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City of Miami Beach Announces the Launch of ‘Miami Beach Open House’

— *Artist and Cultural Residencies in Miami Beach’s Commercial Corridors* —

Miami Beach, FL – The City of Miami Beach is investing in the revitalization of its commercial corridors with an experiential cultural artist residency within vacant spaces. The “Miami Beach Open House” program aims to activate empty spaces in Miami Beach commercial districts while at the same time supporting the revitalization of the arts community. Privately owned vacant spaces will serve as free workspaces, studios, exhibition space and communal areas that encourage dialogue and collaboration. In partnership with participating property owners, “Miami Beach Open House” will provide the space and support necessary for peer-to-peer exchange and encourage new art forms that benefit the city’s entire arts community.

The residency program will provide free space and financial support to qualifying artists and nonprofit cultural organizations. A stipend of \$2,500 will accompany each occupancy. Artists will be encouraged to sell their works, build networks, collaborate with Miami Beach institutions and exhibit their creations. Through this project, property owners will bring innovative cultural business to Miami Beach by creating a place for cultural tourism.

“The City of Miami Beach is committed to the continued investment in our community’s artists, cultural organizations and local businesses,” Miami Beach Mayor Dan Gelber said. “Open House is geared toward stimulating our commercial corridors and uniting residents and businesses through art.”

“Miami Beach Open House” is an open call for artists of all disciplines and nonprofit cultural organizations to participate. A curatorial advisory committee comprised of three members from the City of Miami Beach Art in Public Places Committee (AiPP) and two representatives from the City of Miami Beach Cultural Arts Council will select a pool of up to 75 artists and nonprofit cultural organizations for participating property owners to consider. Participants and property owner will work collaboratively on all other aspects of occupying the space.

Artists and cultural organizations may submit applications of interest beginning today through Friday, Nov. 13, 2020 by [clicking here](#). Property owners with vacant spaces who wish to participate in the program should contact Rickelle Williams, director of the city’s economic development department at 305.673.7572 or via email at rickellewilliams@miamibeachfl.gov.

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