



Memorandum

Date: January 12, 2025

To: Mayor Christi Fraga
Councilwoman Digna Cabral
Councilman Rafael Pineyro
Councilwoman Nicole Reinoso

From: Vice Mayor Maureen Porras

Subject: **Municipal Sponsorship Donations (Drama Azul Cultural Project INC. – Including Ballet Folklórico Nicaragüense Azul; Hispanic Movement for Florida – Aurora Vocis)**

Introduction:

Pursuant to Section 2-79 of the City Code of Ordinances on Municipal Sponsorships, I respectfully request support for municipal sponsorship donations totaling \$2,000. This includes a donation of \$1,000 to Drama Azul Cultural Project INC., which encompasses the esteemed Ballet Folklórico Nicaragüense Azul, and a donation of \$1,000 to Hispanic Movement for Florida's sponsored choir, Aurora Vocis, a newly established community choir based in Doral. Both initiatives serve to enrich the cultural and artistic fabric of communities across Miami-Dade County.

Drama Azul Cultural Project INC. & Ballet Folklórico Nicaragüense Azul:

Drama Azul Cultural Project INC. is dedicated to fostering cultural enrichment through the arts, with a strong focus on traditional dance and music. Its flagship initiative, Ballet Folklórico Nicaragüense Azul, preserves Nicaraguan folklore and heritage through dynamic dance and musical performances that serve as a bridge between cultures.

The organization participates in festivals, community events, and cultural workshops, creating interactive and educational experiences that promote community cohesion and pride. Its efforts enhance cross-cultural understanding and contribute significantly to the overall cultural vibrancy of Miami-Dade County. The educational programs further support the artistic development of both youth and adults, nurturing talent and enriching the cultural literacy of our communities.

Hispanic Movement for Florida's Sponsored Choir, Aurora Vocis:

Hispanic Movement for Florida's sponsored choir, Aurora Vocis, is a newly established community choir based in Doral. The choir seeks to unite students from diverse high schools and universities through the transformative power of music. Aurora Vocis's mission is to foster

collaboration, creativity, and community engagement by providing a welcoming space where young voices can come together. The choir rehearses weekly and aspires to offer inspiring performances and meaningful collaborations that promote artistic growth and enhance the cultural life of our city.

Fiscal Impact:

Each member of the City Council is allocated \$5,000 annually to sponsor community events and initiatives. The combined proposed sponsorship of \$2,000 represents a strategic investment in cultural enrichment, community engagement, and the preservation of our diverse heritage across Miami-Dade County.

Recommendation:

I ask my colleagues to support these items, recognizing that a donation to Drama Azul Cultural Project INC.—including the work of Ballet Folklórico Nicaragüense Azul—and to Hispanic Movement for Florida’s sponsored choir, Aurora Vocis, will strengthen community bonds, celebrate our cultural diversity, and promote artistic education. Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration.