

Press Release

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The Haitian American Professionals Coalition and the Northeast Second Avenue Partnership will host a Meet and Greet event on January 8, 2014 to honor Commissioner Keon Hardemon, the new commissioner of District 5 of the City of Miami.

Miami, Florida- On Wednesday January 8, 2014, the Haitian American Professionals Coalition ("HAPC") will partner with the Northeast Second Avenue Partnership ("NE2P") to host a Meet and Greet event to welcome Commissioner Keon Hardemon to the Haitian American Community. The event will take place on Wednesday January 8, 2014, at the Little Haiti Cultural Center located at 212 NE 59th Terrace, Miami, Florida 33137 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Commissioner Hardemon was born in Miami, Florida, and raised in Liberty City. He attended Miami Northwestern Senior High School and graduated from the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University. He received his law degree from the University of Miami School of Law. He has worked as a Public Defender in Miami representing both adults and juveniles. Attorney Hardemon was sworn in as the commissioner of District 5 on the City of Miami Board of Commissioners on November 27, 2013. District 5 of the City of Miami, includes, the areas of Little Haiti and Overtown.

We are excited to co-host this event which will give the Haitian community the opportunity to interact with the Commissioner, and bring forth the issues that affect our community. "It is important for all of us to have a strong relationship with our elected officials and feel like we will be heard. So, we encourage the general public to attend this mixer," said Sevigne Castor, the Chairman of HAPC. "We look forward to continuing our working relationship with the commissioner's office, to address the issues that are impacting the residents of Little Haiti." said Joann Milord, the Executive Director of NE2P.

The mission of the Haitian American Professionals Coalition (HAPC) is to mobilize and link professionals of diverse occupations in order to effectively address issues relevant to the community and to provide opportunities for growth and development. The current core associations are: Haitian Lawyers Association (HLA) - Haitian American Nurses Association of Florida (HANA) - Association of Haitian Educators of Dade (AHED) - Haitian-American Association of Engineers and Scientists (HAES) - Association of Haitian Social Workers (AHSW) - Haitian American Law Enforcement Fraternal Organization (HALEFO) - Haitian American Chamber of Commerce of Florida (HACCOF) - Caribbean American Visual Cultural Preservation (CAVCP) - Fanm Ayisyen Nan Miyami, Inc (FANM/ Haitian Women of Miami, Inc) - Minority Development & Empowerment, Inc (MDEI) - Harmony of the Divine Light (HODL) – Community Access Center (CAC).

The Northeast Second Avenue Partnership (NE2P) is a community initiated and collaborative effort composed of diverse stakeholders interested in a comprehensive revitalization of the key commercial corridors of NE 2nd Avenue and 54th Street in the "Downtown Little Haiti" of Miami, FL. NE2P is committed to creating and sustaining a vibrant commercial center in Little Haiti which increases economic opportunities and forges an indelible cultural identity for the area.

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