

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
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Mayor Valdes-Fauli: We have come to the public comment section of the meeting. Mr. City Clerk go ahead.

City Clerk Urquia: [Inaudible]...speak on the item.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Two-minute time for comments please.

David Hayes: Hello, can you hear me?

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes, we can.

David Hayes: Okay. Thank you so much. My name is David Hayes and I live at 300 Fluvia Avenue, which is about three streets north of Bird Road, right at the corner of Salzedo and Bird, is where we live. I apologize, I had meant to speak at last week's meeting, but I didn't sign up correctly and didn't end up getting to speak before the measure for 250 Bird was passed. But anyway, I just wanted to bring up, and I had written all this out in a letter to, or an e-mail to Zoning and Mr. Trias about the parking issue that we are having here on Salzedo. There was already been a parking issue in that. Many workers from Merrick Park, cooks, waiters, some store staff are utilizing the swales on Salzedo Avenue, between the areas on Salzedo between Bird, Milady, Tandia, and up to Fluvia where I live, and even on the swale between Fluvia and Viscaya, to actually park their vehicle and work their entire work shift, and then come back and leave. So, they are there for like over eight hours. This causes issues and sometimes they are leaving late at night. In my case, I have bedrooms right on there just 15 feet away, and they wake you up. If you have lawn service plans then forget it, they are not there to move the car. You try to keep your swale green and then they are parking in the same area all the time and it causes it to die. Many times, they'll stay in their car there before they leave, then they'll burn the grass, so there is no regard for your swale, which we are required to maintain. So my concern is, it's already occurring in Merrick Park and bear in mind this was not supposed to be any issue for the neighborhood, because when Merrick Park, I've been here since 02; when Merrick Park went in, they said, Oh, we are going to take care of all the parking, it's not going to be an issue for anyone. But they left out one detail and that is they charge the employees for parking and while there are hundreds and hundreds of parking spaces available on the roof at Merrick at all times, the price point, and I've talked to one of them, is \$60 bucks a month. It's still such that they'd rather look to park somewhere else and not pay the \$60 bucks a month, \$700 and something a year, and save that money. And so, they park all on the swale up and down on Salzedo.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Mr. Hayes can I make a suggestion and I'm glad that you brought that to our attention and our City Manager is here, Parking Director, etc., but it would be much more efficient for us to take action if you send us an e-mail on this issue so that we can refer to the Parking Department with specific details and you will get more prompt action than doing it in the public forum by Zoom, etc. etc. That's my suggestion.

Mr. Hayes: Yes. Thank you so much. I'll keep it short. So my concern is with the 250 Bird, now you are putting in a change in zoning and you are going to have an operation that's going to be 24/7, and while there may be parking supplied for employees, you still may have those in all hours

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of the night you could be looking for a free parking space. So really, all I'm asking for is, as was done for the streets of Malaga, Palermo, and Sevilla for the Plaza at Coral Gables is just simply, we need a residential parking zone put in on Salzedo.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Send us an e-mail on it, please.

Mr. Hayes: Okay.

Commissioner Keon: Can Kevin address that.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: You want to address it? We have the Parking Director here, if he can address it. But send us an e-mail on it and we'll get on it.

Parking Director Kinney: I think the residential zone is the perfect recommendation, but typically we do it based on a petition from the residents and there are some residential zones in the Craft Section, but the specific area this gentleman was mentioning, there is not a residential parking zone at this time.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay. Send us an e-mail, please, and we'll take care of it.

Commissioner Keon: Do you have his information?

Parking Director Kinney: I did get the addresses and I think, actually my guys have been patrolling his street.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you. Thank you very much Mr. Hayes. Remember send us an e-mail.

Mr. Hayes: Yes. Okay. I did send one on September 22. I'll follow up.

City Clerk Urquia: Ms. Estelle Lockhart.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Who?

City Clerk Urquia: Estelle Lockhart.

Vice Mayor Lago: Ms. Lockhart, good morning.

Estelle Lockhart: My name is Estelle Lockhart, I'm the PTA President at GW Carver Elementary School. I'm here representing the PTA and the general membership at GW Carver Elementary School. We have passed the following position statement regarding the WAWA that is...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Ma'am that is coming up later at a time certain.

Estelle Lockhart: We at GW Carver Elementary PTA are appalled that the City of Coral Gables has pressed ahead with issuing permits.
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Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Madam, I'm going to cut you off. This is coming up later on in the meeting and you will have as much time as you desire to speak on it. This is not the time to bring this up when it is on the agenda.

Vice Mayor Lago: Mr. Mayor when I passed this public comment, one of the main sticking points of it was that if an individual speaks now, they can't speak later on the same issue.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: The issue is going to be taken up later on, you can speak then, and it will be the right time for it.

Vice Mayor Lago: Madam City Attorney.

City Attorney Ramos: Mayor, if I may, because there is a settlement agreement here that prohibits having a public hearing on this particular matter, I think it would be best if anybody wants to just speak generally during public comment that we do it now and we do not attach it to an item, because I do not want to run afoul of that settlement agreement.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay, go ahead madam.

Estelle Lockhart: The proposed project is incredibly troubling. We urge the City of Coral Gables Commissioners, the Miami-Dade County School Board, and the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners to take action to prevent the project from moving forward and find a suitable replacement. Now, I speak on behalf of myself. The land we are talking about is on the National Register of Historic Places and has been so since 1994. With this designation comes not only a brick and mortar responsibility, also a cultural responsibility to honor and celebrate the rich heritage of the Bahamian settlers, who came and built our City Beautiful. A gas station does not honor their heritage or this designation. The GW Carver School have Florida designation as well. Our PTA is working hard to celebrate our school's rich 120-year history. We were the first school in Dade County to house black students. A Founder's Day and Taste of Carver event are being planned in conjunction with Carver Alumni and long-term area residents to honor the school's heritage. This gas station does not honor our heritage as 120-year old school, nor is it in line with the National Register of Historic Places. This is appalling that the City Beautiful would do such a thing, and in particular, that the Coral Gables Historic Society knew nothing about it. That is wrong. I urge you to repeal the settlement agreement and do the right thing. Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you ma'am.

