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# ADVOCACY

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# ADVOCACY WATCH

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## E-WEEKLY

November 15, 2016



# Community Spotlight

*Advocating Everyday To Make A Difference*



## **Asian American Advisory Board**



The AAAB has taken the community by charge! With such a busy weekend full of events, AAAB has made a positive presence in the Miami-Dade County communities. Check out link below to read more.

**[Link to AAAB News Feed](#)**

## **Community Relations Board**



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Yesterday, CRB hosted their Monthly Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement Committee meeting with Police Chiefs, law enforcement personnel, and community leaders addressing Youth Violence and Police-Community Relations.



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**Question of the Week:**

After the Presidential Election, many citizens across the nation rose in protest against the final results. How do you feel about the way citizens are reacting? Do you agree or disagree?



# Upcoming Events

## West District Community Discussion

West District will be having their monthly citizen advisory committee on *Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.* We will discuss the quality of life concerns in the community and crime statistics as well.

[Click Here To Visit Link](#)



[Great Shows & Events at Band Shell In November. Click Here To See Events>>>](#)



## Community Advocacy Board Update

## Asian American Advisory Board

Asian American Advisory Board Meeting:  
Program Director: Mr. Mohammad Shakir &  
Mr. Joshua Ho

We are pleased to announce the newly elected AAAB  
Executive Committee Members:

Mr. Mehmet Ulutas, Chair  
Ms. Adrienne Thompson, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair  
Mr. Sadrul Fasihi, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair  
Ms. Ghazala Salam, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chair  
Mr. Barnaby Min, Ex Officio

*\*For more info, Contact Mr. Mohammad Shakir or  
Mr. Joshua Ho at (305) 375 - 1570*

## Black Affairs Advisory Board

Black Affairs Advisory Board Meeting:  
Program Director: Mrs. Retha Boone-Fye

Chairperson: Stephen Hunter Johnson  
Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at 10 am  
KROMA Galleries  
3670 Grand Avenue  
Coconut Grove, FL

*\*For more info, contact Mrs. Retha Boone-Fye  
at (305) 375 - 4606*

## Commission For Women

The Next Commission For Women Board  
Meeting:  
Program Director: Ms. Laura C. Morilla

Chairperson: Mara Zapata  
Wednesday, November 16th, 2016 at 5:30 pm  
SPCC 111 NW 1st Street  
Miami, FL 33128  
6th Floor Conference Room

*\*For more info, contact Ms. Laura C. Morilla at  
(305) 375-4967*

## Community Relations Board

The Next Community Relations Board Executive  
Meeting:  
Program Director: Mrs. Amy Carswell & Ms.  
Shirley Plantin

Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 2 pm  
SPCC 111 NW 1st Street  
Miami, FL 33128  
Conference Room 18 -4

*\*For more info, contact Ms. Amy Carswell or  
Ms. Shirley Plantin at (305) 375-1406*

## Hispanic Affairs Advisory Board

### The Next Hispanic Affairs Advisory Board Meeting:

Program Director: Ms. Natalie Milian

Chairperson: Abbie B. Cuellar  
Tuesday, November 15th, 2016 at 6 pm  
1801 Coral Way, Suite 200  
Miami, FL

\*For more info, contact Ms. Natalie Milian at  
(305) 375- 5098

## Military Affairs Board

### The Next Military Affairs Board Meeting: Program Director: Mr. Gustavo Cruz

Chairperson: Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz  
Tuesday, November 29, 2016  
Firefighters Memorial Building  
8000 NW 21st Street  
Doral, FL 33122

\*For more info, contact Mr. Gustavo Cruz at  
(305) 375 - 4493

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# General Information



## County Services

Every Third Tuesday

[FedAssist](#) - Representatives from U.S. Citizenship and

### Every Month

[Take the Train, Take the Test](#) - the Florida Department of Health Miami-Dade Transit and 3-1-1 have joined forces to offer free HIV and STD testing to the public at select Metrorail stations.



Immigration Services will be available to answer questions and general information to the public on a walk-in basis. Resource materials to help you study for the citizenship test will also be available.

**Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)** - will be providing services for low-income veteran families: Short Term Case Management, Rental Assistance, Utility Deposit/Rental Assistance, Security Deposit Assistance, Patriot Pass Assistance, Emergency Supplies, and Childcare Assistance.

**DCF/ACCESS** - The Department of Children and Families (DCF) will be offering their

**ACCESS program,**

which provides the following services: Temporary Cash Assistance, Food Stamps, Medicaid, and Refugee Assistance.

### **Every Third Thursday**

**DMV to Go** - Every third Thursday of the month renew or replace driver's license or state ID card.

**MDX-SunPass**

- Every third Thursday of the month MDX will provide all attendees with a free SunPass mini for all vehicles in their household as well as informing residents about current and future MDX projects.

**Life Alliance**

- Organ Recovery Agency (LAORA) will have representatives available every third Thursday of the month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to educate residents on how to become a registered organ and tissue donor.



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Sincerely,

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