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Responses to Miami Dade County Commission's Unanimous Motion to Suspend Funding and Commissioner Keon Hardemon's Characterization of Circle of Brotherhood Members and Staff

To: Mayor Danielle Levine Cava, Miami Dade County Attorney [Geri Bonzon-Keenan](#) , Miami Dade County Commission Chairperson Anthony Rodriguez , Miami Dade Commissioners (List All)

Respectful Greetings to You All;

This correspondence is written on behalf of the Board of Directors for The Circle of Brotherhood Inc. (COB) , its Members and employees. We would like to submit the following inquiries related to an alleged threat and or threats; along with an inquiry into the commentary related to this matter provided by Commissioner Keon Hardemon; during the County Commission meeting held on January 22nd 2025; subsequently turning into a unanimous policy to suspend or freeze funding for Circle of Brotherhood and Neighbors and Neighbors Association (NANA); as attached to the same policy; without the causative factor or allegation being put on the record as to its' specific act or acts; word or words or it's proven reality; which gave base claim constituting the enactment of the policy.

We respectfully ask that the answers to our inquiry be provided in a timely manner ie. before the Miami Dade County Commission meeting scheduled for March 27, 2025:

Alleged Threat

- 1) Please state for the record what was the said or aforementioned "Threat" that was made? We cannot find in writing, video review or recall hearing verbally based on attendance anyone from the County Commission identifying the alleged threat that led to the motion petitioned by Commissioner Hardemon.

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- 2) Is a policy or ruling passed by the Miami Dade County Commission, that comes from a motion made by a Miami Dade County Commissioner; particularly the one passed to suspend/freeze COB and NANA funding; legal and binding; with the omission of the act or causation that gave/gives impetus to its ability to be enacted never being identified or revealed? In this case the alleged threat.
 - 3) Does The Miami Dade County Commission (as a whole and you as an individual Commissioner) stand firm or in agreement with the remarks made by Commissioner Keon Hardemon; particularly as it relates to the characterization provided by him on January 22, 2025 County Commission meeting; in references to Circle of Brotherhood's organizational composition, membership, employees and leadership? If there was partial agreement please delineate between what you agreed with and what did you disagree with?
 - 4) Does the Miami Dade County Commission's legal representative view any of Commissioner Hardemon's comments or characterizations (Made during the County Commission meeting held on January 22, 2025) worthy of an ethics inquiry or investigation as it relates to conduct, statutes or procedural violations?
 - 5) Has The Miami Dade County Commission's legal representatives found anything in violation with the proceedings used to ratify the motion used to suspend or freeze funding; made and passed on January 22,2025?
 - 6) Was the adopted motion (Unanimously passed) in terms of the investigation called for to be conducted by the Mayor's office of COB and NANA written and stated as only a financial review;and or inclusive of programmatic outcomes?
 - 7) Is there any County Commission meeting or Subcommittee format where a said entity is characterized and penalized (As such were COB and NANA) and subjected to a said



judgement; particularly this ruling with Circle of Brotherhood; where COB could present within a reasonable time frame a proper and participatory vetting of our work, worth and value to Miami Dade County; with officials responsible to the County Commission or inclusive of the County Commission?

We thank you for your time and attention to these inquiries. If there is anything that needs further clarification to better help you ascertain the answers to the above questions please let us know.

Sincerely Submitted,

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