Vice Mayor Lago: Thank you.

City Clerk Urquia: Mr. Mayor next, we have Ms. Julie Kanter.

Julie Kanter: Hello. My name is Julie Kanter and I'm a resident of Coral Gables. My address is 6505 Caballero Boulevard. Carver Elementary is the assigned neighborhood school for my two children. In total, we will have ten years at Carver Elementary and Carver Middle. Because we'll
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spend the next decade at Carver, I believe that we are part of the community that is directly affected by building a gas station on Grand Avenue, less than 300 feet from the school's front door. It was wrong that we were never given an opportunity to voice our opinion. I do not want a gas station in front of my Elementary School. There are so many health risks that I see as an Emergency Physician. One, Benzene is a cancer-causing toxin that is emitted from gas pumps and from the exhaust of idling cars at gas stations. The CDC recommends that children not play near or live near gas pumps due to the increased risk of childhood leukemia. I e-mailed this recommendation to all of the Commissioners last week. Now the city has permitted six gas pumps to be built in front of my school's door, across from our two playgrounds, close to the open windows of the classrooms. Has there been an EPA study proving to Coral Gables parents that the 1,500 children who attend Carver Elementary and Middle, who will play outside in the playground directly in front of the proposed six gas pumps, will be safe from these toxic exposures. Nobody is going to send their kids to Carver if this gas station increases their children's risk for cancer. Two, it has been shown in countless health studies that there is an increased rate of childhood obesity in schools located next to convenient stores and fast-food restaurants. I'm happy to provide examples to the board. One article published just last month showed that students in grades 3 through 8 are the most vulnerable to childhood obesity when living near fast-food. For every point one mile closer to their house or school was to fast-food there was a six percent increase in childhood obesity rates. We don't want an increased rate of childhood obesity at Carver Elementary and Middle School. Third, the proposed plan is extremely dangerous for children walking to school. Carver has no parking lot, so the children enter and exit the school in front of the building in front of the gas pumps. In the drawing, the school's crosswalk leads directly to the gas pumps. On one side of the crosswalk is an ingress to the gas station. On the other side, is U.S.-1. As the child crosses that ingress, they would also have to cross a second ingress to stay on the sidewalk. There is absolutely no way for a child to walk home safely. They would cross the street and be standing in front of six busy gas pumps, stuck in the middle of turning traffic. As an Emergency Physician, I see children hit by cars in this scenario. It's unthinkable that Coral Gables would allow this to happen to my neighborhood school. If this project moves forward, parents will not send their children to Carver Elementary any longer and I believe the school would be decimated. I'm happy to speak more about any of these issues and I look forward to a response from Coral Gables addressing these health and safety concerns. Thank you.

City Attorney Ramos: Ma'am could you please state your address for the record, and we are going to ask any other person that speaks, as its customary, please state your address for the record.

Vice Mayor Lago: I think she said, from what I heard, I think she is on Caballero.

City Attorney Ramos: I missed it, sorry.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Caballero. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Lago: Ma'am could you repeat your address? Can you hear us?

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Billy.

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City Clerk Urquia: Next we have Ms. Francisca M.

Francisca M: Good morning everyone. I did want to take the opportunity as well to really emphasize the points that have just been brought to all of our attention by Ms. ____ and my fellow mother.

City Clerk Urquia: I'm sorry, can you state your name and address for the record.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Ma'am, name and address please. Ma'am Hello.

Francisca M.: ...truly blessed been able to take my 7-year-old son to Carver Elementary School and when we heard about that news, which really was absolutely unknown, it was quite shocking.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Hello, we need your name and address please.

Francisca Matai: Of course, Francisca Matai, address 625 Biltmore way, apartment 1106.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you.

Francisca Matai: So just wanted to reiterate that we are quite astonished by the fact that these plans are in progress. The health risk that, not only our kids, but also the school staff is being exposed to is extremely high and we respectfully and heartfelt, we do ask for you to reconsider these plans, and like...said, I'm also willing to provide more details. All of this has been mentioned to the Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control Prevention, Agency for Toxic Symptoms and Disease Registry, National Institute of Health and...Protection Agency. This is just some of so many institutions that have executed the studies that show that having our kids and the staff in such close proximity to Benzene levels to a gas station and with all that comes with it, is not acceptable. Thank you very much.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you. Next.

City Clerk Urquia: Mr. Mayor, next we have Clemens Chen.

Commissioner Keon: Can you ask for her address before she starts, Billy.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Name and address first, please.

Clemens Chen: Hi, hello, my name is Clemens Chen, I'm living at 626 Coral Way, Coral Gables, and I'm opposed to this project. I'm a parent of a new kid in Carver, which should do five years in Carver Elementary and go to Carver Middle School. I won't let my kids do ten years in front of a gas station for...[inaudible]...issues.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you.

City Clerk Urquia: Next we have Monica Iola Hernandez Lopez.
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Mayor Valdes-Fauli: How many more do we have Billy?

City Clerk Urquia: Forty more.

Hello?

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes hello, name and address please.

