SPOTS READING PROGRAM INVOLVED VOLUNTEERS GOING INTO JUVENILE FACILITIES, TO SPEAK WITH AND READ TO YOUNGSTERS. ONE STOP WALKING TOURS INVOLVED AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES AND VOLUNTEERS GOING DOOR TO DOOR IN AREAS WHERE GANG ACTIVITY OCCURS TO FIND OUT WHAT HELP IS NEEDED. MR. RAWLINS RECOMMENDED THE CHICAGO CEASE FIRE PROGRAM MODEL BE ADOPTED HERE WHEREINE. OUTREACH WORKERS GO INTO PLACES CONDUCIVE TO GANG ACTIVITY TO PREVENT, INTERVENE, SURPRESS AND ACCOMODATE REENTRY OF GANG MEMBERS INTO SOCIETY.

The CRB Chair recommended that Mr. Rawlins or the associated group should appear before the Board of County Commissioners and that the CRB will support their efforts by being present, forwarding a resolution or whatever other action is appropriate.

The CRB voted to prepare a letter that strongly recommends that the Board of County Commissioners take all necessary steps to continue implementation
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Ms. Smith Jackson also reported that the committee is awaiting a response to a request submitted to the State Attorney regarding Dispositional Reports on Fatal Policed-Involved Shootings. The status report anticipated from the State Attorney's office has not been forthcoming. CRB staff was advised by the SAO communications director to submit a public records request, which has been done. A response is anticipated soon.

**CRB Member Activity Reports**

**Princeton Prize for Race Relations:**

AMY CARSWELL ANNOUNCED THAT 3 HONOREES WERE SELECTED. AND THEIR NAMES WILL BE ANNOUNCED WHEN THEIR QUALIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN VETTED. HONOREES WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND CRB MEMBERS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE EVENT DETAILS.

**Commemoration of Right to Council in Criminal Cases**

AMY CARSWELL REPORTED THAT THE PUBLIC DEFENDERS' OFFICE IS SPEARHEADING LOCAL EFFORT TO COMMEMORATE GIDDEON VS WAINRIGHT; A SUPREME COURT DECISION PROVIDING RIGHT TO COUNCIL IN CRIMINAL CASES. MARITZA LOPEZ REPRESENTED THE CRB AT THE RECENT PLANNING MEETING. MS. CARSWELL ALSO ATTENDED. EACH GROUP WAS ASKED TO CONSIDER ACTIVITIES IT WILL CONDUCT. CRB STAFF WILL WORK WITH CRB MEMBERS TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE CRB'S FUTURE CONSIDERATION.

**Discussions and Determinations**

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**Discussion:** THERE IS NOT A HIGH LEVEL OF TENSIONS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AT THIS TIME. THERE IS A HIGH LEVEL OF CONCERN ABOUT WHAT LESSONS COULD BE LEARNED. THERE IS A NEED TO FOCUS ON A PERSON WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO BE PART OF VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION CARRYING A WEAPON, AGAINST ALL FEDERAL AND NATIONAL PUBLISHED RULES FOR CRIME WATCH ORGANIZATIONS. WE NEED REASSURANCE FROM OUR POLICE CHIEF OR COUNCIL OF POLICE CHIEFS THAT THIS IS NOT HAPPENING HERE. THE BLAME SHOULD NOT BE PLACED ON CRIME WATCH. CRIME WATCH VOLUNTEERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ENGAGE IN PROFILING OR VIOLENCE.
A MOTION WAS MADE THAT THE CRB ISSUE A LETTER URGING LOCAL CRIME WATCH ORGANIZATIONS TO FOLLOW ALL APPROPRIATE GUIDELINES. THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED.

DR. RICHARDSON ASKED STAFF TO PREPARE A LETTER W/ DR CAPP’S ASSISTANCE.

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- PROPOSALS ON WHAT THE CRB MAY DO TO RELEIVE TENSIONS ARE WELCOME. WE HAVE HAD REQUESTS FROM VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS FOR THE CRB TO DO CERTAIN THINGS.
- SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE STATE ATTORNEY’S OFFICE WILL MEET WITH THE CRB TOMMORROW TO TALK ABOUT THE "STAND YOUR GROUND LAW" AND IT’S IMPLICATIONS. SAO STAFFERS HAVE SHARED CONCERNS ABOUT THAT LAW, AS RELATED TO THIS AND OTHER POTENTIAL CASES. THE CRB COULD BE INSTRUMENTAL IN BRINGING ABOUT CHANGE.
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- A COMMUNITY MEETING IS NEEDED POSSIBLY SPONSORED BY THE CRB; ONE SOUTH & ONE NORTH TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE STAND YOUR GROUND LAW SO THAT THEY UNDERSTAND THE LAW, ITS PROPER APPICATION AND HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS.
- SEVERAL OPPORTUNITIES EXIST FOR TEACHING MOMMENTS FOR THE COMMUNITY AND ITS YOUTH AROUND THE ISSUES OF STREET LAW, AND KNOWING YOUR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.
- LESSON ABOUT SOCIAL ACTIVISM ARE IMPORTANT AS RECOMMENDED BY MR. FULTON.
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- WE DONT WANT TO LEAVE OUT THE SCHOOL SYSTEM, WHERE THE KIDS ARE.
Questions for Miami-Dade Corrections Director:
DR. RICHARDSON ASKED THAT QUESTIONS BE SUBMITTED FOR TIM RYAN, CORRECTIONS DIRECTOR. SOME QUESTIONS MAY NOT BE ANSWERED DUE TO THE ONGOING DOJ INVESTIGATION.

CRB Members' Retreat:
The retreat previously scheduled for April 18, conflicts with the presentation by the Corrections Department Director. The May CRB meeting date is not an option since the CRB Chair and other members will not be available. Dr. Richardson asked that a survey of members be conducted to determine the best date. The retreat is a bi-annual event conducted at the beginning of each new Chairperson's tenure for CRB members to get to know one another better and to talk about vision and mission for the next two years. Similar to a goals conference. Ms. McGill has been helpful in helping to identify and obtain an appropriate venue at the Port of Miami.

Issues Roundtable: Critical and Pressing Community Relations Concerns

New Miami Beach Police Chief Ray Martinez has been selected as the new Miami Beach Police Chief. It was asked that the CRB board to send letter of congratulations to Chief Martinez and an invitation for him to visit the CRB at its May meeting to discuss Memorial Day weekend activities, resources and crowd related issues. It was noted that Mr. Martinez attended the CRB executive board meeting two months ago.

Other Business

Rabbi Schiff has been recognized by the Cosmos Organization for his work on behalf of improving interfaith relations. CRB board member Vicky Smith Jackson was featured in 2012-13 Afro American History Calendar as Ms. October.

The meeting was adjourned.
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-Soon after we were notified by Mr. Fulton about his nephew’s death, staff reached out to the Sanford Police Department in an unsuccessful effort to obtain further information.

CRB members and staff have attended numerous events associated with the death of Trayvon Martin. These included:

- CRB Vice Chair Reinaldo Valdes attended the funeral at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in Miami Gardens on March 3rd.
- On March 21, a rally and march in Liberty City drew two to three hundred people.
- A rally and march in the Little Haiti/Lemon City community organized by Haitian American leaders. About 1,500 people attended this event on March 28th.
- On March 22 and 23, demonstrations and/or walk outs took place that involved involving tens of thousands of students at 31 Miami-Dade County senior and junior high schools. The School principals and Superintendent Carvalho allowed the events without repercussions to students, as long as the students did not break any laws and returned to classes following the events. We are aware of two incidents involving students who had walked-out. A group of students became disruptive and some committed minor vandalism at the Macy’s store in the Cutler Ridge Mall and other group wrecked displays and knocked over merchandise at a Walgreens Store in North Miami Beach. We are not aware that any students have been arrested at this time for their activities in those incidents.
- The CRB chair attended a rally in Goulds, Florida organized by area religious leaders on March 23rd.
- CRB members and Office of Community Advocacy staff participated in a special meeting of the Sanford City Commission that paid tribute to Trayvon Martin’s family. The meeting was followed by a rally attended by ten to twelve thousand people, including civil rights activists Rev. Al Sharpton and Rev. Jesse Jackson. CRB Staff coordinated with representatives of the Sanford City Manager’s office in an effort to help ensure that the representatives of the CRB and Black Affairs Advisory Board had an opportunity to participate. CRB member Priscilla Dames Blake and Black Affairs Director Retha Boone Fye represented our community at those events.
- Buses carried several hundred Miami-Dade residents to a rally in Sanford Florida that was organized by the Florida NAACP Conference of Branches and the Miami-Dade NAACP Branch. CRB past chairs Adora Obi Nweze and Dr.
Bradford Brown were key organizers. We understand that about three thousand people marched peacefully through downtown Sanford from a local park to the police department.

- The CRB Chair was a speaker at the Miami Neighbor-hoodie Rally conducted at Bayfront Park. Several thousand people attended the rally and heard from Trayvon’s parents, the family’s legal team, celebrities and civil rights leaders. Talk about your perspectives. The CRB staff worked closely with County Commissioner Barbara Jordan and the event organizers to help ensure that accommodations were in place for a peaceful and productive event. The CRB Goodwill Ambassadors provided much needed crown control and about thirty county employees participated.

- There is a Gospel Music Event commemorating the anniversary of the shooting of Dr. Martin Luther King in Liberty City and a call for justice for Trayvon Martin has been incorporated into the program.

The CRB also had an opportunity to meet with senior attorneys from the Office of State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle. Ms. Rundle’s staff had made us aware very early on that Florida’s “Stand Your Ground” law may play a significant role in the handling of the Trayvon Martin case. CRB Executive Committee member Ed Shohat facilitated a meeting with CRB members and the attorneys, including Don Horn, Kathleen Hoague, and Jose Arrojo along with Ms. Rundles Communications Director Ed Griffith. The attorney’s described the key provisions of the law and how they may impact the Trayvon Martin case.

Following the attorney’s briefing, the CRB members convened to discuss the key points and determine what provisions and outcomes of the law they believe need to be amended. Those recommendations were incorporated into a CRB Position Paper. See position paper in your meeting package.

The CRB Position Paper addresses the need for unity and acknowledges the leadership of the Martin family, as well as teenagers and young people, in demanding justice through non-violent action. The paper recommended specific changes to the Stand Your Ground law and other legal provisions and recommends support for actions being undertaken by Florida and local leaders to reduce tensions and promote equal justice.

During all of the public conversation, it became clear that there was a need to provide an opportunity for the young people to be heard. This is a theme that Ronald Fulton had emphasized with us since the funeral of his nephew. At my request, the CRB began working with the Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust to convene a Youth Speak Out on Trayvon Martin and related issues. The event was scheduled for April 12 in the auditorium of Miami Carol City Senior High School. Young people, ages 21 years and under, were invited to address a panel of youth leaders and local officials and to be heard by the community-at-large. School administrators and student leaders at Dr. Michael Krop, Norland, Carol City and American Senior High Schools worked with us to
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Also, included in your meeting package is a newspaper article about the activities of the U.S. Department of Justice Community Relations Service who has been in Sanford to calm tensions and empower community members. The CRB works closely with the Community Relations Service who has been recognized for their activities, which are consistent with the efforts of the CRB and its staff, during times of community tension.

