



August 13, 2010

Mr. Patrick Salerno
City Manager
City of Coral Gables
405 Biltmore Way
Coral Gables, FL 33134

Re: Request for consideration to exceed the limit of 1,600 persons for an event scheduled during the academic year between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm at the University of Miami Bank United Center for a lecture by His Holiness the Dalai Lama on Tuesday, October 26, 2010.

Dear Pat:

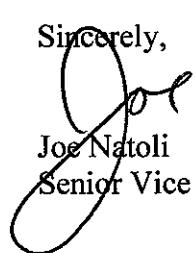
His Holiness the Dalai Lama has accepted an invitation from the University of Miami to address the University community from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, Tuesday, October 26, 2010 at the BankUnited Center.

The University is requesting the City Commission's approval to exceed the daytime event attendance limitation at the BankUnited Center to accommodate this important visit. The Dalai Lama is a Head of State and as such, his visit will be under the security detail of the U.S. Department of State. The University will work closely with the Coral Gables Police Department and be responsible for costs of additional security.

While this event is not open to the general public, we would make 500 tickets available to Coral Gables residents on a first-come, first-served basis.

We respectfully request that this item be placed on the earliest possible agenda for City Commission consideration in order to finalize details of the Dalai Lama's visit. Your favorable recommendation for this special visit would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,


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