



## A MESSAGE FROM THE MMSDC

Dear MMSDC Constituent:

As you may know, there have been multiple certification matters in the news this week. First, there are other organizations now offering rapid or less extensive certifications targeted at smaller, even lifestyle entrepreneurs. These certifications are not intended to replace third party certification, but have been designed as a step up from self-certification. We will keep you posted as we learn more. Second, MMSDC is in active litigation to protect the integrity of certification for all minority business enterprises.

This week, the court granted temporary injunctive relief for the MBE, allowing them to remain certified until the trial date. This minor step is not unexpected and should expedite the jury trial. We still firmly believe that we will prevail in the final ruling as none of the facts have been presented and adjudicated at this point.

Please refer to the updated FAQs , our official response to this week's ruling, as well as the certification message from our MMSDC Board Executive Committee. MMSDC remains committed to a fair and objective certification process and will continue to follow and uphold national certification guidelines for all MBEs.

In closing, although the council's decisions may not always be popular, we assure you they are objective, balanced and well-researched for the long-term and collective good of all MBEs. Thank you for your continued support, advocacy and genuine commitment to the growth of minority business enterprises.

The MMSDC Team