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Memorandum

Date: October 5, 2018

To: Brittany Shammass, Miami New Times

From: Yioset De La Cruz, Mayor

Re: The Hialeah Gardens Assault 2506 Brigade Museum

The City of Hialeah Gardens respects and honors the noble efforts the 2506 Brigade members who so bravely and honorably fought for the freedom of their homeland. They were young men whose heroic efforts deserve recognition and a place of honor in history. With that intention, the City of Hialeah Gardens erected a museum that would display historical items that would educate future generations of their fearless efforts.

The intent of this museum was to honor and was in no way meant to offend any member of the 2506 Brigade. When the idea of the museum was conceived, it was discussed with members of the 2506 Brigade and their input was acknowledged and included. Since that time, there have been changes within the governing body of the 2506 Brigade Association and there have been internal disputes resulting in the current argument as to who has the right to utilize the "2506 Mark".

It is the City's intent to work with the members of the 2506 Brigade in order to find a resolution that is satisfactory to all parties involved. The final result should be that the courageous young patriots be honored and remembered by future generations.