



CITY OF DORAL
Office of the City Manager
Letter to Council

LTC No. 016-2023

To: The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Barbie Hernandez, City Manager
Date: August 4, 2023
Subject: **Doral Cultural Arts Center - Florida Green Building Coalition
Gold Level Certification**

This Letter to Council (LTC) is to inform the Mayor and City Councilmembers about the Doral Cultural Arts Center officially achieving Florida Green Building Coalition's (FGBC) "Florida Green" Commercial building Gold Level certification.

Despite the initial goal of the project to achieve FGBC Silver certification, we ended up successfully attaining FGBC Gold certification. This accomplishment was made possible through structured and collaborative efforts of all team members, who committed to and prioritized sustainability and excellence in green building practices.

The Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC) created five Florida Green Standards, which were founded by industry professionals to promote sustainability in the built environment. Projects earn points for implementation of sustainable features.

The Doral Cultural Arts Center project achieved 181 points out of a required 100 points, earning the gold certification. This achievement further demonstrates the City's commitment to energy efficiency.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the City Manager's Office.

cc: Francisco Rios, Deputy City Manager
Erin Sullivan, Parks & Recreation Director
Lazaro Quintero, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director

Attachment: FGBC Cover Letter and FGBC Certification for the Doral Cultural Arts Center



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Dear Barbie,

Congratulations on receiving the Florida Green Building Coalition's "Florida Green" Commercial Building certification for the **Doral Cultural Arts Center** located at **8395 NW 53rd Street** in **Doral, FL**. The project achieved 181 points out of a required 100 points, earning it a "Gold-level" certification.

This achievement demonstrates your commitment to construction practices that reduce the negative environmental impacts of the project, improve occupant health and well-being, and reduce operating costs for the owner.

In its report "[*The Business Case for Green Building*](#)" the World Green Building Council identified compelling benefits of green building to various stakeholders:

- Higher sales prices
- Quicker sales
- Lower design & construction costs
- Ability to secure financing
- Increased market value
- Rapid return on investment
- Increased occupancy rates
- Lower vacancies
- Lower operating costs
- Lower maintenance costs
- Increased productivity (employees)
- Occupant health & well-being
- Corporate image & prestige

<http://www.worldgbc.org/activities/business-case/>

A large, framed certificate is being prepared for you and will be shipped within the next few weeks. FGBC will also prepare a news release announcing the certification and publish a project spotlight for the FGBC newsletter and website. If you would like to schedule an official ceremony for presentation of the award, please let me know some proposed dates.

On behalf for the Florida Green Building Coalition, thank you for supporting the FGBC certification programs and for your contribution to building a more sustainable Florida.

Sincerely,

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cc: FGBC Designated Professional; Jason Biondi, Energy Cost Solutions Group, jbiondi@ecsgllc.com



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Certified Florida Green Commercial Building

Has been awarded to

Doral Cultural Arts Center
Doral, Florida

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Kyle Abney, President

July 5, 2023

Date Issued