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### **CHAIRMAN JOE SANCHEZ TAKES ACTION TO CREATE MORE AFFORDABLE SENIOR CITIZEN RENTAL APARTMENTS**

**Miami** – City of Miami Commission Chairman Joe Sanchez moved legislation today that will create at least 25 affordable senior citizen rental apartments in Little Havana.

The City Commission voted unanimously to select Biscayne Housing Group to build a senior building with ground floor retail and a park pavilion. Villas Teatro Marti will also have a community room dedicated to the heritage of Teatro Marti, which once occupied the City land slated for the modern apartments.

“Our seniors come first,” Sanchez said. “They worked hard, they sacrificed for future generations and now they need our help to live out their lives in safe, clean, beautiful, convenient and affordable apartments.”

The City has earmarked \$3 million in federal funds plus \$1 million in City of Miami Affordable Housing Trust fund dollars to make Villas Teatro Marti affordable. Biscayne Housing Group expects to break ground in 2009.

“In a time when the economy has virtually halted all new construction, we are proud to combine HUD funds with City affordable housing dollars to create this project and streamline it to completion,” Sanchez said.

Villas Teatro Marti will add to the vast inventory of affordable housing for seniors and families launched under Chairman Sanchez’s leadership. The La Palma Apartments, with 91 units of brand new affordable senior rentals in Little Havana, have just been completed by Codec with the support of City funds.

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