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**BY U.S. MAIL**

Honorable Charlie Crist  
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Dear Governor Crist:

I write in support of Miguel de la O's application for the Circuit Court, Eleventh Judicial Circuit.

I am not a lawyer and cannot extol Miguel's legal prowess, but I am confident that there are many of his colleagues in the bar who will do so.

When I was a member of the Dade County School Board, Miguel was a student activist and a founder of the Miami Jackson Senior High School Education Research Committee or "JERCS" as the group called themselves. The JERCS made presentations to the School Board and held meetings at Jackson seeking improvements to their school. They always had their facts straight, were respectful and effective in their advocacy. Miguel was a most impressive student who made teachers, principals and this former school board member very proud. As a senior, any improvements would not benefit him, but he was trying to make things better for those coming after him.

This has been a consistent trait in Miguel's adult life as he has undertaken many community responsibilities such as a Guardian Ad Litem attorney, chairing the City of Miami Civil Service Board, serving on the Miami Community Relations Board and many other commitments, all the while maintaining an active and successful law practice.

Miguel understands the obligations of citizenship. When he commits to serving the community in some capacity he does it with full dedication to the task at hand. He is not just another name on a board roster.

From youth to adulthood Miguel has demonstrated the character we all hope to find in the judiciary. He is intelligent, responsible, concerned with the rights and well being of others, hardworking and is a person of absolute integrity.

With whole-hearted confidence, I urge that you to appoint Miguel de la O for this Circuit Court position.

Sincerely,  
  
Janet R. McAliley