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CRB Chair Report to General Membership Meeting
March 21, 2012

• Death of Trayvon Martin. Our deepest condolences to the family of CRB Executive Committee member Ronald Fulton upon the tragic death of his nephew 17-year-old nephew Trayvon Martin in Sanford Florida on February 26. Mr. Martin was enrolled at Michael Krop Senior High and was previously a student at Miami Carol City Sr. He was shot and killed under mysterious circumstances while visiting family members in Sanford Florida. His funeral was held in Miami-Dade on March 3, 2012. This young man’s death has caught the attention of local, state-wide, national and international communities. People are questioning the killing of an African-American youth during an unexplained altercation with a 28 year old white male who was a self-described Crime watch Captain. Trayvon’s father is a truck driver from Miami-Dade and was at the family member’s home when the shooting occurred. Trayvon’s mother, Sybrina Fulton, is an employee at Miami-Dade Public Housing Agency. CRB Community Intervention staff has reached out to the Sanford Police Department, County Commissioner Barbara Jordan and the U.S. Department of Justice Community Relations Service. The CRS is monitoring community tensions and community regularly with the CRB staff. Later in the meeting, we will explore strategies to reduce tensions over the killing of Trayvon Martin.

• Miami-Dade County Commission Chairman Joe Martinez has submitted his mandatory resignation to the Clerk of the Courts and the Supervisor of Elections. Mr. Martinez has announced his candidacy for the Office of Miami-Dade Mayor. His resignation will be effective November 20, 2012. That is the date that his term as commissioner expires and a newly elected Commissioner will take office representing District 11. It is anticipated that a new County Commission Chair will be selected shortly thereafter.
• **Wage Theft Legislation letter**: The CRB prepare a letter to Florida Legislators encouraging them to protect the successful Miami-Dade Wage Theft Ordinance. The Miami-Dade Office of Intergovernmental Affairs assisted by forwarding the letter to key members of the Florida Senate this past week. A bill that would preempt the county ordinance had been adopted by the Florida House and there were efforts to by-pass Senate Committees to place a companion bill for a vote on the Senate floor. Fortunately, the bill was not heard by the Senate and was not adopted. A press release about the CRB's efforts generated some media coverage. Mario Artecona was interviewed live of Spanish language radio and newspaper articles about the CRB's efforts appeared in Diario las Americas and in the Florida Independent. We understand that the effort to pre-empt Miami-Dade’s Wage Theft Ordinance are likely to be introduced in the Florida Legislature again next year.

• **Wage Theft Demonstrations.** In a related develop, Miami-Dade supporters of the Wage Theft Ordinance have conducted demonstrations and distributed flyers outside the downtown Macy's department store in downtown Miami late last month. Macy's Vice President of Legislative Affairs, Mr. Paul Imbrone is the chairman of the Board of Directors of the Florida Retail Federation.

• I am pleased to report that **Miami-Dade Corrections Director Tim Ryan** has agreed to meet with the CRB at the April 18 General Membership Meeting. I met with Mr. Ryan and a representative of the county attorney’s office and encouraged the Corrections Director to meet with the CRB and that we would respect his need to be cautious in sharing information relevant to the U.S. Department of Justice investigation of unconstitutional conditions at Miami-Dade jail facilities. We will discuss questions to be submitted to the Corrections Director later at today’s meeting.
I am pleased to announce that the **RACE Exhibit Fundraising Committee** has met its goals for bringing the exhibit to our community. A total of $16,000 has been collected including a $500 donation from the CRB and $10,000 from the Children's Trust. The exhibit will be presented at the Museum of Science in February, March and April 2014. Congratulations to Reinaldo Valdes and other CRB members and supporters who have participated in this initiative.

**Gideon at 50.** CRB member Maritza Lopez represented the CRB at a planning committee meeting for the Gideon at 50 Celebration. The Miami-Dade Public Defender is organizing activities in our community. I will ask Ms. Lopez to share a brief report on the meeting later on our agenda.

**In the Company of Women.** The Commission for Women is co-hosting the In the Company of Women event which is this evening, 6 – 9 p.m. at the Biltmore Hotel. Tickets for this signature event are $40 and may be purchased at the door. We understand more than 400 people have submitted an RSVP.

**CRB ROSTER UPDATE:** During this meeting, a copy of the CRB Member Roster will be passed to you. The roster lists contact information for each of you who served during calendar year 2011. It is very important that you look at the information pertaining to you and make any corrections on the document today. Staff must submit accurate information to the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners this week so that the information may be provided to the Elections Department. The Elections Department will soon mail to your correct home address, the required financial disclosure forms for all county advisory board members who served any time during calendar year 2011. Your failure to complete these forms constitutes a misdemeanor criminal offense. Your cooperation is most appreciated.
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

AGENDA
March 21, 2012, 2:00 p.m.
Stephen P. Clark Government Center, 111 NW 1st Street, Miami, FL 33128
Conference Room 18-4

1. Welcome
2. Moment of Silence
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Agenda and February General Membership Meeting Report
5. CRB Chair’s Report
6. Conversation with Penelope Townsley, Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections
7. Committee Reports
   - 50th Anniversary Commemoration Planning
   - Hate Crimes Legislation and Resources Forum Planning
   - Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement
8. CRB Member Activity Reports
   - Princeton Prize for Race Relations
   - Commemoration of Right to Council in Criminal Cases
9. Discussion and Determinations
   - Strategies to Reduce Tensions Over Killing of Trayvon Martin
   - Questions for Miami-Dade Corrections Director
   - CRB Members’ Retreat
10. Issues Roundtable: Critical and Pressing Community Relations Concerns
11. New Business
12. Adjourn
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD
CHAIRS REPORT, APRIL 18, 2012

The CRB members and staff have been actively working to reduce tensions related to the shooting death of Miami Gardens teenager Trayvon Martin. Trayvon Martin is the nephew of CRB Executive Committee member Ronald Fulton. As you know, Trayvon Martin's death and the official response or lack of response to it, has created a national and international focus on issues regarding racial profiling and criminal justice. This conversation has been particularly poignant in Miami-Dade County. The CRB has conducted the following activities:

- Soon after we were notified by Mr. Fulton about his nephew's death, staff reached out to the Sanford Police Department in an unsuccessful effort to obtain further information.

CRB members and staff have attended numerous events associated with the death of Trayvon Martin. These included:

- CRB Vice Chair Reinaldo Valdes attended the funeral at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in Miami Gardens on March 3rd.
- On March 21, a rally and march in Liberty City drew two to three hundred people.
- A rally and march in the Little Haiti/Lemon City community organized by Haitian American leaders. About 1,500 people attended this event on March 28th.
- On March 22 and 23, demonstrations and/or walk outs took place that involved involving tens of thousands of students at 31 Miami-Dade County senior and junior high schools. The School principals and Superintendent Carvalho allowed the events without repercussions to students, as long as the students did not break any laws and returned to classes following the events. We are aware of two incidents involving students who had walked-out. A group of students became disruptive and some committed minor vandalism at the Macy's store in the Cutler Ridge Mall and other group wrecked displays and knocked over merchandise at a Walgreens Store in North Miami Beach. We are not aware that any students have been arrested at this time for their activities in those incidents.
- The CRB chair attended a rally in Goulds, Florida organized by area religious leaders on March 23rd.
- CRB members and Office of Community Advocacy staff participated in a special meeting of the Sanford City Commission that paid tribute to Trayvon Martin's family. The meeting was followed by a rally attended by ten to twelve thousand people, including civil rights activists Rev. Al Sharpton and Rev. Jesse Jackson. CRB Staff coordinated with representatives of the Sanford City Manager's office in an effort to help ensure that the representatives of the CRB and Black Affairs Advisory Board had an opportunity to participate. CRB member Priscilla Dames Blake and Black Affairs Director Retha Boone Fye represented our community at those events.
- Buses carried several hundred Miami-Dade residents to a rally in Sanford Florida that was organized by the Florida NAACP Conference of Branches and the Miami-Dade NAACP Branch. CRB past chairs Adora Obi Nweze and Dr.
Bradford Brown were key organizers. We understand that about three thousand people marched peacefully through downtown Sanford from a local park to the police department.

- The CRB Chair was a speaker at the Miami Neighbor-hoodie Rally conducted at Bayfront Park. Several thousand people attended the rally and heard from Trayvon's parents, the family's legal team, celebrities and civil rights leaders. Talk about your perspectives. The CRB staff worked closely with County Commissioner Barbara Jordan and the event organizers to help ensure that accommodations were in place for a peaceful and productive event. The CRB Goodwill Ambassadors provided much needed crown control and about thirty county employees participated.

- There is a Gospel Music Event commemorating the anniversary of the shooting of Dr. Martin Luther King in Liberty City and a call for justice for Trayvon Martin has been incorporated into the program.

The CRB also had an opportunity to meet with senior attorneys from the Office of State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle. Ms. Rundle's staff had made us aware very early on that Florida's “Stand Your Ground” law may play a significant role in the handling of the Trayvon Martin case. CRB Executive Committee member Ed Shohat facilitated a meeting with CRB members and the attorneys, including Don Horn, Kathleen Hoague, and Jose Arrojo along with Ms. Rundles Communications Director Ed Griffith. The attorney's described the key provisions of the law and how they may impact the Trayvon Martin case.

Following the attorney's briefing, the CRB members convened to discuss the key points and determine what provisions and outcomes of the law they believe need to be amended. Those recommendations were incorporated into a CRB Position Paper. See position paper in your meeting package.

The CRB Position Paper addresses the need for unity and acknowledges the leadership of the Martin family, as well as teenagers and young people, in demanding justice through non-violent action. The paper recommended specific changes to the Stand Your Ground law and other legal provisions and recommends support for actions being undertaken by Florida and local leaders to reduce tensions and promote equal justice.

During all of the public conversation, it became clear that there was a need to provide an opportunity for the young people to be heard. This is a theme that Ronald Fulton had emphasized with us since the funeral of his nephew. At my request, the CRB began working with the Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust to convene a Youth Speak Out on Trayvon Martin and related issues. The event was scheduled for April 12 in the auditorium of Miami Carol City Senior High School. Young people, ages 21 years and under, were invited to address a panel of youth leaders and local officials and to be heard by the community-at-large. School administrators and student leaders at Dr. Michael Krop, Norland, Carol City and American Senior High Schools worked with us to
reach out to the youth and the north Dade community. County Commissioner Barbara Jordan and School Board Member Wilbert Holloway were early supporters and lent their prestige to the planning. Unfortunately, on April 11, the day before the Youth Speak Out, we were informed by the Associate Superintendent, that the event may not be held on the high school. He stated that the event would be disruptive to students preparing for the FCAT exams. We will have an opportunity to discuss next steps later in our meeting.

Also, included in your meeting package is a newspaper article about the activities of the U.S. Department of Justice Community Relations Service who has been in Sanford to calm tensions and empower community members. The CRB works closely with the Community Relations Service who has been recognized for their activities, which are consistent with the efforts of the CRB and its staff, during times of community tension.

Dr. Richardson was a guest on WQBA Radio 1140 AM at 5 p.m. this evening, Monday, April 9, 2012. He was interviewed on the program “Prohibido Callarse (Prohibited to Stay Quiet). The programs’ hosts were Roberto Rodriguez Tejera and Helen Aguirre. The interview will be conducted in Spanish. The interview went extremely well. The staff of WQBA was pleased, as well as those who called in to participate. Questions and concerns covered a number of areas including, the Trayvon Martin tragedy, Stand your Ground law, perceptions of blacks by Cuban Americans, what blacks prefer to be called, i.e. African Americans first, or Americans; Cuban American and African American relations, etc. It was a full hour conducted MOSTLY in Spanish. Even though I speak and understand Spanish, I felt more comfortable addressing many concerns in English so that my choice of words were politically correct. Raul Diaz, former chair of CRB, was also present and participated in the segment.

