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Miami Community Redevelopment Agency Executive Director Forms New Leadership Team

*--- New CRA Director Pieter Bockweg says the Agency is Committed to
Tangible Success in the Community, Accountability, and Transparency ---*

(Miami, FL)--- Newly appointed Miami CRA Executive Director Pieter Bockweg announces the formation of a new leadership team focused on improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the Agency.

Under the new formation, Clarence Woods will be the Assistant Director of the Southeast Overtown/ Park West CRA and Bert Gonzalez will be the new Assistant Director of the Omni CRA. Woods has been with the CRA for the past three years in an Asst. Director capacity. Gonzalez has spent the past three years directing business affairs strategies in the office of Commissioner Marc Sarnoff as well as being the District 2 CRA liaison. “Clarence is well known and respected for his years of hard work and leadership in the Overtown/Park West communities, while Bert has been intimately involved with the stakeholders in the Omni area and has a clear understanding of the issues,” says Bockweg.

“This move allows the Asst. Directors to focus on the specific needs of each community while improving the accountability for residents and businesses in the CRA boundaries,” adds Bockweg.

Miguel Valentin will remain CRA Financial Officer where he has served since 2003. David Karsh has been hired as the new Director of Communications and Media Relations after performing a similar role for Commissioner Sarnoff. “My goal is to ensure the

media and public are extremely in tune with what the CRA is doing. I notified Commissioner Sarnoff of my intention to offer David and Bert these positions because I want a staff which is very proactive in dealing with members of the media and one that brings a tremendous base of knowledge and wealth of experiences dealing directly with the CRA area,” says Bockweg.

“I am very honored to have been named Executive Director of the Community Redevelopment Agency. Chairmen Dunn, Sarnoff, and Suarez, along with Board members Carollo and Gort share the vision of creating tangible results in the community that improve the lives of our residents and business owners.”

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