



CITY OF DORAL COUNCIL MEETING MEMORANDUM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

ITEM TITLE:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ALPHA 421 GROUP FOR A TEMPORARY BLACK BOX THEATRE AT THE DORAL CULTURAL ARTS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF "THE WALLS HAVE EARS"/ "LAS PAREDES OYEN"; PROVIDING A TIMELINE FOR SET-UP AND PERFORMANCE DATES; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

BRIEF HISTORY:

The Doral Cultural Art Center has been a cornerstone of artistic expression and community engagement in our city. As we strive to celebrate our diverse heritage, it is essential that we offer platforms that reflect the complex stories and experiences of our community members. The producers of the upcoming play "The Walls Have Ears," led by Miami native Robby Ramos, have recently received an anticommunist grant from the state. This grant will facilitate a cultural project that dives deep into the narratives surrounding Cuban political prisoners during the 1960s, which is a significant chapter in our shared history. Ramos, who draws on personal and familial experiences related to this historical context, brings a unique perspective to the production.

The play has already shown its potential for success, with previous performances at the Westchester Cultural Arts Center receiving acclaim. Its powerful storytelling connects with audiences, making it a fitting addition to our cultural landscape.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION: (IF APPLICABLE)

Date:	Resolution/Ordinance No.	Comments

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The proposed item has a fiscal impact on revenues and/or expenditures in the amount of:

- \$50,000.00 or less
- \$50,000.00 or more (IN KIND)

RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend that we support a partnership with the Alpha 421 Group to convert the Doral Cultural Art Center into a black box theatre. This format will not only enhance our community's cultural offerings but also create an intimate setting that allows for a deeper audience connection to the performances. The specific timeline for this project is as follows:

- **Set-up Date:** June 1, 2025 (Approximately)
- **Opening Night:** June 13, 2025 (Approximately)
- **Performance Dates:** June 13 to July 28, 2025

I propose that we establish July as Theatre Month in the City of Doral to encourage community engagement and enhance appreciation for the arts. Importantly, Alpha 421 Group will provide free entry to students in Doral, and reduce rates for senior citizens. This initiative will not only nurture a love of theatre among our youth but also promote educational and cultural enrichment.

By collaborating with Alpha 421 and leveraging the resources provided by the state grant, we can position Doral as a key location for cultural dialogue and artistic expression. This initiative will foster community engagement, attract visitors, and stimulate local businesses, contributing to the vitality of our city.

I urge each of you to consider the potential impact of this collaboration and lend your support to make this vision a reality. Together, we can cultivate a dynamic cultural environment that honors our diverse history and inspires future generations.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- A. Draft Resolution.