The CRB is looking into the in-custody death of George Salgado, age 21 years. On April 13th. Mr Salgado was reported naked and acting erratically, and West Miami and Miami Gardens Police responded. During their attempts to restrain him, Mr. Salgado was tasered several times. He later died at Larkin community hospital. His family is raising questions about the cause of death and the injuries to his body. Eddie Harris has more to report.

The CRB Executive Committee also discussed concerns around the multiple shooting in North Miami. Two people were killed and twelve were injured outside of a funeral. Many, if not all, of those killed and injured were innocent bystanders. Community members stated that the shooting was gang related and that gang activity in the area is a growing problem. The CRB Executive Committee asked that the issue be addressed by the Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement Committee. There is a plan to convene the committee meeting in the affected community during the coming weeks. Your participation is appreciated.
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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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Stephen P. Clark Government Center, 111 NW 1st Street, Miami, FL 33128
Conference Room 18-4

1. Welcome

2. Moment of Silence

3. Roll Call

4. Approval of Agenda and March General Membership Meeting Report

5. CRB Chair’s Report

6. Conversation with Timothy Ryan, Director
   Miami-Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation
   • Presentation
   • Questions and Answers

7. Discussion and Determinations
   • CRB Members’ Retreat Schedule and Content
   • Youth Speak Out on Trayvon Martin and Related Issues
   • Miami-Dade Fire Captain’s Facebook Attack on Black Youth/Parents
   • U.S. Senate Hearings on Racial Profiling
   • WeCount Study of Racial Profiling of Latino Drivers in Miami-Dade
   • U.S. Supreme Court to Rule on Arizona Immigration Enforcement Law
   • Miami-Dade Charter Review Task Force

8. Issues Roundtable: Critical and Pressing Community Relations Concerns

9. New Business

10. Adjourn
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

AGENDA
April 4, 2012, 1:00 p.m.
Stephen P. Clark Government Center, 111 NW 1st Street, Miami, FL 33128
10th Floor Rear Conference Room

1. Welcome
2. Moment of Silence
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of March Executive Meeting Minutes
5. CRB Chair’s Report
6. CRB Activities Reports
   • Goodwill Ambassadors Deployment at Miami Justice for Trayvon Rally
   • Youth Speak Out about Trayvon Martin Event
   • CRB Not-For-Profit Process Update
   • CRB Committee Meetings
7. Discussions and Determinations
   • CRB Responses to Gang Related Multiple Shooting
   • CRB Member Retreat Schedule
   • Questions and Comments for Miami-Dade Corrections Director
   • April CRB General Membership Agenda
8. Issues Roundtable: Critical and Pressing Community Relations Concerns
9. New Business
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The CRB General Membership Meeting was called to order by the chair, Dr. Walter T. Richardson.

The Roll Call was conducted and a quorum was affirmed. A motion was made to approve the meeting agenda. The motion was adopted.

Dr. Richardson reported that the approval of the Minutes of the February CRB General Membership Meeting will be delayed as the minutes were provided verbatim by the Clerk's Office and are not in a format that members are accustomed and will need to be edited to focus on major action items and discussion.

CRB Chair's Report:
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- A copy of the CRB Member Roster will be passed to each member during the meeting. Members were asked to update the contact information so that the information may be submitted to the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners and on to the Elections Department which will soon mail the required financial disclosure forms for all county advisory board members who served any time during calendar year 2011.

**Conversation with Penelope Townsley, Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections**

Discussion: MS. TOWNSLEY STATED THAT: THE DAY OF BLOOPERS IS OVER. BE ASSURED THAT ELECTIONS WILL CONTINUE TO BE CONDUCTED WITH INTEGRITY AND ACCURACY. MS. TOWNSLEY INTRODUCED CHRISTINA WHITE, DEPUTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS FOR GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS AND IN-HOUSE EXPERT ON ELECTION LAWS. ELECTION LAW CHANGES FROM 2011 INCLUDE: EARLY VOTING IS AVAILABLE FOR 8 CONSECUTIVE DAYS, 7AM TO 7PM, ENDING ON SATURDAY PRIOR TO ELECTION; 3RD PARTY VOTER REGISTRATION
ORGANIZATION MUST REGISTER WITH STATE PRIOR TO ENGAGING IN VOTER REGISTRATION ACTIVITIES; INDIVIDUALS MAY ONLY PROVIDE INFORMATION TO POTENTIAL VOTERS REGARDING HOW TO OBTAIN VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION; IF A VOTER MOVES FROM ONE COUNTY TO ANOTHER, AND CHANGES THEIR ADDRESS ON ELECTION DAY, THE VOTER MUST VOTE A PROVISIONAL BALLOT; ACTIVE VOTERS MAY WEAR CAMPAIGN PARAPHernalia IN THE POLLING PLACE AS LONG AS THEY ARE VOTING, BUT CANNOT SOLICIT UNLESS OUTSIDE AND BEYOND 100 FT NON SOLICITATION ZONE; A POLLING ROOM MAY BE INSIDE A POLLING PLACE OR THE POLLING PLACE MAY BE THE POLLING ROOM. THE 100 FT SOLICITATION ZONE IS FROM THE ENTERANCE TO THE BUILDING; STATUTE REQUIRES ALL PROVISIONAL BALLOTS SHALL COUNT UNLESS THE CANVASSING BOARD FINDS BY PERPONDERENCE OF EVIDENCE THAT THE PERSON IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE; INELIGLE PERSONS ARE NOT REGISTERED OR ARE ATTEMPTING TO VOTE IN THE WRONG PRECIENT; A VOTER MAY CHOOSE ANY INDIVIDUAL TO ASSIST THEM; THE PERSON PROVIDING ASSTANCE MUST COMPLETE A DECLARATION; THE DECLARED INDIVIDUAL MAY ASSIST THE VOTER AT THE BOOTH; THE TYPE AND DEGREE OF ASSISTANCE IS BETWEEN THE VOTER AND THE PERSON PROVIDING THE ASSISTANCE; A VOTER MAY ASK FOR THE ASSISTANCE OF AN ELECTION OFFICIAL.

MS. TOWNSLEY ALSO RESPONDED TO CRB MEMBER QUESTIONS AS FOLLOWS:

• FLORIDA REQUIRES VOTERS TO PRESENT ID WITH A PHOTO AND A SIGNATURE. DOES NOT PROHIBIT VOTER FROM VOTING WITHOUT BUT THE PERSON MUST VOTE PROVISIONALLY.

• THE ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO CONDUCT VOTER EDUCATION ACTIVITIES BUT IS NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE SERVICES AFTER NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS.

• INDIVIDUALS MAY ONLY PROVIDE INFORMATION TO OTHERS ON HOW TO ACCESS VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS OR MAY PROVIDE UNSOLICITED APPLICATIONS FOR AN INDIVIDUAL TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT FOR THEM.

• VOTER ASSISTANCE PAPERWORK IS COMPLETED AT THE VOTING PLACE.

• VOTER STATUS INFORMATION IS RECEIVED FROM THE STATE AND THERE COULD BE A MATTER OF TIME BETWEEN REGISTRATION AND THE ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT RECEIVING UPDATED INFO.

• RESOURCES ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO BE AS AGGRESSIVE TO PROVIDE VOTER EDUCATION AND OUTREACH. WE TAKE EVERY OPPORTINITY TO WORK WITH ORGANIZATIONS AND WITH INDIVIDUALS TO STEER US IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

• EVERYTHING WE DO IN ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT IS BASED ON REDUNDANCY, CONTINGENCY AND BACKUP.

• THE GREATEST CHALLENGE IS GETTING PEOPLE TO VOTE
• Provisional voters have the opportunity to come to the elections department within 2 days and prove their identity.
• We send reminders to voters to update signatures since signatures change over time.
• Employees are trained in handwriting analysis. It is our goal to ensure that every vote counts.
• Voting absentee is one of the safest and most convenient ways to vote. We cannot control the abuses of other people from the time the ballot leaves our office until it returns. Recent legislation has made mishandling absentee ballots a misdemeanor. We have partnered with Florida Association of Assisted Living. Requires facility administrators complete voter education as part of their licensing and continuing education credits will be given toward license renewal.
• If the relocation is a permanent residence, they must change their voter registration. If a temporary move, you can have that as a mailing address without changing the registration county.
• Purging of voter registration lists is not automatic. Notification is sent to the voter on several occasions informing him of the intent to drop from the rolls.
• The canvassing board is the only body that can reject or accept a questionable ballot.
• People can do a signature update.
• There is a separate provision in the law that says who is allowed in the polling place and who was not, and if you were a candidate on the ballot then you would not be authorized.
• Christina White is the contact person for the CRB staff at the elections department.

Committee Reports

50th Anniversary Commemoration Planning:
Discussion: Dr. Larry Capp and Mr. Reinaldo Valdes, Co-Chairs, presented an overview of the committee's report. Dr. Capp reported the following: We are getting good response with more former chairs and current board members involvement. We are moving forward with establishing a 501C3 and will obtain professional assistance. We have decided to work with two partners; the first being the Miami Dade County Public Schools. Dr. Bradford Brown, past CRB Chair, will meet with past CRB Chair and school board member, Dr. Wilbert Holloway, to ask for their partnership and to develop a curriculum activity, resource
MATERIALS AND AN EXHIBIT TO LEARN ABOUT THE WORK OF THE CRB AND THE PROGRESS OF THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY OVER THE PAST 50 YEARS. THE OTHER PARTNER IS THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI. CRB MEMBER MARIO ARTECONA HAS PROVIDED THE NAME OF A PROFESSOR WHO COULD BE INSTRUMENTAL IN BUILDING A RELATIONSHIP. UM HOLDS THE ARCHIVES OF FORMER CRB EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BOB SIMMS AND IT WILL BE HELPFULL TO COMBINE ALL OUR FORCES.

Hate Crimes Legislation and Resources Forum Planning:
Discussion: Amy Carswell, CRB Program Officer, stated that a report has not yet been completed for the committee meeting conducted on March 15, 2012. Ms. Carswell reported that: DR. BRAD BROWN CHAIRED THE COMMITTEE MEETING. REPRESENTATIVES OF FLORIDA CITY, HIALEAH AND DORAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER CRB MEMBERS ATTENDED. THE GROUP BRAINSTORMED ABOUT THE CHALLENGES AND WAYS TO IMPROVE THE ENFORCEMENT AND COUNTING OF HATE CRIMES IN MIAMI-DADE. THE INFORMATION GATHERED WILL BE SHARED WITH STAFF FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS SERVICE AND THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE. A PROPOSAL FOR AN EFFECTIVE EVENT WILL BE DEVELOPED AND BROUGHT BACK TO THE PLANNING GROUP AT IT'S NEXT MTG. DR. RICHARDSON ASKED STAFF TO PROVIDE AN INTERIM REPORT AND SENT IT TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS.

Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement:
Discussion: Vickie Smith Jackson, Committee Co-chair, presented an overview of the committee meeting as follows: THE COMMITTEE HEARD A DETAILED REPORT FROM WAYNE RAWLINS, CONSULTANT ON MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S ANTI GANG STRATEGY. HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED: THERE ARE COST CONSTRAINTS BUT LOOKING FOR WAYS TO KEEP ACTIVITIES GOING. HOT SPOTS READING PROGRAM INVOLVED VOLUNTEERS GOING INTO JUVENILE FACILITIES, TO SPEAK WITH AND READ TO YOUNGSTERS. ONE STOP WALKING TOURS INVOLVED AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES AND VOLUNTEERS GOING DOOR TO DOOR IN AREAS WHERE GANG ACTIVITY OCCURS TO FIND OUT WHAT HELP IS NEEDED. MR RAWLINS RECOMMENDED THE CHICAGO CEASE FIRE PROGRAM MODEL BE ADOPTED HERE WHEREINE. OUTREACH WORKERS GO INTO PLACES CONDUCIVE TO GANG ACTIVITY TO PREVENT, INTERVENE, SURPRESS AND ACCOMODATE REENTRY OF GANG MEMBERS INTO SOCIETY.