My name is Monica Hernandez, my address is 1128 Castile Avenue in the City of Coral Gables. I'm a parent of two daughters that are attending Carver Elementary and I just want to support all the messages that have been exposed previously about this project. I really am opposed to this project and its heartbreaking to me just knowing that my daughters will be spending most of their day close to a gas station. We live in the city, we live very, very happy because of the environment of the city – the safety and healthy feeling we have here. And just knowing that the school is not going to be the same environment that we look for our family is just hard to understand why this project is building. What is the good point about developing this close to our school and that's going to affect our family directly, so I just wanted to express myself and just hope you can reconsider based on what the city offered to us that we can have that same feeling in our school that is part of this city. Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you ma'am. I want to announce that we have 30 more people that wish to speak and Mr. Urquia, will you keep time at two minutes, that will be two minutes; two minutes will be an hour with 30 more people that wish to speak. We have a time certain at 9:30 for our legislative priorities, shall we take that first? We have our lobbyists here.

Commissioner Keon: We'll come back.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: We'll come back after this next. I think we'll come back, and you can have all the time you want.

Commissioner Keon: I don't know that you should interrupt the public comment.

Commissioner Mena: I agree. I would just keep going with this.

Commissioner Keon: Let it keep going.

City Attorney Ramos: Mayor, according to the new public comment section of the City Code, which was recently amended, adding these public comments at the beginning – public comments shall conclude at the conclusion of one hour from when they begin.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay.

Commissioner Keon: When did they begin?

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Mayor Valdes-Fauli: I'm sorry, but we have to continue the public comments which will be over in about half-an-hour, half-an-hour, or forty minutes. Go ahead, Billy, two minutes.

City Clerk Urquia: Mr. Mayor, next you have Mr. Javier Banos Machado.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay. Mr. Banos, name and address and you have two minutes.

Mr. Banos: Good morning Mr. Mayor and to the City Commissioners, Javier Banos, 1801 Casilla Street, Coral Gables. Mr. Mayor, I'll let all the very wonderful women and the wonderful mothers who have spoken before and will speak after me, talk about the dangers that this WAWA has put to their children, putting in essentially a liquor store and a cigarette selling place across from a middle school. I think my main concern, aside from the real concern that these mothers have, also has to do with the process in which this was undertaken; and I think its emblematic of the constant complaint that I hear from neighbors about the fact that we don't have a responsive government. That we have a government that unfortunately has been usurped by some of the members of the city staff. I cannot conceive that a resolution that was passed in 2015 when all but one of you was sitting on that dais, okay, I'm sorry, one of you was sitting on that dais, it was Commissioner Keon that voted on it, can tether you, can hamper you to have to engage in this particular settlement agreement. We weren't looking for this fight. We intervened in somebody else's lawsuit, based on a resolution that simply said, we would like to have some type of resolution for the City Attorney to actually help in the process. That cannot happen that you could have given cart blanche to a developer to now put anything that could possibly wanted. There is a significant change that happened from the original design. This was supposed to be a restaurant to the current design. There has been a change in the circumstances, not only on the Commission, but also in what was originally understood when they went ahead and drafted the settlement agreement in which we went into that lawsuit. This lawsuit did not come to us. I'm not entirely sure and the City Attorney could possibly speak about the eventualities...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you Mr. Banos, your time is up. Please conclude. Thank you. Next Billy.

City Clerk Urquia: Next, I have Mr. Joshua Goodman.

Joshua Goodman: Hello. Can you hear me?

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes.

Joshua Goodman: I don't need to add to what Ms. Lockhart and Julie Kanter have already said, but I do think it is...

City Attorney Ramos: Mr. Goodman, your address please.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Your name and address please, sir.

Joshua Goodman: Joshua Goodman, 612 Majorca Avenue.
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Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you.

Joshua Goodman: I chose to send my children to Carver, it's not my neighborhood school, but I chose to send them there this year, attracted by the school's rich history and the opportunity to be part of a community that's on the up and up. Now that I know there's going to be a WAWA built in front of the school, I may have to reconsider that decision, and I find it appalling that the Mayor thinks it's more important to hear from city lobbyists than it is to hear from parents. It's indicative of a process that has really excluded the school from the very beginning. The silence of the City Commission is unacceptable. I've engaged in the past few weeks with multiple City Commissioners and the response that we get is always that our hands are tied, there is a legal settlement, and there is nothing we can do. The train has left the station. I find that rather disheartening, to say the least, there is a total lack of creativity here about what happened, what lead to this. Nobody has actually told me why they think a gas station is a good use of this space. Now, I understand there is property rights and I understand that this is a long complex issue, and certainly the school wants to do the best thing for the community as well. But the city, just to say its hands are tied, and cannot provide a workable alternative, one that includes the school is pretty appalling and I think speaks to a crisis of leadership and a complete abandonment of your duties to the public. Not just of the school, but also of the community at large. Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Mr. Urquia.

City Clerk Urquia: Mr. Mayor, next we have Ms. Diana Pantano.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Diana.

Diana Pantano. Hello. Good morning. Honorable members of the City Commission, guests and Mayor, I am Diana Pantano, I am a resident of the City of Miami, not of the City of Coral Gables. I am a parent of kids that have been going for five years to Carver Elementary School. I would like to thank you all in advance for letting me speak and participate in this public meeting and place my public comment. I am here as a parent, like I said, of two kids, ages 6 and 9 that have been going to the school for at least over five years now. And I hereby state and make public my opposition to the plans that approved permitting for a gas station, from what we know is WAWA, to be built in the grounds less than 300 feet in front of the Elementary School where my kids and many other kids of Coral Gables residents and surrounding neighborhoods of the City of Miami have been part of and will be spending most of their day. I look forward, I'm sorry. Looking forward, I oppose the building of a gas station due to the environmental and health concerns that this gas station will bring to the community. The long-term health and safety of the kids in our community should be your best interest. Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you ma'am.

