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Residents may air concerns during budget hearings

Miami-Dade County Commissioners will conduct budget hearings on Thursdays, Sept. 3 and 17, at 5:01 p.m., in the Commission Chambers (second floor) of the Stephen P. Clark Government Center, 111 NW First St. in downtown Miami, to allow for citizen input in the FY 2009-10 county budget process.

To participate, anyone wishing to speak must register with the office of the agenda coordinator at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the budget hearing. Directional signs will be set up on the first floor pointing to a registration table where people can sign up to speak.

DADE COUNTY BAR OFFERS FREE LEGAL HELP-LINE ON SEPT. 2

LegalLine, a toll-free help-line answering a broad range of basic legal questions, will be conducted by the Dade County Bar Association from 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 2. Callers can phone 1-866-596-0399 and anonymously ask their questions in English or Spanish, free of charge.

Each three-hour help-line is staffed by more than a dozen volunteer attorneys who answer basic questions across a wide

spectrum of legal specialties, including family, probate, criminal, real estate, condo, landlord-tenant, business and immigration law, and refer callers to other service organizations, as appropriate.

For more information about LegalLine, which is conducted on the first Wednesday of each month, except for holidays, visit online at <www.dade-countybar.org/forms/legalline.php>.

KASIA'S CAUSE SUMMER CAMPAIGN TO CONCLUDE WITH SILENT AUCTION

Kasia's Cause, a fundraiser created by Kasia Szewczyk to raise money for and generate awareness of Women in Distress of Broward County Inc. (WID), will be having a silent auction and check presentation ceremony for WID on Wednesday, Sept. 2, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Bar at Level 25 in Conrad Miami, 1395 Brickell Ave.

WID provides victims of domestic violence with safe shelter, crisis intervention and resources, and educates the community in order to Stop Abuse For Everyone (SAFE) through intervention, education and advocacy. Services include counseling, emergency shelter,

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respite care, advocacy/case management, a 24-hour crisis line, referrals to emergency assistance, legal aid and other community resources, community and professional trainings, volunteer programs and a thrift store.

To attend this event, a \$10 donation is suggested. Please RSVP at <kasias-rsvp@gmail.com>.

IN THE ROOMS ANNOUNCES FIRST ANNUAL RALLY FOR RECOVERY WALK

In The Rooms, the premier online social network dedicated to the global addiction recovery community, will commemorate National Recovery Month in September with the first annual Rally for Recovery-Red Ribbon "Miles of Quarters" 5K walk on Saturday, Sept. 12, beginning at 8:30 a.m., at Miami's Bicentennial Park, 1075 Biscayne Blvd.

WSVN Fox 7's Howard Finkelstein from "Help me Howard" will be the special grand marshal for the 5K.

The walk will begin at Miami's Bicentennial Park go across the MacArthur Causeway to Watson Island and return to the park for a finishing celebration. The walk will benefit the Informed Families Red Ribbon Miles of Quarters campaign and the In The Rooms Foundation. After the walk, participants will be invited to the Rally for Recovery Expo at Miami's Bicentennial Park that will feature goods and services for the recovery community.

For information on this event or to register, visit <www.rallyforrecovery.com> or call 305-278-8668.

NOW'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR OCTOBER 2009 ACT TEST

Registration is now open for the Oct. 24 ACT achievement test. Students who wish to take the college admission and

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