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Miami Youth Council Students Tackle Important Public Policy Issues at Miami City Hall

-Mayor Manny Diaz Hosts 2nd Annual Youth Council Presentations-

(Miami, Florida)—City of Miami Mayor Manny Diaz will host the 2nd Annual Miami Youth Council Presentations, Monday June 4th, 2007, from 2:00pm – 4:00pm, at Miami City Hall, Commission Chambers, 3500 Pan American Drive. City Commissioners, Miami Dade School Board Members, members of The Children's Trust and city administrators will be present to watch the students in action as they identify issues and formulate public policies to deal with these issues.

The City of Miami Office of the Mayor established the Miami Youth Council during the 2005 – 2006 school year with funding from The Children's Trust. The Miami Youth Council combines community service, civic engagement and leadership development for high school students in the City of Miami. A Youth Council has been established at each of the City of Miami senior high schools. Each one of these councils have received training through the school based "Project Citizen" curriculum which provides guidance as they identify and study a public policy issue, propose a solution and develop an action plan to carry out their policy.

The participating Youth Councils will be addressing the following public policy issues and presenting their action plans:

- Improving Quality of Life - Miami Sr. High School
- Illegal Dumping – Miami Jackson Sr. High School
- Homicide – Miami Edison Sr. High School
- Lack of Motivation in School – Miami Northwestern Sr. High School
- Gang Violence – Booker T. Washington Sr. High School

WHO: Mayor Manny Diaz, students from the Miami Youth Council, City Commissioners, members of the Miami Dade School Board, members of The Children's Trust

WHAT: Presentations of Public Policy Issues by the Miami Youth Council

WHEN: **Monday, June 4th, 2007 @ 2:00pm**

WHERE: Miami City Hall, Commission Chambers, 3500 Pan American Drive

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