City Clerk Urquia: Mr. Mayor, next we have Ivannia Van Arman.

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Ivannia Van Arman: Good morning, my name is Ivannia Van Arman, I live at 2101 Ludlum Road, Apartment 208. I have two children that currently attend Carver Elementary and my oldest son also attended Carver Middle. I have been part of the community for over eight years now. I am very concerned as a citizen and as businessperson and a community volunteer that this agreement went unchecked outside of the public eye. There are three gas stations within a quarter mile of GW Carver Elementary. I think that that serves the area sufficiently. Those gas stations have access from U.S.-1 and from LeJeune Road, the major arteries that surround our school. I think an agreement where building fees are waived, permit fees are waived, and an expedited review process is promised, as it was to WAWA. Something like that is much better served for a local or regional provider, business owner, grocer, arts organization, that can do something much more valuable with a historic designated piece of land. I think that the city has fallen short and I take exception to being told that nothing can be done. I have much more faith in our community. I have much more faith in many of the attorneys and business people that are involved in government, and I also want to say for the record that I am not being paid to be here, and I also echo another citizen statement in that lobbyist are being put, were attempted to be put before community residents. So, I thank you for listening and I encourage you to find the challenge and to understand that often the most gratifying experiences are those that are most challenging, and in this case, we do not need a six pump gas station less than 300 feet from where over 1,500 children are spending the majority of their day. Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you. Mr. Urquia.

City Clerk Urquia: Next we have Jennifer Restrepo.

Jennifer Restrepo: Good morning, my name is Jennifer Restrepo, I live at 2946 S.W 26 Street, Miami, FL 33133. I have a child in the 7th grade French program at Carver Middle, and I also have a 4th grader at Sunset Elementary that is a direct feeder school into the advancement programs at Carver Middle. I just found out about this issue less than a week ago, and I strongly oppose the building of the WAWA on that corner. Again, I echo everything that everyone before me has said regarding the health and safety concerns for our children, and again, I'm not technically a resident of the City of Coral Gables, however, both of my children have gone to Sunset and eventually will both go to Carver and we attend those schools by choice. And that's all. Thank you so much for your time.

Lucia Peharra: Good Morning, my name is Lucia Peharra, and I am a resident of Coral Gables. I live at 1412 Soroya Avenue, and I am a mom of three children, two of which go to G.W. Carver Elementary School. I emailed all of you on Friday, so you know that I am very much opposed to the construction of a WAWA across the street from G.W. Carver Elementary and G.W. Carver Middle, two schools that house more than 1,500 children. Please listen to that number, 1,500 children. I hope you are listening today with an open minds and notice that those forty-nine signatures you refer to as overwhelming community support for this project do not represent the majority of the community that surrounds that open lot. We, the parents are here to show you that our voices and our concerns are worth listening to. Due to the lack of notification to the schools

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and no public hearing, our voices have not been allowed to be heard. This is an inexcusable error. We beg you to listen to your gut that tells you that putting a gas station directly across from an elementary school, so directly across, that the crosswalks leads to these six pumps is wrong, wrong for so many reasons. Like the increased traffic to an area that already cannot handle the flow of cars with dangerous emissions only steps away from the kindergarten classrooms that face Grand Avenue, and alcohol and cigarettes accessible to very susceptible teenagers...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you, ma'am. What?

City Clerk Urquia: Mr. Mayor, she is not done yet. That was not the time.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Oh, I am sorry. Alright.

Vice Mayor Lago: Please continue, ma'am.

Ms. Peharra: Thank you. You may think that your hands are tied due to the settlement with the developer, but your hands are never tied, if what you need to untie them is the right thing for the youngest citizens of the community that you represent, the children. You were voted into office to look out for the best interest of this community, and those interests include the those of those 1,500 children. I strongly urge you to reconsider this project and put forth a replacement that would benefit both local residents and the schools. Thank you for your time today.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you, ma'am.

City Clerk Urquia: Next we have Claire Nobel.

Claire Nobel: Hi, my name is Claire Nobel, and I am a really proud parent of two kids at George Washington Carver Elementary. I am a new resident to Coral Gables, and I live at 815 Minorca Avenue. I am totally opposed of a gas station being built in such close proximity to our school. It will damage our children's health and safety. I am shocked and appalled that the City, the City Beautiful would put our children and our community at increased risk of traffic, pollution and potential crime. Please do not destroy this school and our kids' future and our community. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Lago: Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you.

City Clerk Urquia: Wendy Long.

Wendy Long: Hi, my name is Wendy Long. I live at 805 Majorca Avenue, Coral Gables. I am a parent at George Washington Carver Elementary School. I along with many other parents and school administration was shocked to learn a few weeks ago, of advanced staged plans to build a WAWA Convenience Store and six pump gas stations directly across the street from the Elementary School's main entrance. There are numerous potential issues associated with the proposed project including safety hazards to pedestrians, environmental impact, pollution and air quality and increased traffic congestion. Also, of deep concern is that neither school

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administration nor the school community was ever notified or consulted regarding any of these plans. The secrecy with which the plan was pushed through was morally dubious, the lack of transparency with the school administration and the school community is reprehensible. To my knowledge no traffic studies or environmental studies have been made available for public reveal. I call on you to repeal this settlement agreement and allow key stakeholders including the Carver Community to be part of the decision that will so drastically affect our school children and their families in the City Beautiful. Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you, ma'am. Next.

City Clerk Urquia: Next is Mr. Cristina Rua.