The CRB Chair recommended that Mr. Rawlins or the associated group should appear before the Board of County Commissioners and that the CRB will support their efforts by being present, forwarding a resolution or whatever other action is appropriate.

The CRB voted to prepare a letter that strongly recommends that the Board of County Commissioners take all necessary steps to continue implementation
of the Anti-Gang Strategy and in particular, those components of the strategy that seek to foster a coordinated and pro-active community response toward prevention, intervention, suppression and reentry, as described in the Progress Report #3 (July 15, 2010-December 15, 2011).

Ms. Smith Jackson also reported that the committee is awaiting a response to a request submitted to the State Attorney regarding Dispositional Reports on Fatal Policed-Involved Shootings. The status report anticipated from the State Attorney’s office has not been forthcoming. CRB staff was advised by the SAO communications director to submit a public records request, which has been done. A response is anticipated soon.

CRB Member Activity Reports
Princeton Prize for Race Relations:
AMY CARSWELL ANNOUNCED THAT 3 HONOREES WERE SELECTED. AND THEIR NAMES WILL BE ANNOUNCED WHEN THEIR QUALIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN VETTED. HONOREES WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND CRB MEMBERS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE EVENT DETAILS.

Commemoration of Right to Council in Criminal Cases
AMY CARSWELL REPORTED THAT THE PUBLIC DEFENDERS’ OFFICE IS SPEARHEADING LOCAL EFFORT TO COMMEMORATE GIDDEON VS WAINRIGHT; A SUPREME COURT DECISION PROVIDING RIGHT TO COUNCIL IN CRIMINAL CASES. MARITZA LOPEZ REPRESENTED THE CRB AT THE RECENT PLANNING MEETING. MS. CARSWELL ALSO ATTENDED. EACH GROUP WAS ASKED TO CONSIDER ACTIVITIES IT WILL CONDUCT. CRB STAFF WILL WORK WITH CRB MEMBERS TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE CRB’S FUTURE CONSIDERATION.

Discussions and Determinations

STRATEGIES TO REDUCE TENSIONS OVER KILLING OF TRAYVON MARTIN:

Discussion: THERE IS NOT A HIGH LEVEL OF TENSIONS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AT THIS TIME. THERE IS A HIGH LEVEL OF CONCERN ABOUT WHAT LESSONS COULD BE LEARNED. THERE IS A NEED TO FOCUS ON A PERSON WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO BE PART OF VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION CARRYING A WEAPON, AGAINST ALL FEDERAL AND NATIONAL PUBLISHED RULES FOR CRIME WATCH ORGANIZATIONS. WE NEED REASSURANCE FROM OUR POLICE CHIEF OR COUNCIL OF POLICE CHIEFS THAT THIS IS NOT HAPPENING HERE. THE BLAME SHOULD NOT BE PLACED ON CRIME WATCH. CRIME WATCH VOLUNTEERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ENGAGE IN PROFILING OR VIOLENCE.
A MOTION WAS MADE THAT THE CRB ISSUE A LETTER URGING LOCAL CRIME WATCH ORGANIZATIONS TO FOLLOW ALL APPROPRIATE GUIDELINES. THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED.

DR. RICHARDSON ASKED STAFF TO PREPARE A LETTER W/ DR CAPP'S ASSISTANCE.

- THERE IS A NEED TO EDUCATE COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP, NOT ONLY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, BUT OTHER COMMUNITY LEADERS OR OPINION MAKERS.
- PROPOSALS ON WHAT THE CRB MAY DO TO RELEIVE TENSIONS ARE WELCOME. WE HAVE HAD REQUESTS FROM VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS FOR THE CRB TO DO CERTAIN THINGS.
- SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WILL MEET WITH THE CRB TOMMORROW TO TALK ABOUT THE "STAND YOUR GROUND LAW" AND IT'S IMPLICATIONS. SAO STAFFERS HAVE SHARED CONCERNS ABOUT THAT LAW, AS RELATED TO THIS AND OTHER POTENTIAL CASES. THE CRB COULD BE INSTRUMENTAL IN BRINGING ABOUT CHANGE.
- THE US DEPT. OF JUSTICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS SERVICE HAS VERBALLY REQUESTED THAT CRB STAFF GO TO SANFORD. PEOPLE THERE ARE AFRAID MIAMI-DADE PEOPLE WILL COME TO SANFORD AND DO SOMETHING VIOLENT.
- RONALD FULTON HAS SAID THAT YOUTH AT MICHAEL KROP SENIOR HIGH WHO BELIEVE FAIRNESS SHOULD PREVAIL WERE UPSET. HE WANTS TO HELP CHANNEL THEIR ENERGIES AND ASKED THAT A YOUTH EVENT BE ORGANIZED. CRB STAFF HAS REACHED OUT TO THE NAACP'S YOUTH ORGANIZATION BUT HAS NOT YET CONNECTED.
- A COMMUNITY MEETING IS NEEDED POSSIBLY SPONSORED BY THE CRB; ONE SOUTH & ONE NORTH TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE STAND YOUR GROUND LAW SO THAT THEY UNDERSTAND THE LAW, ITS PROPER APPICATION AND HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS.
- SEVERAL OPPORTUNITIES EXIST FOR TEACHING MOMMENTS FOR THE COMMUNITY AND ITS YOUTH AROUND THE ISSUES OF STREET LAW, AND KNOWING YOUR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.
- LESSON ABOUT SOCIAL ACTIVISM ARE IMPORTANT AS RECOMMENDED BY MR. FULTON.
- WE GREW UP IN AN AGE OF SOCIAL ACTION. WE UNDERSTAND THE PROCESS. THIS NEW GENERATION OF KIDS DOES NOT UNDERSTAND THE PRICE AND THE RISKS UNDERTAKEN TO GET THE FREEDOMS WE HAVE TODAY.
- WE DONT WANT TO LEAVE OUT THE SCHOOL SYSTEM, WHERE THE KIDS ARE.
Questions for Miami-Dade Corrections Director:
DR. RICHARDSON ASKED THAT QUESTIONS BE SUBMITTED FOR TIM RYAN, CORRECTIONS DIRECTOR. SOME QUESTIONS MAY NOT BE ANSWERED DUE TO THE ONGOING DOJ INVESTIGATION.

CRB Members’ Retreat:
The retreat previously scheduled for April 18, conflicts with the presentation by the corrections department director. The May CRB meeting date is not an option since the CRB chair and other members will not be available. DR. RICHARDSON ASKED THAT A SURVEY OF MEMBERS BE CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE THE BEST DATE. THE RETREAT IS A BI-ANNUAL EVENT CONDUCTED AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH NEW CHAIRPERSON’s TENURE FOR CRB MEMBERS TO GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER BETTER AND TO TALK ABOUT VISION AND MISSION FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS. SIMILAR TO A GOALS CONFERENCE. MS. MCGILL HAS BEEN HELPFUL IN HELPING TO IDENTIFY AND OBTAIN AN APPROPRIATE VENUE AT THE PORT OF MIAMI.

Issues Roundtable: Critical and Pressing Community Relations Concerns
NEW MIAMI BEACH POLICE CHIEF RAY MARTINEZ HAS BEEN SELECTED AS THE NEW MIAMI BEACH POLICE CHIEF. IT WAS ASKED THAT THE CRB BOARD TO SEND LETTER OF CONGRATULATIONS TO CHIEF MARTINEZ AND AN INVITATION FOR HIM TO VISIT THE CRB AT ITS MAY MEETING TO DISCUSS MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND ACTIVITIES, RESOURCES AND CROWD RELATED ISSUES. IT WAS NOTED THAT MR. MARTINEZ ATTENDED THE CRB EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING TWO MONTHS AGO.

Other Business
RABBI SCHIFF HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED BY THE COSMOS ORGANIZATION FOR HIS WORK ON BEHALF OF IMPROVING INTERFAITH RELATIONS. CRB BOARD MEMBER VICKY SMITH JACKSON WAS FEATURED IN 2012-13 AFRO AMERICAN HISTORY CALENDAR AS MS. OCTOBER.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.
April 12, 2012

Honorable Carlos Gimenez
Mayor, Miami-Dade County

Dear Mayor Gimenez:

Thank you for considering the Miami-Dade Community Relations Board (CRB) request for Goodwill Ambassadors at the "Youth Speak Out" event previously scheduled for April 12, 2012 at Miami Carol City Senior High's auditorium, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Regrettably, the event was postponed upon the determination on yesterday, April 11, 2012 by the Associate Superintendent of the Miami-Dade County Public Schools that it would be disruptive to students preparing for the pending FCAT examinations. The event will be rescheduled at a later date and we will resubmit a request for GWA deployment at that time.

The CRB and the Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT) will convene the "Youth Speak Out" forum on Thursday, April 12, 2012 to allow young people an opportunity to discuss the Trayvon Martin case and related issues. The event will allow young people ages 21 and under to address a panel of youth leaders and local officials and be heard before the community at large. Goodwill Ambassadors (GWA) will be needed to assist students and community members who attend.

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.

Dr. Walter T. Richardson,
Chairman, Community Relations Board
April 10, 2012

Honorable Carlos Gimenez
Mayor, Miami-Dade County

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 187th 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.

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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Meeting date and location: March 7, 2012, 1:00 p.m. Stephen P. Clark Government
Center, 111 NW 1st Street, Miami, FL 33128, 10th Floor CITT Conference Room

Attendance: CRB Executive Members: Dr. Walter Richardson; Reinaldo Valdes;
Vickie Smith Jackson; Ronald Fulton; Eduard Shohat; George Yap. Staff: Amy
Carswell

The agenda was approved.

The CRB February Executive Meeting Report was approved.

CRB Chairs Report
Dr. Richardson reported the following:

- Condolences were extended to the family of CRB Executive Committee member
Ronald Fulton upon the tragic death of his 17-year-old nephew Trayvon Martin in
Sanford Florida. Mr. Martin was enrolled at Michael Krop Senior High and was
previously a student at Miami Carol City Sr. He was shot and killed under
mysterious circumstances while visiting family members in Sanford Florida. This
young man's death has caught the attention of local activists along with Miami-Dade
family members who are questioning the killing of an African-American youth during
an unexplained altercation with a Sanford resident (a white male, age 28 years).
The family is awaiting more information from the Sanford Police. CRB Community
Intervention staff has also reached out to the Sanford Police Department and have
also not received any additional information. We understand that, at this time, the
young man who shot Trayvon has not been arrested.

- Miami-Dade County Commission Chairman Joe Martinez has submitted his
mandatory resignation to the Clerk of the Courts and the Supervisor of Elections.

- The CRB forwarded a letter to Florida Legislators encouraging them to protect the
successful Miami-Dade Wage Theft Ordinance.

- Local supporters of the Wage Theft Ordinance have conducted demonstrations and
distributed flyers outside the downtown Macy's department store this past week.

- Miami-Dade Corrections Director Tim Ryan has agreed to meet with the CRB at the
April 18 General Membership Meeting. Dr. Richardson and Amy Carswell met with
Mr. Ryan and a representative of the County Attorney and shared the CRB's goal of
engaging residents to reduce tensions. Mr. Ryan agreed to share information and
will decline to answer any questions on the advice of the county's attorney.

