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Re: City of Coral Gables
 Opposition to Miami-Dade County October
 20, 2009 Agenda Item
 No. 4(D), Ordinance
 Relating To
 Municipal Boundary
 Change Requests

Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss:

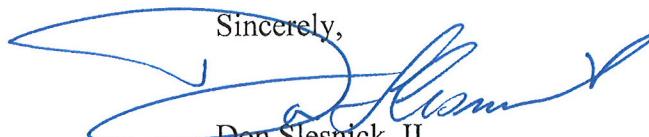
Dennis

As Mayor of the City of Coral Gables, this Office is in opposition to the October 20, 2009 Miami-Dade County Agenda Item No. 4(D), which is an Ordinance on 1st Reading, "Relating to municipal boundary change requests; suspending the processing and consideration of municipal boundary requests." This legislation per the Ordinance "Suspends the processing and consideration of annexation requests from local governments until such as the economic crisis has passed and the Board can more accurately evaluate the impact of boundary changes on the unincorporated area."

The City of Coral Gables has collaborated closely with Miami-Dade County regarding the annexation of two areas classified by Miami-Dade County as "enclaves". These areas known as "Little Gables" and "High Pines" are scheduled for public meetings in the near future. "Davis-Ponce", an area within High Pines received unanimous support of this City Commission with supporting resolution transmitted to the County some years ago,

and waiting for the High Pines annexation to be completed. The passage of the County Ordinance circumvents the resident's ability to undergo the voluntary annexation process and essentially places a "Moratorium" on all municipal annexations. The Ordinance will prohibit the City and Miami-Dade County from conducting and continuing intergovernmental coordination efforts to provide efficient, reliable, and cost effective service to the residents and property owners within these areas. This matter is scheduled for discussion by the City of Coral Gables City Commission on October 27, 2009 meeting, where this Office expects that the City Commission will join together in opposing this legislation. I request that you not approve this Ordinance. If the County Commission moves forward with such an Ordinance, I request that "enclaves" be exempted from any moratorium, allowing continued efforts to provide efficient and cost effective services to residents in such areas.

Please feel free to contact me at (305) 460-5220 if you have any further questions or would like to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

Don Slesnick, II
Mayor

cc.

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*I hope we have
an opportunity to
discuss this in the
near future.
Best regards,
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