Cristina Rua: Hi, good morning. My name is Cristina Rua and I live at 419 Camillo Avenue, Coral Gables. I think most of you know my address. I am here as a parent of a student at Carver Middle School, Obviously as a resident of the City of Coral Gables, and as a former Alum of Carver Middle School, I am here just to show my disappointment in this not being made public This proposed WAWA station should be made public to our community, to the school. We've worked, my family and I have worked with you guys in the past on many things, and I don't believe this has happened before, So, I am just showing here my feelings of being surprised that this would happen, especially so close to a school and I did not expect this from the City Commission. I would like for the opportunity for the community and the school to have a say and involvement in this matter as you have done in the past. We have a lot of students here at stake, concerned citizens, and I know you all will respond accordingly and give us the opportunity to again have a say in this given that we are the ones closest to the WAWA station and will be affected most greatly. Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you.

City Clerk Urquia: Next is Ms. Patricia Sime.

Yes, Good Morning. My name is Patricia Sime.... I am a resident in Coral Gables. My address is 437 Bird Road and I wanted to speak today just to say that I share the concern of all the parents, you know, and residents that spoke before me and I want to voice my opposition about the construction of the gas station across the street from the Carver Elementary School. I am concerned about the increase of you know, traffic, the safety of our children and the fact that they will be selling liquor in the gas station. And, I want to thank the Commission for letting us speak today and I really, really hope that you will consider all the comments of all the concerned parents and residents you heard today. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Lago: Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you.

City Clerk Urquia: Next is Mr. Mark Cincunia. (phonetic)

Mark Cincunia: Hi my name is Mark Cincunia. I live at 9055 S.W. 73rd Court, Apt. 1905, and my daughter attends Carver Elementary. She is five years old, her classroom is right across where he proposed pumps are planned to be, and I echo all those points when it comes to safety, when it comes to environmental hazards, when it comes to my daughter's health, and the other 1,500 students that are there. The voices that you are hearing in opposition to this project are more than the voices that have supported that project, and none of which by the way attended this school, belong in our community, in the school community and that are on Grand Ave. In addition, from the economical perspective, just on US1, a block away there are already two gas stations there. So, there is nothing that really changes or adds value to this community when it comes to adding another gas station over there. It makes no sense whatsoever to put our children in harms way and I hope you guys take into consideration everything that is being said and discussed here today because the way this was conducted, the way this was done without the consent and the support of the school community, really says a lot about how things are being done in the Coral Gables City. Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you.

City Clerk Urquia: Next is Suzette Cruz.

Suzette Cruz: Hello All, my name is Suzette Cruz, Good Morning. I am not officially a Coral Gables resident, I live on the Beach at 325 Meridian Avenue, Apartment 12, but I have two children that attend the Carver Schools, one at the elementary and one at the middle school. I am highly concerned about have a gas station developed in that corner for all the reasons you... they have already shared, inclusive of not being valuable to the community. I am high appalled at the City Commissioners to have this pass through so quickly, and without foresight from the community at-large. I would ask you to reconsider your position. I don't need to slap your wrist anymore than you have been. You have a lot of parents here waiting in line to hear from. So, I just want to throw in my vote to oppose this from moving forward and to reconsider your decision. Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you.

City Clerk Urquia: Mr. Mayor, next you have Maria Cruz.

Vice Mayor Lago: You are on mute.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Ms. Cruz, we can't hear you.

Vice Mayor Lago: Go ahead.

Maria Cruz: Alright, here we go again. Maria Cruz, 1447 Miller Road. I support those parents who have spoken, but I am also going to ask you to consider extending the time so that you can hear all of them. This is very important. We extend time for other things during the agenda. The item is on the agenda, if you cannot let them speak at that time, please let them speak now. Our children depend on your decision. Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you, Maria.

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City Clerk Urquia: Next, we have Mr. Efrain Soran. (phonetic)

Efrain Sora: Ah yes, hi. Good morning to all, thank you for allowing me to speak. Mr. name is Efrain Soran, I am not a resident of Coral Gables. I am a resident of Miami-Dade County, although I do manage a business at... in Coral Gables at 355 Alhambra Circle. I believe the Mayor is familiar with that address. My son is a first grader at Carver Elementary and I just want to state my position. I oppose strongly the building of the WAWA across from Carver Elementary. I hope you take into consideration that this project would hinder our children, their health and safety. There are plenty of people, very intelligent and smart people on this Commission and within this City that can come up with an alternative to this, and I hope you take that into deep consideration for the City Beautiful which as a result of this project may not be so beautiful after. Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you.

City Clerk Urquia: Mr. Mayor, next we have Ms. Zarina Pino.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: How many more do we have Billy?

City Clerk Urquia: About 15, sir.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay, because we have 15 more minutes. Go ahead.

Zarina Pino: Hi, good morning, I am Zarina Pino, a Coral Gables resident and homeowner of 4400 Toledo Street, a physician and medical director of safety and most importantly, a proud parent of a child at Carver Elementary which is our assigned neighborhood school. I am here today to voice my own decision to the development of a gas station across the street from our school. I have the request from those of you who are here today representing the Commission and the City. Please visit the site at 8:30 a.m., on a school day to truly understand our safety concerns. Please pay particular attention to the location of the entrances to the gas station in relation to the existing school crosswalk and I believe you will agree with us. Thank you.

Mayor Valdes Fauli: Thank you.