- The RACE Exhibit Fundraising Committee has met its goals for bringing the exhibit
to our community. A total of $16,000 has been collected including a $500 donation
from the CRB and $10,000 from the Children's Trust.

- CRB member Maritza Lopez will represent the CRB at a planning committee
meeting for the Gideon at 50 Celebration. The Miami-Dade Public Defender is
organizing activities in our community and the CRB has been invited to participate in the planning.

- The Commission for Women is co-hosting the In the Company of Women event on March 21 at the Biltmore Hotel.

**Administrative Issues:**

- Amy Carswell reported that the following committee meetings have been scheduled:
  - CRB 5th Anniversary Commemoration Planning, Thursday, March 15, 2012, Noon;
  - CRB Hate Crimes Forum Planning Group, Thursday, March 15, 2012, 2 p.m., CRB
  - CRB Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement Committee, Monday, March 19, 2012, 10 a.m.
- Staff was asked to poll the CRB members about potential dates in May for the CRB Member Retreat.

**Issue 1: Proposed Jackson Hospital CRB and Community Liaison**

**Discussion:** Ronald Fulton reported that there is growing public conflict between employee groups and the administration at the county’s public hospital system concerning appropriate staffing levels, proposed lay-offs and the impact on staff moral and patient care. There is a need for a community liaison to implement strategies aimed at reducing tensions between JMH administrators, employees and consumers. Dr. Richardson will reach out to County Commissioner Jose Diaz, Chair of the Board of County Commissioners Public Safety and Healthcare Administration, to determine what may be an appropriate role for the CRB to help reduce tensions.

**Issue 2: Florida Alien Land Law**

**Discussion:** The CRB received a Resolution adopted by the Miami-Dade Asian American Advisory Board (AAAB) urging the CRB to support the repeal of the Alien Land Law from the State of Florida Constitution. The law, adopted in 1926, outlaws the sale of property to any person ineligible for U.S. citizenship. This original intent of the law was to keep the many immigrants of Chinese and Japanese heritage from purchasing farmland in the state. The AAAB Resolution states that the law is discriminatory, hurtful and insulting to all Asian Americans and non-Asian Americans and should be removed from the Florida Constitution. The CRB members stated that the repeal of the law is a multi-cultural, equal protection issue and appropriate for the CRB to address. CRB staff was asked to reach out the leadership of the AAAB to determine what specific action is recommended. Actions may include a resolution, letter of support, or educational activities. A representative of the AAAB will be invited to address the CRB Executive Committee on this issue.

**Issue 3: Questions and Comments for Miami-Dade Elections Supervisor**

**Discussion:** CRB staff was asked to poll the CRB members and submit their questions for review and approval by the CRB Chair.

**Issue 4: Critical and Pressing Community Relations Concerns**

**Discussion:** The CRB will continue to monitor community tensions related to the death of Miami-Dade teenager Trayvon Martin.
OK thanks.

yes that is the street address although what is on 7th av is the Parking lot in front of the church building so you turn west on 132nd and it is first building on left doors face 132nd

Is the address correct: NW 7th Avenue

Dr. Brown:

Looks very interesting. I will try to attend. Thank you.

NAACP Branch meeting April 23, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at Victor T. Curry Christian Community Empowerment Center at New Birth Baptist Church East Campus in the Sanctuary, 13230 N. W. 7th Avenue.

Draft PROGRAM:

1. Update and action items re: racist facebook page post of Miami Dade Fire Dept. Captain – presenter Captain Faye Davis
2. 
3. Review of legal aspects of Trayvon Martin’s trial= Presenter Att. Chris Benjamin NAACP Vice President
4. 
5. School to Prison Pipeline Issues Vice President and Fl. NAACP Education Chair Dr. Shirley Johnson and Miami NAACP Education Chair Dannie McMillon
6. 
7. Voter registration efforts, check on your voter registration, update it if needed, register for vote by mail, know the new rules, Attn. Kishasha Sharpe Miami Dade Civic Engagement Director and Ms Ebony Jackson, Youth Council Advisor and Youth Council members
Justin McCarthy

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 7:03 PM
To: Battles, Thomas (CRS); Mildred Duprey de Robles
Subject: FW: Student Actions Over Trayvon Martin in Miami-Dade Today

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 5:03 PM
Subject: Student Actions Over Trayvon Martin in Miami-Dade Today

FYI: CRB Community outreach staff monitored a student led march from Miami Carol City High this afternoon. Some students at Miami Northwestern also convened a gathering at a school patio. Some students at Turner Technical School wore “hoodies” but were dissuaded by school officials from walking out of class. There were likely other actions at other schools. We understand all student actions today have concluded without major incidents reported. We have received reports that students at other Miami-Dade High Schools may initiate other student led actions on tomorrow.

From: amy [mailto:amy2@miamidade.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 4:02 PM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Subject: An article from www.miamiherald.com

amy has sent you the following story:

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Posted on Thursday, Mar. 22, 2012

**Students at two Miami high schools stage walk out in protest of boy’s death**
*By Laura Isensee*

More than 1,000 students walked out of Miami Carol City Senior High Thursday after lunch, chanting that they want justice for their former schoolmate Trayvon Martin, who was killed last month in Sanford.

Trayvon, 17, attended the school as a freshman and during part of his sophomore year.

“He needs it. His family needs it,” said Ebony Freeman, 17, about the calls for justice.
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From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2012 1:35 PM
To: dbaglos@dadeschools.net
Subject: FW: Please Attend Youth Speak Out
Attachments:

Ms. Baglos:

Please attend. We would also like to invite the Student Council President to serve on the youth panel. Also, we would like to work with your staff to distribute the flyer to the student body. We have both electronic and paper copies available. Who would be our contacts? Please advise asap. Thank you.

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2012 6:22 PM
To: 'dbaglos@dadeschools.net'
Subject: Please Attend Youth Speak Out

Ms. Dawn Baglos, Principal
Dr. Michael M. Krop SHS

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From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2012 1:20 PM
To: Battles, Thomas (CRS)
Subject: FW: Miami Justice for Trayvon Martin Rally, April 1
Attachments: TrayvonMartin_Miami_Rally.jpg

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2012 1:20 PM
To: 'Battles, Thomas (CRS)'
Subject: FW: Miami Justice for Trayvon Martin Rally, April 1

FYI

JUSTICE FOR TRAYVON MARTIN
NEIGHBORHOOD RALLY

Join the parents of Trayvon Martin: Tracy Martin and Sabrina Fulton, Attorney Benjamin Crump, Elected Officials, Community Leaders, Clergy, National Speakers and Celebrities

4PM GATES OPEN AT 1PM
DOWNTOWN MI

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Tommy and Mildred:

Dr. Richardson has approved the CRB actions below.

Dr. Richardson:

Please approve CRB actions listed below as per your authority to act on behalf of the CRB pending the next Executive Committed and General Membership meeting.

The CRB Leadership Committee met earlier today with representatives of the Miami-Dade State Attorney’s Office, including Chief Assistants Don Horn, Kathleen Hogue, Jose Arrojo and Communications Director Ed Griffith and Assistants Raynald Louis and Janeen Jones. CRB members in attendance were Ed Shohat, who chaired the meeting, Reinaldo Valdes, Maritza Lopez and Dr. Brad Brown. Also present were Maria Shohat and Rochelie Borelan, Commissioner Jordan’s Office, Retha Boone-Fye, Amy Carswell, Eddie Harris, Yvans Morisseau. The participants heard and presentation from SAO staff and a lively discussion ensued. The CRB members then met with staff and made the following recommendations:

- That the CRB issue a position paper about the need for calm and determined action by the community, describing concerns about the Stand Your Ground law, describing some actions that have been taken by other agencies (DOJ, State legislators, FBI, FDLE) and announcing a CRB youth initiative. I am currently preparing a draft in collaboration with Ed Shohat. The document will be vetted with those present at the leadership meeting to ensure factual accuracy and the important points are included. I have also received a commitment to collaborate from the Office of State Senator Oscar Braynon.

- That the CRB convene a community forum or town hall in cooperation with the Miami-Dade County Public Schools for the purpose of providing students an opportunity to be empowered by sharing their concerns and proposals for action with a panel of CRB leaders, agency leaders and elected officials. Panel members would respond to students concerns and comments, as appropriate, and recommend actions for empowerment. The forum would be a public event convened by the CRB and public comments limited to Miami-Dade high school students only.

Please advise. ASAP.

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From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2012 1:48 PM
To: Battles, Thomas (CRS); Duprey de Robles, Mildred I. (CRS)
Subject: FW: Major Performing Artists Trayvon Martin Tribute


See major performing artists tribute to Trayvon Martin.

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Subject: GWA Deployment at Justice for Trayvon Martin Rally
Location: 111 NW 1st Street, 10th floor, Rm. 1034

Start: Fri 3/30/2012 10:00 AM
End: Fri 3/30/2012 10:45 AM

Recurrence: (none)

Organizer: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)

When: Friday, March 30, 2012 10:00 AM-10:45 AM (GMT-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: 111 NW 1st Street, 10th floor, Rm. 1034

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Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2012 5:48 PM
To: Morisseau, Yvans R. (Advocacy); Harris Jr., Edward B. (DIST7)
Cc: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy); Diaz, Rene (Advocacy)
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Location: 111 NW 1st Street, 10th Floor CITT Conference Room

Start: Thu 3/22/2012 11:00 AM
End: Thu 3/22/2012 12:30 PM

Recurrence: (none)

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Interested board members are welcome to participate.

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From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2012 11:19 AM
Cc: 'walter richardson'; 'Edward Shohat'; 'Priscilla Dames'; Boone, Retha (Advocacy); 'George Yap'; 'reinaldovaldes9@gmail.com'; 'Reinaldo Valdes'; Harris Jr., Edward B. (DIST7); Morisseau, Yvans R. (Advocacy); 'Ronald Fulton'; 'vmjackson81@yahoo.com'; 'Harold A. Vieux'; 'Ed Griffith'; 'Don L. Horn'; Morilla, Laura C. (Advocacy); Lazo, Maria I. (Advocacy); Shakir, Mohammad (Advocacy); 'jabaribrad@aol.com'; Ragin, Andre T. (DIST1); Jordan, Barbara (DIST1)

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Obtained by Judicial Watch

From: Duprey de Robles, Mildred I. (CRS) <mildred.dupreyderobles@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2012 4:28 PM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Subject: Re: Miami-Dade CRB Deployments Related to Martin Case

Please call me when available

-----Original Message-----
From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) [mailto:AMY2@miamidade.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2012 03:41 PM
To: Duprey de Robles, Mildred I. (CRS)
Subject: FW: Miami-Dade CRB Deployments Related to Martin Case

FYI

-----Original Message-----
From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2012 3:30 PM
To: 'Battles, Thomas (CRS)'
Cc: Diaz, Rene (Advocacy); 'waiter richardson'; Harris Jr., Edward B. (DIST7); Morisseau, Yvans R. (Advocacy)
Subject: Miami-Dade CRB Deployments Related to Martin Case

Mr. Battles:

As you know, the board members and staff of the Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board (CRB) are committed to responding to intergroup tensions and to building bridges of understanding and respect among our diverse communities. Unfortunately, we will not be able to attend the NAACP March in Sanford or to meet with representatives of the city this week as previously discussed. A host of events and activities being conducted in Miami-Dade County will require our attentions here and we will therefore be unable to travel to Sanford at this time.

