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**YMCA OF SOUTH FLORIDA TO BREAK GROUND ON NEW
L.A. LEE YMCA/MIZELL CENTER IN SISTRUNK COMMUNITY**

New YMCA to impact education, health and wellness, jobs, employability

WHO: Fort Lauderdale Vice Mayor Robert L. McKinzie; YMCA CEO Sheryl A. Woods; Broward College President Gregory Haile; Pastor Scott from New Hope Baptist Church in Sistrunk

WHAT: **L.A. Lee YMCA/Mizell Community Center Golden Shovel Groundbreaking**

The new facility will include:

- **Traditional Y programs**
- **Health & wellness programs**
- **Meeting Space** that supports events from community
- **Retail space** to help drive economic development in the corridor
- **Broward College** providing workforce education classes
- **Preschool** for early childhood learning options in the community
- **Shared Work Space** for small businesses or start-up businesses
- **Black Box Theater** for cultural arts programming
- **Swimming Pool** to teach kids to swim, provide low-impact exercise

WHEN: **10 AM FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2019**

WHERE: **Construction Site –
L.A. Lee YMCA/Mizell Community Center**
1409 Sistrunk Boulevard
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

WHY: The Y has been in the Sistrunk area since 1944 providing youth and health and wellness services to the community. The new Y location will allow us to serve a broader portion of the community and create a place that would provide complete health and wellness programs for kids, families, adults and seniors; afterschool programs, community events and meeting space, preschool, workforce education through Broward College, as well as making retail space available to encourage economic growth and create jobs.

This new YMCA is made possible through a partnership with the City of Fort Lauderdale, and funding received from Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency, Housing Authority of the City of Fort Lauderdale, and new market tax credits.

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