City Clerk Urquia: Okay, next we have Ana Gomez. (phonetic)

Ana Gomez: Good Morning and thank you for your time today. My name is Ana Gomez, and I am a proud parent of twin 5-year old kindergarteners at Carver Elementary. I live at 6881 S.W. 51st Street, not in Coral Gables, but still a proud parent of students there. We chose to go to Carver Elementary because of the magnet program and because of its reputation as a positive place for children to be educated in Miami-Dade County which as I am sure you are aware, is a rare unicorn. I am very much against this project because of all the reasons that have been stated today to you, but also because of the way this Commission handled this business in the shadows in a country and in a State where we expect open government, we expect transparency and public involvement in decisions that affect so many children. I think it is very shameful that you have done it this way for this kind of project and I think that the desire to move this public comment section along or to place lobbyists in front of us is indicative of your lack of interest in the safety of the children which

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makes it quite surprising to me that you began today's meeting with a prayer for the safety of our children in schools, and yet, you have done nothing to uphold that promise or that prayer. I believe that wherever there is a will there is a way if this City of Coral Gables has a will to protect the children, the 1,500 children that go to school at Carver Elementary, then it will find a way to do so and I expect that to happen. Thank you, very much.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you, ma'am. Billy.

City Clerk Urquia: Next, we have Stephanie Pasternack. (phonetic)

Stephanie Pasternack: Good morning, my name is Stephanie Pasternack. My address is 4301 Southwest 5th Street, Coral Gables, 33134. I have a son that goes to Carver and a daughter that goes across the street from US1, Grand and Ponce on (inaudible) and I am a concerned parent just as the rest and I oppose the WAWA project in favor of the safety and health of our children. I am also a film producer and since I have dealt with a lot of the permitting processes required to do a film project, it is very surprising to me, actually shocking that the City would care so much about companies like us having neighbors notified and sometimes even sign that they agree on filming projects that are temporary, temporary and then not care so much about hundreds of children and parents and employees of a school that is directly greatly and most importantly, permanently affected by such a project as the WAWA project. It's very, very concerning and some food for thought. Please, do something to stop it. Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you.

City Clerk Urquia: Next, we have Robin Lockhart.

Robin Lockhart: Give me a second, I am just trying to unmute my.... Good Morning, Everyone, Mr. Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, thank you very much for your time and I appreciate everything that you do for us. I am a Coral Gables resident, 1515 Capri Street and I have two children at Carver. Notwithstanding all of the excellent points that have been raised, I would like to state that I am opposed to the WAWA on architectural purposes, architectural grounds of aesthetics that yes, there are many gas stations in very close proximity. I think that the installation of, although quite tasteful for a gas station, would be not in the community's best interest and I do not believe it is culturally sensitive to the neighborhood and the direction the neighborhood is currently going, and that's it. Thank you for your time.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you, sir.

City Clerk Urquia: Ms. Myra Goldrich.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Good Morning.

Myra Goldrich: Hi, good morning. My name is Myra Goldrich and my address is 8395 S.W. 33rd Avenue. My daughter goes to Carver Elementary. It's my school of choice. I strongly oppose any gas station to be built near our school for the health and safety of our children, and I please urge you to reconsider. Thank you.

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City Clerk Urquia: Ms. Franzella Iris Chacon.

Franzella Iris Chacon: Good morning, good morning. My name is Franzella Iris Chacon and I live at 15329 Southwest 111th Street, Miami-Dade. I am a parent of one of the students that will be in the magnet program, the French program which is from Sunset that feeds directly into the International Magnet Program into Carver. So, my child will be attending when this gas station open, and I am strongly against having a gas station across the street and that entrance from the Elementary. I also began a petition. We have a hundred... over eight hundred and fifty signatures from all over – parents of both schools and Dade County because this is a magnet program and this brings in parents from all over the County, and the traffic would be horrendous. I concur with the other parent who said, please go their at 8:30 or between 8:00 and 8:30 in the morning for pickup and, for drop off and pickup in the afternoon and you will see the traffic leads into US1 and it delays traffic all the way down South and US1, and it would be impossible to drop off and get there on time. So, this is from a traffic perspective, from a safety perspective and also from a land use perspective. There are already two gas stations within a mile radius within blocks on US1. This will be the third, an unnecessary use of land. I would like to submit that petition to you all and I would be doing so in email. This is on Change.org. Parents against WAWA Station at G.W. Carver Elementary. Thank you. Please reconsider the use. Thank you.

City Clerk Urquia: Next we have Camilla M.

Camilla Mora: Good morning everyone. Thank you for taking the time to listen to us. I am frankly appalled that...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Can you give us your name and address, please?

Ms. Mora: Yes, my name is Camilla Mora and I live at 36 Carmona Avenue, the City of Coral Gables.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you,

Ms. Mora: Thank you. I was coming here as a representative of son's classroom, it's a combo class with 30 kids, unfortunately, many parents want to be here, they cannot because they work, and I have taken it upon myself to represent them and our classroom in our position of the WAWA gas station project. I also would like to mention that I am the Chair of the Healthy Kids Initiative that is taking place at Carver Elementary at this moment. So, we are a school that is concerned about the wellbeing of our children, and I will not repeat all the reasons why a gas station is less than ideal or detrimental for not only the school, but for the neighborhood. There are already two gas stations in close proximity, and I echo everything that has been said before me. I just wanted to show my position and like I said once again, voice for 30 other parents who were unable to attend the meeting because they happen to be working or their children are occupying the Zoom at their home at this time, because they are going to online school. Thank you very much. I really hope you reconsider and you take into account what everybody has been begging for during this time.

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Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you.