Please be aware that Trayvon Martin's family, in cooperation with County Commissioner Barbara Jordan, Congresswoman Frederica Wilson and Miami Commissioner Spence Jones, are planning a "mass rally" in Miami's Bayfront Park on Sunday, April 1, 2012, 4 p.m. The CRB Goodwill Ambassadors are being activated and CRB board members and staff are coordinating with the organizers who anticipate 15,000 - 20,000 participants. Other local events this week are a rally/march organized by Haitian American leaders in North Dade this evening, a rally organized by pastors in the Goulds community of South Dade on this Friday, and other events, etc. We had been anticipating an opportunity to work directly with you, Florida NAACP leaders and members of the Sanford community, and regret that we will be unable to do so at this time. We are confident that the NAACP event will be well organized and productive.

Please appreciate that the Miami-Dade County CRB will continue to collaborate with the DOJ Community Relations Service and to assist whenever we can with important efforts that you identify. I have shared with you and Ms. De Robles some of the model strategies and programs that the Miami-Dade CRB has implemented that members of the Sanford community may find informative in their efforts to address community tensions there. We would be willing to meet with Sanford city...
officials, or other relevant parties, at a time that is mutually convenient. We hope to see you soon.

-----Original Message-----
From: Battles, Thomas (CRS) [mailto:Thomas.Battles@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2012 2:36 PM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Subject:

Amy: Good to hear from you. We look forward to working with you and the CRB's team that will be on site to work the NAACP march. It is my understanding that several buses from Miami Dade will be in Sanford to participate in the march. Your experience and familiarity with the Miami Leadership will serve to reduce tension as it may arise.

In addition we will facilitate a meeting between the CRB and the Project Manager for the City that has responsibility for community relations and outreach.

See you on Saturday.

Tommy
Justin McCarthy

From: Battles, Thomas (CRS) <Thomas.Battles@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 09, 2012 1:33 PM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Cc: Duprey de Robles, Mildred I. (CRS)
Subject: Re: Monitoring Tensions Over Shooting of Miami-Dade Teen in Sanford Florida

Thank you. We will assess

Tom Battles

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) [mailto:AMY2@miamidade.gov]
Sent: Friday, March 09, 2012 01:14 PM
To: Battles, Thomas (CRS)
Subject: FW: Monitoring Tensions Over Shooting of Miami-Dade Teen in Sanford Florida

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Sent: Friday, March 09, 2012 1:12 PM
To: 'thomas.battle@usdoj.gov'; 'mildred.dupreyderobles@doj.gov'
Subject: FW: Monitoring Tensions Over Shooting of Miami-Dade Teen in Sanford Florida

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Sent: Friday, March 09, 2012 12:08 PM
Subject: Monitoring Tensions Over Shooting of Miami-Dade Teen in Sanford Florida

ATTENTION CRB AND ADVOCACY BOARD LEADERS:

FYI: You may recall that the nephew of CRB Executive Committee member Ronald Fulton was shot and killed under mysterious circumstances on February 26, 2012 while visiting his family in Sanford Florida. Trayvon Martin was 17 years of age. The 25 year old man who admitted shooting Trayvon has not been arrested. There is growing community interest and national and local media coverage of the case and CRB leaders and staff are monitoring local tensions. The CRB extends deep condolences to Mr. Martin’s family and friends.

See below CBS morning news coverage of the controversial shooting of Trayvon Martin, a resident of Miami-Dade District 1. See also below an on-line petition that has been started by a reader of the Miami Herald article on the Martin killing that appeared today, March 9. The CRB Executive Committee met Wednesday, March 7 and this troubling situation was discussed. The Executive Committee recommended to Mr. Fulton that he contact the Office of County Commissioner Barbara Jordan, who represents the community where Trayvon’s family resides, for constituent services. Mr. Fulton has done so. The CRB is working to determine the level of tension here in Miami-Dade and leaders will respond as appropriate. We have been in touch with Commissioner Jordan’s office and are conferring on next steps. We will keep you informed on further developments.
Emails:

--- Forwarded message ---
From: <mrfulton2001@aol.com>
Date: Thu, Mar 8, 2012 at 10:16 AM
Subject: News Stuff
To: mevans5842@aol.com

Yahoo (A lot of comments)

Article:

Video:
http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=7401371n

--- Emailing: SignOn.org Beta ---
From: Boone, Retha (Advocacy)
Sent: Friday, March 09, 2012 11:27 AM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Subject: Emailing: SignOn.org Beta - 17 year old FL boy killed over pack of skittles - SPEAK UP!.htm

--- Close ---
This petition hasn't yet been reviewed by the SignOn Team. If you agree with it, please sign it! And if you see problems or something inappropriate, please flag it.

Name: [ ]
Email: [ ]
Country*: [United States V]
Address: [ ]

--- End ---
17 year old FL boy killed over pack of skittles - SPEAK UP!

By Ashley Pierce (Contact)

To be delivered to: Bill Lee, Chief of Police, Sanford FL and Rick Scott, Governor of FL

We, the signers of this petition, demand that George Zimmerman be prosecuted for his unlawful actions and take responsibilities for the crimes in which he has committed. A message needs to be sent to ALL "neighborhood watch" organizations that taking the law into their OWN hands will not be tolerated!

Trayvon Martin (17 years old) was walking home from the store in a gated Stanford, FL community with a pack of skittles and a drink when he was labeled as "suspicious" and shot and KILLED by an armed neighborhood watch guard. Despite the fact that Trayvon was completely unarmed, George Zimmerman (a white man) believed the young black teen to be dangerous and even AFTER being told by police to "stand down" he took it in his own hands and shot the young boy in cold blooded murder. We're calling on you, America, to stand up for justice and demand that Zimmerman be charged with his crimes! Please sign the petition and pass it on to all of your family and friends! Let's stand together and show that this is NOT acceptable in ANY community!


We need 50 signatures

There are currently 15 signatures

Previous petition signers:

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From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 4:44 PM
To: Ronald Fulton; walter richardson; vjackson81@yahoo.com
Cc: Diaz, Rene (Advocacy); Harris Jr., Edward B. (DIST7); Morisseau, Yvans R. (Advocacy)
Subject: FW: Trayvon Martin Peace March
Attachments: Trayvon Martin Peace March.pdf

FYI

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 4:40 PM
To: 'OUR Homes, Inc.'
Cc: Boone, Retha (Advocacy); Gina Ford; Morisseau, Yvans R. (Advocacy); Brian Dennis; Alexis Snyder; Richard P. (Commissioner District 5) Dunn II; Morisseau, Yvans R. (Advocacy)
Subject: RE: Trayvon Martin Peace March

Ms. Holmes:

As you know, there is nothing that any of us can do, to restore what has been lost. The killing of Trayvon Martin is a painful blow to those who knew and loved him and is distressing to the many people who believe in the value of all human life. As we look for ways to respond, it is important that we support each other and engage with community members and responsible authorities in a spirit of cooperation and mutual respect. In this way, we can each do our part to pursue justice and healing. Therefore, I believe that it is not helpful to vilify another person with unproven accusations and characterizations. The young man who shot Trayvon is also deserving of our protection. He too is a member of our community and should be afforded the presumption of innocence of all who are accused. I sincerely request that you remove his likeness from your event flyer and modify the text to eliminate the accusations that are not consistent with our common values. We all want justice for Trayvon. Justice cannot be achieved unless it is pursued for all.

From: OUR Homes, Inc. [mailto:holmes_builders@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 4:02 PM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy); Morisseau, Yvans R. (Advocacy); Brian Dennis; Alexis Snyder; Richard P. (Commissioner District 5) Dunn II; Gina Ford
Cc: Boone, Retha (Advocacy)
Subject: Fwd: Trayvon Martin Peace March

Madame 786 260 2409

--- On Tue, 3/20/12, joshua Jones <joshuajones83@gmail.com> wrote:

From: joshua Jones <joshuajones83@gmail.com>
Subject: Fwd: Trayvon Martin Peace March
To: holmes_builders@yahoo.com
Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2012, 3:39 PM

-------- Forwarded message --------
From: Joshua Jones <joshuajones83@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Mar 20, 2012 at 9:01 AM
Subject: Trayvon Martin Peace March
To: knowledgeisthekey@gmail.com

Please spread the word.
Following the protocol for the City of Sanford, please consider sending a request to: andrew.thomas@sanfordfl.gov.

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Thanks. Keeping it safe

FYI: CRB Community outreach staff monitored a student led march from Miami Carol City High this afternoon. Some students at Miami Northwestern also convened a gathering at a school patio. Some students at Turner Technical School wore “hoodies” but were dissuaded by school officials from walking out of class. There were likely other actions at other schools. We understand all student actions today have concluded without major incidents reported. We have received reports that students at other Miami-Dade High Schools may initiative other student led actions on tomorrow.

Students at two Miami high schools stage walk out in protest of boy’s death
*By Laura Isensee*

More than 1,000 students walked out of Miami Carol City Senior High Thursday after lunch, chanting that they want justice for their former schoolmate Trayvon Martin, who was killed last month in Sanford.

Trayvon, 17, attended the school as a freshman and during part of his sophomore year.

“He needs it. His family needs it,” said Ebony Freeman, 17, about the calls for justice.
Justin McCarthy

From: SAINTFLEUR.KATIA.S33 <SAINTFLEUR.KATIA.S33@flsenate.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 23, 2012 3:20 PM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Subject: RE: Touching Bases

Got it. Thanks Amy

KATIA SAINT FLEUR
LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT, SENATOR OSCAR BRAYNON II
DISTRICT 33

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MIAMI GARDENS, FL 33169
305.654.7150
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226 SENATE OFFICE BUILDING
404 SOUTH MONROE STREET
TALLAHASSEE, FL 32399-1100
850.487.5116

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) [mailto:AMY2@miamidade.gov]
Sent: Friday, March 23, 2012 3:10 PM
To: SAINTFLEUR.KATIA.S33
Subject: FW: Touching Bases

Good Morning Ms. Carswell.

I got your name and email address form Mildred Duprey de Robles from the Community Relations Services of DOJ as a person to reach out to and connect with regarding the Trayvon Martin case. We are very saddened by this tragedy and can only imagine what the family and friends of Trayvon are going through. As the Mayor and City Manager of the City of Sanford has stated on numerous occasions, we like so many others have echoed, want the truth and to see justice prevail.

In preparation for our upcoming City Commission meeting next Monday, March 26, 2012, I am reaching out to you for assistance. Mildred indicated to me there may be several buses coming from the Miami area to the Commission meeting in support of Trayvon Martin's family. Thank you for your participation and please be assured the City of Sanford welcomes you as our guest and wants to make your visit a pleasant one. Since we are anticipating a rather large crowd and seating will be limited, I would greatly appreciate your assistance in letting me know approximately how many people you anticipate will be attending the Commission meeting so we can plan accordingly. Also, I would greatly appreciate it if you would let me know if any City/County
Officials from the Miami Dade area plan on attending the meeting and if any one would like to speak. The Commission’s Agenda is pretty much devoted to recognizing and acknowledging the death of Trayvon.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Cordially,

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Senior Project Manager
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Albert Einstein

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Dr. Richardson, Mr. Fulton and Mr. Dixon:

Please review for approval the attached DRAFT flyer on the YOUTH SPEAK OUT ABOUT TRAYVON MARTIN AND RELATED ISSUES. All of the speakers and organizations listed ARE NOT YET CONFIRMED.

Confirmed to date are: Commissioner Jordan and School Board member Holloway. As soon as Mr. Dixon confirms the Carol City Senior Auditorium, we will proceed to invite the listed officials and students.

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From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 10:22 AM
To: BRAD BROWN; Ronald Fulton
Subject: Ronald Fulton Contacts

Dr. Brown:
As per your request Ronald Fulton’s email is ronald.fulton001@mynmdc.net, his phone number is (305) 651-5155. Please do not distribute. If I see Ronald today, would you like for me to ask him to call you. I will get back to you on details of possible events in Miami as they become more clear.

