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Carlos A. Gimenez, Mayor  
Miami-Dade County  
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December 14, 2015

Dear Mayor Gimenez:

The recent *Miami Herald* article entitled, "Youth Fair would make room for FIU under plan for shared home", proposes a plan that wouldn't satisfy anyone- neither the fairgoers, the students, nor the community.

There is a better, existing more dynamic and bold alternative in South Dade. With the South Dade plan, the Fair has enough space to innovate towards a new future; South Florida benefits from expanded research capacity and innovation; FIU students gain access to additional research opportunities; and, the South Dade community will have more educational and business resources at its doorstep.

A South Dade relocation represents an opportunity for the Fair and FIU to grow in the 127 acres of county-owned land outside of Homestead, significantly increasing their impact beyond West Miami-Dade.

I believe this plan would spur economic activity with FIU's proposed "Agribusiness Incubator" that would not only encourage local business development and but also incorporate a research component to help address issues with locally-grown crops; bring new jobs to the area, and heighten the profile of the South Dade area.

As a proponent of business growth and the agricultural sector, I see this as a chance to maximize existing resources by investing in entrepreneurship, education and research in South Florida.

Our community needs action on this issue now. The longer we wait to move on this, the longer we delay new opportunities for our community and families to succeed. The South Dade relocation is a winning solution for all.

Sincerely,



Carlos Curbelo



# Florida House of Representatives

## *Representative Carlos Trujillo*

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December 16, 2015

Mayor Carlos Gimenez  
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Dear Mayor Gimenez,

I would like to show my support to Florida International University and their efforts to help relocate the Miami-Dade County Fair and Exposition. The South Dade plan will provide a larger area for the Fair to operate, while freeing up space at the FIU Modesto A. Maidique campus to be better utilized. The current fairground sits empty a majority of the year and FIU's plans would allow for continuous use for education for our community.

South Dade is the fastest-growing area in Miami-Dade County. The opportunities for Economic development will likely increase with the implementation of this plan. Bettering our community with the right vision in mind should be our primary objective as elected leaders. This plan will allow the Fair to become a year round destination with a renewed focus on their agricultural beginnings. Also, FIU will be able to continue their excellence in education on the Modesto A. Maidique Campus with the newly vacated fairgrounds.

This plan is the right decision and I am confident we can rally behind the Fair and FIU to make the right choice for the future of this community.

Sincerely,

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Representative Carlos Trujillo  
Florida House of Representatives, District 105

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## Florida House of Representatives Representative Kionne L. McGhee

December 16, 2015

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Dear Mayor Porter, Vice Mayor Fairclough and Councilmen:

I would like to express my support in the partnership between Florida International University and the Miami-Dade County Fair and Exposition to bring the Fair to South Dade. The proposed site would be in my district and would help the South Dade community flourish.

This relocation will allow both the Fair and FIU the opportunity to grow. The Fair would gain a larger site to continue their principal event while also allowing for a year round event facility. Those newly vacated fairgrounds will allow FIU to grow on their crowded campus.

Let us not forget the economic development opportunities that will arise with this move. I believe this move will boost local business development that will bring new jobs to the South Dade community.

Tourism and transportation are always a concern when you discuss large events and attractions. I have been committed to the transportation issue in Miami-Dade County and hope that the Fair relocating to South Dade will allow for our vision of improved transportation to be realized.

The future of this community is bright with the partnership of FIU and the Fair, we should encourage them to continue to work together.

Sincerely,

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Representative Kionne McGhee  
Florida House of Representatives  
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December 16, 2015

City of Homestead  
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Mayor Porter, Vice Mayor Fairclough and Councilmen,

I am writing to express my support for the relocation of the Miami-Dade County Fair and Exposition to South Dade. The plan will allow FIU to better serve our community by increasing the availability of space to the main campus.

The Fair has always emphasized the promotion of our rich agricultural culture. South Dade would serve as a prime location that would help to keep this tradition alive. Its thriving agricultural community would greatly enhance this important event.

A collaborative effort between FIU and the Fair in South Dade would result in many new economic opportunities for this area. As a rapidly expanding community, South Dade would benefit greatly from the relocation plan. For this reason, we should collectively stand behind it.

Sincerely,

State Senator, District 39

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