City Clerk Urquia: Mr. Dan Garrido (phonetic)

Dan Garrido: Hi, my name is Dan Garrido. My wife here and I live at 3140 Hibiscus Street in Miami, and we are also close to the WAWA station across from Carver. I think what people look at is, and the traffic has been mentioned a lot, but people tend to not look past US1 and it being one of the worst places for traffic in Miami and one of the biggest arteries. The problem is, when it gets bad which is at least two to three days a week, it's pushing the traffic out into the surface streets of both Coral Gables and Coconut Grove and what that makes is my quite residential street having 50 miles per hour traffic. We are also opposed to the environmental hazards, the crime, the liquor. It just doesn't belong by a school, and I feel like it has been rushed through and the notification didn't happen in the way that it was supposed to. That's really what I have to say. Thank you very much for listening. Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you.

City Clerk Urquia: Mr. David Winker.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Next.

David Winker: My name is David Winker. I am an attorney with offices in Coral Gables at 4270 South LeJeune Road, and my daughter attended kindergarten at this wonderful school.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Your home address, please?

Mr. Winker: 2222 Southwest 17th Street.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you, sir. Go ahead.

Mr. Winker: My offices are in Coral Gables at 4270 South LeJeune Road. My daughter attended kindergarten at this wonderful school in a classroom that is less than 200 feet from this proposed six pump gas station. My daughter is now at Sunset Elementary in the Spanish program, and it is our hope that she returns to Carver Middle School. I am opposed to this project. While we are not always going to agree as to a result, we can agree on what the process should be and look like. I personally, love WAWA and I am happy they are investing in our community, but this is a completely unacceptable location. The process of approving this WAWA is troubling in a number of levels. The lack of notice to the School Board, the School and the parents, no public hearing, absolutely no public input, lack of historic review, environmental and health concerns, traffic and the sale of liquor within 200 foot of a school. The McFarlane District has been neglected by the City over the years and this inappropriate project is just another example of the disregard and disrespect for this area. Let's not miss this opportunity to make this a project that works for everyone, not just developers and lobbyists. Let's do better for our children, they are our future. Thank you for the opportunity to speak.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you, sir.

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City Clerk Urquia: Ms. Cornelia Doscher.

Cornelia Doscher: Good Morning Mr. Mayor and Commissioners. My name is Cornelia Doscher, I am a resident and my address is 12330 S.W. 148 Terrace. I am in opposition of the WAWA experience representing the Bahamian Heritage Commission that is chaired by Congresswoman Fredrika Wilson and our efforts to eventually establish a permanent area for not only education as well as economic and community development. I am in opposition to the experience with the WAWA, most particularly because of the heritage aspects, and just recently we were recognized in the National Heritage Preservation Designation position as a district that we look to develop. We look where the gas station happens to be to become the gateway to the Bahamian Village, and from an aesthetic standpoint, as well as community and national pride, this would be a great effort on everyone's part. So, please reconsider, look at the opportunities in what our school systems are looking to do with education, with expanding the Bahamian Heritage education and how we can all come together to make a better life for our children. Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you,

City Clerk Urquia: Ms. Ana Roleoff (phonetic)

Ana Roleoff: Hi, good morning Mr. Mayor, City Commissioners and ... my name is Ana Roleoff, my address is 2469 Southwest 14th Street. I am a mother of an 8-year old student in the Spanish program at G.W. Carver Elementary and I hope to continue to Carver Middle for the next five years. We attend this school by choice, and I am a very proud member of this community. I resonate to all the comments and concerns exposed in this meeting by all the parents and I strongly oppose to this project.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you.

Ms. Roleoff: Thank you.

City Clerk Urquia: Ms. Caseniar Excenberg. (phonetic)

Ms. Excenberg: Ah, yes, Good Morning. My name is Caseniar Excenberg and I live at 3211 Calusa Street, Coconut Grove. I am a parent of two children, one is in first grade and the other one is in third grade, and I am just going to be quick because I know there are a lot of other parents waiting to be heard. I am strongly... I strongly oppose to the WAWA project and I hope you guys can reconsider it. This is for our children's health and safety, so I really, really hope this is going to be reconsidered because this is very shocking to all of us. Thank you so much.

City Clerk Urquia: Ms. Jessica Romela Roman.

Jessica Romela Roman: Good Morning, my name is Jessica Romela Roman (phonetic). My address is 721 Madeiro Avenue in Coral Gables 33134. I am the parent of two girls going to Carver Elementary, and I strongly oppose the construction of the WAWA in front of Carver Elementary for all the reasons that have already been listed by other parents, and particularly for the safety of all the children in the neighborhood. I am asking you to reconsider the project and to

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please listen to all the parents and citizens of Coral Gables that are opposing this project today. Thank you, very much.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you, ma'am. How many more do we have, Billy?

City Clerk Urquia: Seven.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Madam City Attorney, we have been at this for about an hour and ten minutes.

City Attorney Ramos: In accordance to the Code, the public comments section, it automatically expires in one hour. Certainly, if the Commission wishes to extend it, you have the right to do that.

Vice Mayor Lago: I would just, Mayor...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Go ahead, finish.

Vice Mayor Lago: When I wrote this legislation, the purpose was to hear the public. So, I know we have a lot... We don't have a big agenda today, so...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Go ahead. Go ahead.

Vice Mayor Lago: I think we just have seven people, and I think its worth hearing the last individuals to put their comments on the record. Thank you.

City Clerk Urquia: Ms. Lee.... Blanco. (phonetic)

Lee... Blanco: Good Morning, my name is Lee... Blanco (phonetic), my address is 1751 Southwest 11th Terrace. I have lived in Miami my whole life, and I have seen a lot of things. I have to say that I wasn't shocked by this decision, it only fueled my cynicism of what politicians do on behalf of companies, not individuals. My challenge to you is to really shock me and really think about this carefully. I reiterate everything the other parents already said and it reminds me of when I drive into Carver every morning. I try to respectful with how I drive, the fact that there are children close around. I see many signs of community ... that says "Drive as if your children lived here." I am asking all of you, to make this decision as if your children attended Carver Middle Elementary. Thank you.