From: BRAD BROWN [mailto:jabaribrad@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2012 9:11 PM
To: hashim@theworkerscenter.org; black.herb@yahoo.com; jhns9j@bellsouth.net; felta@bellsouth.net; larrydeleaveaux@yahoo.com; info@fordfor118.com; curleyshouseinc@yahoo.com; cynelgoe@aol.com; kathynwalker.001@gmail.com; c.rose1@umiami.edu; a.ubaka@umiami.edu; jollyjack@jollyjack.org; mhudson@FMUNIV.EDU; Lovette McGill; joyannreid@gmail.com; lottiePerson@bellsouth.net; juanitashanks@yahoo.com; kidhait@hotmail.com; DuenMC@hotmail.com; rtrapp19@hotmail.com; hitters52@bellsouth.net; mbuya57@yahoo.com; mellaneous19@yahoo.com; MKFPintingCo@gmail.com; darowmusic@yahoo.com; cabmia@netzero.com; ytipo18@yahoo.com; wzjimbawbe@aol.com; thesouthdademonitor@hotmail.com; cwiltshire2@yahoo.com; lencoles@bellsouth.net; djamesrosevelt@yahoo.com; kwaku12@gmail.com; shawkih@gmail.com; desiner21@yahoo.com; kwaku120@gmail.com; Vangatesjd@aol.com; cabmia@aol.com; qbess@att.net; VoteAnthony@aol.com; daphnecampbell2010@yahoo.com; george305@aol.com; clifftownsend09@gmail.com; keenayj@bellsouth.net; thesouthdademonitor@hotmail.com; Dfryn7@aol.com; Walker, Joey (MDEAT); dsbehar@gmail.com; pking@nbbcmiami.org; pat414l@bellsouth.net; watchingexecutiveconductdbawe_c@yahoo.com; michellefletcher39@yahoo.com; braynon@gamil.com; wtrichardson@bellsouth.net; george305@aol.com; rloui005@fiu.edu; pat414l@bellsouth.net; pking@nbbcmiami.org; Walker, Joey (MDEAT); dfryn7@aol.com; keenayj@bellsouth.net; clifftownsend09@gmail.com; wtrichardson@bellsouth.net; michellefletcher39@yahoo.com; watchingexecutiveconductdbawe_c@yahoo.com; c.rose1@umiami.edu; jollyjack@jollyjack.org; a.ubaka@umiami.edu; m hudson@FMUNIV.EDU; joyannreid@gmail.com; Lovette McGill; juanitashanks@yahoo.com; lottiePerson@bellsouth.net; DuenMC@hotmail.com; kidhait@hotmail.com; hitters52@bellsouth.net; umprof@fncb.com; rtrapp19@hotmail.com; mellaneous19@yahoo.com; mbuya57@yahoo.com; MKFPintingCo@gmail.com; darowmusic@yahoo.com; cabmia@netzero.com; phgdemo2008@gmail.com; ytipo18@yahoo.com; wzjimbawbe@aol.com; thesouthdademonitor@hotmail.com; cwiltshire2@yahoo.com; djamesrosevelt@yahoo.com; kwaku12@gmail.com; shawkih@gmail.com; desiner21@yahoo.com; kwaku12@gmail.com; vangatesjd@aol.com; qbess@att.net; VoteAnthony@aol.com; daphnecampbell2010@yahoo.com; darryljohlseninc.com; Dethdn8@aol.com; djackson4@gmail.com; DPerry1965@aol.com; ethel.duncan@mail.naacpmiamidade.org; jasonwalker@comcast.net; malone109@yahoo.com; sh1184@bellsouth.net; sjohnson@dadeschools.net; tyronesplace@att.net; LaShannonPetit@aol.com; "bebewellons\""""@bellsouth.net; careybianna@aol.com; "cbenjaminexq\""""@yahoo.com; "alpha66\""""@bellsouth.net; "dejiom\""""@yahoo.com; "dtoomer\""""@wmbcm.com; "goratthers82\""""@yahoo.com; dfryn7@aol.com; HYAJ38@aol.com; "d詹姆斯rosevelt\""""@yahoo.com; "kbsharp\""""@bellsouth.net; "ladybugvct\""""@netzero.com; "leoladams\""""@hotmail.com; "missrettapz\""""@hotmail.com; "oaluka\""""@oudagroup.com; "octaaviabiz\""""@yahoo.com; deltapat@aol.com; "pking\""""@nbcbmiami.org; "Vangatesjd@aol.com; "RBranch\""""@nbcbmiami.org; S2Jesus@aol.com; "SHU\""""@LLYDECKERDIAZ.COM; VByers@aol.com; adnelsonroyal@bellsouth.net; Mccmillionactivist@aol.com; swillisakasa94@yahoo.com; ksharp@kbsharppca.com; ednabbt@bellsouth.net; Dethdn8@aol.com; CYNWCURRY@AOL.COM; q45lady@bellsouth.net; rjcyclenelegal.com; dgwendo11@aol.com; deltapat@aol.com; S2Jesus@aol.com; darowmusic@yahoo.com; FLANAACP@aol.com; ssenterprise@tmo.blackberry.net; Joyce A. Davis; WILSON.FREDERICA.S33@fsenate.gov; RBranch@nbcbmiami.org; mrrburns3120@bellsouth.net; jabaribrad@aol.com; kea@sbcapa.com; cabmia@netzero.com; LANE.ANGELA.S33@FLSENATE.GOV; epadron@mdc.edu; dbblack@jimdavis2006.com; Vazquez, Maricely (MDT); bettyferguson1@bellsouth.net; T_room@bellsouth.net; karlaadrien@bellsouth.net; Joyce A. Davis; jadavis161@printpcs.com; EMike-petit@dadeschools.net; Rodney.baltimore@coxradio.com; lt_moore7@yahoo.com; djamesrosevelt@yahoo.com;
Subject: NAACP RALLY JUSTICE FOR TRAYVON MARTIN
There is another rally tomorrow at Goulds South-Park. See attachment

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FYI: Please find below a listing of some events related to the Justice for Trayvon Martin movement provided courtesy of the Florida Immigrant Coalition.

SANFORD, FL

Saturday March 31st: 8am-2pm at Crooms Academy 2200 W 13 Street Sanford, FL advocates and community members will be gathering to articulate the larger systemic malady connected to this murder. The mobilization calls for government accountability in the continuous violence based on appearance that is experienced by African Americans, Muslims, Latinos, women and other minorities. To reserve a seat on the bus from Miami: RSVP to Miami-Dade NAACP for $35 roundtrip by calling: 305-685-8694.

MIAMI, FL

Thursday March 29th: Belafonte Talcocy Center: 6161 NW 9th Ave, Miami, FL 33127-1013 6PM-8PM: Join the Miami Worker's Center for a dialogue "Circle of Consciousness" on the case of Trayvon Martin, the impact of his murder on our communities, and what is the appropriate response for those of us seeking justice. RSVP to hashim@theworkerscenter.org - 305.759.8717 ext 1019.

Sunday April 1st: Bayfront Park Amphitheater at 4:00 PM (gates open at 1:00 PM) Downtown Miami 301 N. Biscayne Blvd. Join the parents of Trayvon Martin: Tracy Martin and Sabrina Fulton.

Wednesday April 4th: Miami Dade College North Campus: 11380 NW 27th Ave Bldg 4 Bookstore, Miami, FL 33167-3495 11AM-2PM Students organize Teach-In for social and racial justice.

NATIONWIDE
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Sent: Monday, March 26, 2012 10:38 PM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Subject: Re: Request for Assistance

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From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) [mailto:AMY2@miamidade.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 26, 2012 10:27 PM
To: Duprey de Robles, Mildred I. (CRS)
Subject: Re: Request for Assistance

He contacted me about the rally today. No mention was made about March 31. I will try to get in touch tomorrow on that.

From: Duprey de Robles, Mildred I. (CRS) [mailto:mildred.dupreyderobles@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 26, 2012 09:41 PM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Subject: Re: Request for Assistance

I thought Assistant City Manager, Andrew Thomas, contacted you.

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) [mailto:AMY2@miamidade.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 26, 2012 06:48 PM
To: Battles, Thomas (CRS); Duprey de Robles, Mildred I. (CRS)
Cc: Harris Jr., Edward B. (DIST7) <EHARRIS@miamidade.gov>; Morisseau, Yvans R. (Advocacy) <MORYVA@miamidade.gov>; Diaz, Rene (Advocacy) <RENE@miamidade.gov>
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Mildred and Tommy:

Please advise as to the status of this request. I must prepare and submit an itinerary for our staff no later than tomorrow afternoon.

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) [mailto:AMY2@miamidade.gov]
Sent: Friday, March 23, 2012 12:31 PM
To: Duprey de Robles, Mildred I. (CRS)
Cc: Battles, Thomas (CRS); Diaz, Rene (Advocacy) <RENE@miamidade.gov>; Harris Jr., Edward B. (DIST7) <EHARRIS@miamidade.gov>; Morisseau, Yvans R. (Advocacy) <MORYVA@miamidade.gov>
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Mildred de Robles
Regional Coordinator
U.S. Department of Justice
Community Relations Service:
As we have discussed, CRB community response staff (Amy Carswell, Eddie Harris, Yvans Morisseau) are prepared to meet with Sanford and Seminole county officials on Friday, March 30 to discuss/present some models for responding to community tensions related to high profile incidents (including police involved incidents.) These models are "Goodwill Ambassadors (crowd control); Community Briefings (inform and engage community members with responsible government leaders); Community forums (engage community members and local leaders for information sharing and strategy planning); and Community Relations Boards (creation and roles and responsibilities of a permanent council that intervenes to prevent and reduce intergroup tensions and conflict). Our discussions/presentations may be modified to the needs you all identify and the time that the officials have available. In order for CRB staff to participate (and for Miami-Dade county to expend funds for this purpose), we require a request for assistance from you, other CRS official or authorized official from the City of Sanford and/or Seminole county. Please advise asap. Thank you.

This participation may be coordinated with Miami-Dade CRB and County Commission staff's approved travel to Sanford for demonstrations/gatherings related to the Trayvon Martin case on March 31, 2012.

Amy Carswell  
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### Justin McCarthy

**Subject:** GWA Deployment at Justice for Trayvon Martin Rally  
**Location:** 111 NW 1st Street, 10th floor, Rm. 1034  
**Start:** Fri 3/30/2012 10:00 AM  
**End:** Fri 3/30/2012 10:45 AM  
**Recurrence:** (none)  
**Organizer:** Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)

When: Friday, March 30, 2012 10:00 AM-10:45 AM (GMT-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: 111 NW 1st Street, 10th floor, Rm. 1034

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**Subject:** FW: Update on Florida "Stand Your Ground" Law  
**Location:** 111 NW 1st Street, 10th Floor CITT Conference Room

**Start:** Thu 3/22/2012 11:00 AM  
**End:** Thu 3/22/2012 12:30 PM

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Interested board members are welcome to participate.

