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Phil Thornburg, Director of Parks and Recreation
City of Ft. Lauderdale
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Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312

Dear Mr. Feldman and Phil Thornburg,

As you know, we are close to finalizing the City/YMCA partnership to build a new YMCA in Holiday Park. The Y is very excited about the opportunity to provide more programs and services to the resident of Ft. Lauderdale.

In addition to the Holiday Park project partnership, I am writing to officially request a partnership between the City of Ft. Lauderdale and the YMCA of South Florida regarding a land lease/operations agreement for the construction of a new State of the Art Y facility on Sistrunk Blvd at the current Mizell Center location.

The YMCA is interested in moving the LA Lee YMCA services over to a new 35,000+SF facility that would become a "community based" center with potential retail space on one floor of the center and Y program offerings in the remaining space. The goal of this center is to bring health, wellness, youth, and teen programs and services to the Sistrunk Community and the 33311 zip code. The current LA Lee facility is in desperate need of expansion and renovation, yet it is land locked and buried in a neighborhood that is not as visible and accessible to the 33311 residents. By moving the Y to Sistrunk Blvd, the Y will be able to accommodate more residents, offer expanded programs and services, partner with new organizations and businesses, and develop strategic retail partnerships to invest in the community resulting in the "activation" to the boulevard. This center will become the "community hub" of the Sistrunk corridor.

(See attached vision and plan)

Y programs and services and community partners will align with the overall strategic plan of the City and will be developed to complement (not duplicate) the current services provided by the City. Keep in mind that the YMCA is a non-profit, community based organization that provides financial assistance to those individuals and families willing to participate in Y programs but who may not have the resources to pay for these services.

I look forward to formalizing another partnership between the Y and the City. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 954-334-9622. Thank you for all that you and the Commission do to make our community stronger.

Sincerely,

Sheryl A. Woods, President/CEO
YMCA of South Florida

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