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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: April 8, 2016

SUBJECT: **UPDATE ON THE RENOVATION OF THE GREAT SPIRIT STATUE
LOCATED ON 40TH STREET BETWEEN PINE TREE DRIVE AND
FLAMINGO DRIVE**

At its February 10, 2016, the Mayor and City Commission, pursuant to Agenda Item R9C, discussed the need to renovate the Great Spirit statue, located on 40th Street between Pine Tree and Flamingo Drives. At that meeting, the City Commission was advised that the Administration had issued a purchase order for the renovation and that the renovation was expected to be completed by April 15, 2016.

The purpose of the LTC is to inform the Mayor and City Commission that the renovations to the Great Spirit statue have been completed (see attached photograph).

The Great Spirit statue was originally completed in 1924 by artist Ettore Pellegatta. The statue stands at a height of 18 feet and depicts a Native American in a chief's headdress mounted on a horse. Ettore Pellegatta was one of several Italian sculptors who moved to Miami in 1915 to work on James Deering's estate, Villa Vizcaya.

The recently completed renovation was led by the team of Rosa Lowinger and Associates, Miami-Dade County preservationists. Photographs of the renovated statue are attached.


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The Great Spirit Statute
by Ettore Pellegatta
originally completed in 1924
Miami Beach, Florida