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**From:** Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 21, 2012 11:19 AM  
**Cc:** walter richardson'; 'Edward Shohat'; 'Priscilla Dames'; Boone, Retha (Advocacy); 'George Yap'; 'reinaldovaldes9@gmail.com'; 'Reinaldo Valdes'; Harris Jr., Edward B. (DIST7); Morisseau, Yvans R. (Advocacy); 'Ronald Fulton'; 'vmjackson81@yahoo.com'; 'Harold A. Vieux'; 'Ed Griffith'; 'Don L. Horn'; Morilla, Laura C. (Advocacy); Lazo, Maria I. (Advocacy); Shakir, Mohammad (Advocacy); 'jabaribrad@aol.com'; Ragin, Andre T. (DIST1); Jordan, Barbara (DIST1)

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**Sent:** Thursday, March 29, 2012 5:48 PM  
**To:** Morisseau, Yvans R. (Advocacy); Harris Jr., Edward B. (DIST7)  
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The President’s powers case, made simple

On Monday, July 15, the blog will begin publishing a symposium on National Labor Relations Board v. Noel Canning (docket 12-1281), one of the most important constitutional cases to go before the Supreme Court in the new Term starting in October. It provides a test of presidential authority to appoint individuals to government positions when the Senate is not available to consider them. This post explains, in non-legal terms, how that case arose, and discusses its implications.

From time to time in its history, the Supreme Court is drawn into a controversy that goes to the heart of the division of powers among the branches of the national government. With its power to interpret the meaning of the Constitution, exercised since 1803, the Court is in a position to overrule the actions of the other two branches of government. Overruling Congress happens far more often than overruling the President, but that, too, can happen. The Court will soon be considering whether to do that again in a case of deep significance for President Obama, and for his successors in the White House.

Perhaps the most famous Supreme Court decision rebuffing a President was the 1952 decision finding that President Harry Truman did not have the power to seize control of the nation’s steel mills to make sure that they continued to operate during a labor dispute in the midst of the Korean war. President George W. Bush was the most recent Chief Executive to be thwarted by the Court, in a 2006 ruling striking down his order creating military tribunals to try terrorism war crimes cases.

As those two cases show, competing claims to government power can grow out of historic events, immediately demonstrating that much is at stake. But they also can grow out of mundane events, of interest in the beginning only to those who are directly involved, with little hint that history is in the making.

The case of National Labor Relations Board v. Noel Canning, coming up for a hearing in the Supreme Court later this year, was of the ordinary kind, but has since grown grandly in importance.

It goes back to December 2010, when a soft-drink bottling company in Yakima, Washington, named Noel Canning, was feuding with the Teamsters Union’s Local 760, over how to implement a forty-cents-an-hour pay raise that the two sides had accepted as part of a new union contract.

The union complained to the National Labor Relations Board that Noel Canning’s management had refused to abide by their agreement. That led ultimately to a ruling by the Board that the company had committed an unfair labor practice, since federal labor law requires the parties to a written agreement to carry it out.

The NLRB was created by Congress in 1935 to try to promote labor peace by encouraging companies and unions to bargain over their workers’ pay and other benefits. Then, business interests resisted the creation of the Board; they challenged its constitutionality, but the Supreme Court upheld the law in 1937 – a major victory for President Franklin Roosevelt and the “New Deal” Congress after a string of constitutional setbacks in the Court.

The Board decides thousands of cases like the Noel Canning dispute. For labor unions across the country, as many of them have lost members and their bargaining power has diminished, the Board has remained a key ally. But for managers of many businesses, the Board has long been seen to be too pro-union.

The Board operates through a complex set of procedures that start with actions by regional officials of the Board, with the cases working their way up to final rulings by a five-member Board. The agency has long been in the habit of allowing three of its members to rule on a case by delegating authority.

Under a decision by the Supreme Court three years ago, however, the Board and any panel of members may not exercise normal functions if the Board’s membership falls below three. Under ordinary circumstances, when a vacancy occurs on the Board, a President chooses someone to fill it, and the Senate decides whether to approve that nominee. That is the process dictated by the Constitution, and Congress applied that process to NLRB appointments.

But, in recent years, ordinary circumstances have not prevailed: the Board has been caught up in the ongoing political gridlock that is now a prominent feature of the process of Senate action on presidential appointees, to courts and to federal agencies. Because the Board has a lot of adversaries in the business community, it has also developed a number of adversaries among Republican lawmakers.

With the requirement that the Board always have three approved members, the Board’s challengers have found a way to try to stall its functioning. As a result, President Obama has been stymied in his efforts to name new Board members when the five-year terms of members expired.
In January of last year, the Board’s membership dropped to two, and at that point the Board lacked a quorum to operate. The President on January 4 chose three new members to sit on the Board, but he was able to provide only temporary appointments. The Board, though, was back in operation, and one of the first cases to come before it was the Noel Canning dispute over the forty-cents-an-hour wage increase for its workers. And it is at that point that the constitutional dispute first arose, creating the case that would go to the Supreme Court.

The President chose Sharon Block, Terence F. Flynn, and Richard F. Griffin to fill vacancies and to raise the Board membership back up to five (along with the two sitting, and Senate-approved, members — Mark G. Pearce and Brian Hayes). However, Block, Flynn, and Griffin were given what are called “recess appointments,” because the Senate was not in session when the President appointed them. Such an appointee can serve only until the end of the next session of the Senate, unless the Senate in the meantime approves.

The Constitution, from its very beginning in 1789, has included in Article II dealing with the presidency the authority “to fill up all vacancies that may happen during the recess of the Senate, by granting commissions which shall expire at the end of their next session.” The Noel Canning case asks the Supreme Court to settle when the Senate is in recess, and when vacancies “happen” so that the President can fill them.

The Recess Appointments Clause in the Constitution was vital, in the national government’s early years, because travel from one place to another was very difficult, and the Senate might not always be in Washington and thus able to act on presidential appointments, and yet the government could not function with official positions vacant. There is no dispute that the clause is still necessary, even though travel is much easier these days, but the Senate does take recesses and so might not be available to act.

But there is deep disagreement about when the Senate is in recess, and when the temporary appointment powers of the President thus become available.

The D.C. Circuit Court — the main federal appeals court with the power to review decisions of the NLRB — ruled on those issues in the Noel Canning case. It noted at the outset of its opinion that “this appears to be a routine review of a decision” of the Board. It actually rejected two legal arguments (based on federal and state laws) that Noel Canning’s management raised against the Board’s order, before getting to the constitutional challenges.

The Circuit Court decided those challenges this way: first, the President can only make a “recess appointment” when the Senate is out of town in the interval between its annual sessions, and not when it is out of town at times during an annual meeting; and, second, that the only vacancies in government positions that the President can fill by such appointments are those that have opened up during such an annual recess.

Because the appointments of Block, Flynn, and Griffin did not satisfy either of those conclusions, the Circuit Court ruled that their selection was unconstitutional, and thus the Board was back down to two members and did not have the authority to decide the Noel Canning case. “The Board had no quorum,” the Circuit Court said simply, “and its order is void.”

President Obama’s lawyers in the Justice Department, and the Board’s own legal staff, joined in taking the case to the Supreme Court in April, arguing that the appeals court ruling ran counter to decades of actual use of the presidential appointment power, and raised a constitutional cloud over the NLRB’s very capacity to operate. A month later, both Noel Canning’s management and the Teamsters’ Local 760 agreed that the Supreme Court should decide the constitutional dispute.

Noel Canning, however, said it would not be enough if the Court gave answers only to the two issues raised by the NLRB: whether the only recess that counts is the one between sessions, and when do vacancies “happen” for the President to fill. The Court, according to the company, should also answer whether the Senate is ever in recess when it is coming back to town in what are called “pro forma” sessions. That is the kind of meeting the Senate was conducting every three days in January 2012, so, the company insisted, it was not in a “recess” when President Obama made the three Board appointments on the fourth of that month.

On June 24, in one of the last actions of its 2012-2013 Term, the Supreme Court agreed to rule on the two questions raised by the government, but it also said it would take on the third issue posed by Noel Canning. After the Court begins a new Term on October 7, the case will be heard in a public session, but that date has not yet been set. A final decision is expected in the following months — more likely, sometime in 2014.

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Justin McCarthy

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) <AMY2@miamidade.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 7:32 PM
To: mildred.dupreyderobles@usdoj.gov
Subject: Re: CRB Responses to Trayvon Martin Tensions

When I know you will

From: Duprey de Robles, Mildred I. (CRS) [mailto:mildred.dupreyderobles@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 07:13 PM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
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Thanks. Following City request, let me know who is in the delegation of the CRB and Commissioners -

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy) [mailto:AMY2@miamidade.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 07:08 PM
To: Duprey de Robles, Mildred I. (CRS)
Cc: Battles, Thomas (CRS)
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A small contingent of Miami-Dade CRB staff and possibly CRB members, County Commissioners and or their staffs will be traveling to Sanford for activities on March 31. We are also available for meetings with Sanford officials and/or community leaders on March 30 and/or 31.

From: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 7:01 PM
To: 'Dr. Walter T. Richardson'
Cc: Diaz, Rene (Advocacy); Harris Jr., Edward B. (DIST7); Morisseau, Yvans R. (Advocacy)
Subject: RE: Approve CRB Responses to Trayvon Martin Tensions

Dr. Richardson:

Thank you. We have also received the go ahead from our Director, Rene Diaz, to travel to Sanford to observe and to work with our Miami-Dade folks. Tommy Battles has suggested that the best time for us to go, (myself, Eddie Harris, Yvans, etc) is on Saturday, March 31. It has also been suggested that we may wish to be there on Monday, March 26? It will be one or the other. What do you think?

From: Dr. Walter T. Richardson [mailto:wtrichardson@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 6:51 PM
To: Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)
Cc: Edward Shohat; Diaz, Rene (Advocacy); Harris Jr., Edward B. (DIST7)
Subject: Re: Approve CRB Responses to Trayvon Martin Tensions

Thanks Amy.
I read this rather hurriedly, as I am now at the rally in Sanford. It seems fine. So please proceed!

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 22, 2012, at 6:00 PM, "Carswell, Amy (Advocacy)" <AMY2@miamidade.gov> wrote:
Dr. Richardson:

Please approve CRB actions listed below as per your authority to act on behalf of the CRB pending the next Executive Committed and General Membership meeting.

The CRB Leadership Committee met earlier today with representatives of the Miami-Dade State Attorney’s Office, including Chief Assistants Don Horn, Kathleen Hogue, Jose Arrojo and Communications Director Ed Griffith and Assistants Raynald Louis and Janeen Jones. CRB members in attendance were Ed Shohat, who chaired the meeting, Reinaldo Valdes, Maritza Lopez and Dr. Brad Brown. Also present were Maria Shohat and Rochelle Borelan, Commissioner Jordan’s Office, Retha Boone-Fye, Amy Carswell, Eddie Harris, Yvans Morisseau. The participants heard a presentation from SAO staff and a lively discussion ensued. The CRB members then met with staff and made the following recommendations:

- That the CRB issue a position paper about the need for calm and determined action by the community, describing concerns about the Stand Your Ground law, describing some actions that have been taken by other agencies (DOJ, State legislators, FBI, FDLE) and announcing a CRB youth initiative. I am currently preparing a draft in collaboration with Ed Shohat. The document will be vetted with those present at the leadership meeting to ensure factual accuracy and the important points are included. I have also received a commitment to collaborate from the Office of State Senator Oscar Braynon.

- That the CRB convene a community forum or town hall in cooperation with the Miami-Dade County Public Schools for the purpose of providing students an opportunity to be empowered by sharing their concerns and proposals for action with a panel of CRB leaders, agency leaders and elected officials. Panel members would respond to students concerns and comments, as appropriate, and recommend actions for empowerment. The forum would be a public event convened by the CRB and public comments limited to Miami-Dade high school students only.

Please advise. ASAP.

Amy Carswell

Program Officer

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### Delivery Point Verification Return Code Values from NCOA:

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<td>Unable to resolve multiple match condition</td>
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<td>valid primary or RR number; secondary number or RR box present but not confirmed</td>
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### Match Return Codes Values from NCOA:

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