City Clerk Urquia: Next, we have Mr. Jonathan Haddad.

Jonathan Haddad: Hi, good morning. My name is Jonathan Haddad, 6505 Cabilre Boulevard. I am the father of two children, seven and nine that attend Carver and until really recently, thought that they might go all the way through to Carver Middle. So, I would just like to say for the record that I am also against the construction of the WAWA or any gas station for that matter because of the dangers that have made, frankly obvious by the previous parents, the dangers to our kids, and to the surrounding community. So, I would also like to state for the record, that I believe you guys know it's wrong, and it's the reason why you did this covertly and without public comments on

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this. You knew, having done some renovations to the house, even I, had to go ahead and allow for public comments, and you knew this wouldn't pass any type of scrutiny, not traffic studies, not EPA studies, not any studies. So, I also would like to say that I was shocked, but politics are what they are. However, I do expect this to be revisited and no gas station to be built, and if not, like any political entity we will show up on election day and make sure you guys aren't there. Thank you.

City Clerk Urquia: Next, we have Ms. Annette Porter.

Annette Porter: Okay, Good Morning and thank you for your time. My name is Annette Porter, I live at 1225 Astoria Avenue, Coral Gables, 33134. For the record, I am very much opposed to any gas station being constructed so near children. I personally in my adult life, has lived in several major cities including Sacramento, California where I am from, Washington, D.C. , New York City in Manhattan and most time also spent in Salt Lake City, Utah which is one of the most family friendly areas. When we got a job change to Miami, we were very excited to hear about Coral Gables and what an incredible community it is for the safety especially and for the wonderful schools. I am horrified to hear that a gas station will be put so close to our children and I just want my voice to be heard along with all the other parents. Excuse me for shaking and getting emotional, this is a big deal and it is very important to us. Please help us change this situation, please hear our voices. Our children are our future, and we need them to be strong and healthy to carry us on, and these things I leave. Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you.,

City Clerk Urquia: Okay next we have Ms. Rosalyn Navarro. Okay, she is not responding. We are going to go ahead and call on, we only have a first name, Ms. Aron.

Aron Rescipien (phonetic): Hello, my name is Aron Rescipien, my address is 5801 Southwest 28th Street. I have a child in Carver Elementary and I want to make sure that you reconsider the decision of putting WAWA in front of a school where children goes. I don't think there is anything more important than the health and safety of our children, and as a parent, I am really concerned about WAWA being built in front of the school.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you.

Mr. Rescipien: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Lago: Thank you.

City Clerk Urquia: Christian Boslend (phonetic)

Christian Boslend: Good Morning my name is Cristian Boslend and I live at 1457 Blue Road in Coral Gables, Florida. I have a daughter at Carver Elementary and a daughter at Carver Middle. I wanted to speak today because I strongly oppose to the WAWA project and hope that you will reconsider your decision. The process that was followed here is extremely disappointing without allow for opportunity for public comment. In addition, there are significant safety traffic and

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health risks associated with the project. I don't want to go into extreme detail, but I would point out a 2016 research published in the American Journal of Epidemiology found significant elevations in the risk of childhood leukemia associated with environmental exposure to gasoline. Likely, 2018 research done by the Columbia University M_____ School of Public Health, found that there is much more benzene released by gas stations than previously thought. This information, this research is widely known, and I think that we, as a community must take it into consideration before we approve this project. Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you, ma'am.

Vice Mayor Lago: Thank you.

City Clerk Urquia: Francesca Heince. (phonetic)

Francesca Heince: Good Morning, this is Francesca. I live in 1075 Northeast 96th Street. I live in Miami Shores and we believe in this school and George W. Carver. We have two sons that go, one in elementary and one in middle school and we commute all the way there because we believe in this school. It's such a wonderful school and wonderful community. I have to park so far from the school because there is so much traffic to pick up my kids on time. I see constantly, so many kids from the middle school have to walk a lot. They have to walk home; they have to walk and meet their parents far away because there is so much traffic for all the parents to arrive by car. But, I don't understand how a gas station is so close across the street from the school can be built. I hope you review the zoning. I cannot believe the City permitting has been approved. There are so many codes, so many rules on how you build in Coral Gables, how can this project been approved by the City, have there been reviews and can you please go back to Zoning and review this. This is impossible. It's great risk for our kids and for your community. There is so much traffic. Across the street there is already an apartment building getting built and that is going to bring more traffic to US1 and to our school. Please reconsider this very wrong project. That can very well be put just a couple of blocks away from the school. Thank you, so much.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Lago: Thank you.

City Clerk Urquia: Ramses Perez.

Ramses Perez: Good Morning Mayor and Council. I am a proud parent of three kids. One that is currently as young as four, she is in pre-kindergarten at G.W. Carver. I have another one in the third grade that's eight and another kid that is currently ten in fourth grade.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Excuse me. Your name and address please.

Mr. Perez: I am sorry, Ramses Perez. I live at 22241 S.W. 87th Place in Cutler Bay.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you.

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Mr. Perez: I choose G.W. Carver as my home school because it's a magnate program that offers such a benefit to all of my kids. Again, my youngest is four in pre-K and I will be going to G.W. Carver Elementary for all of my kids, and that's what I plan on doing. I am currently opposed to this proposal of this gas station, not only for the health and safety risks, but like many other parents I have expressed the traffic in this area and the safety of the kids trying to get dropped off and walking from school is a huge, huge issue for these kids. We need to look at our kids safety and their health. Thank you very much for your time, and I appreciate everything you can do to oppose this. Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you.

City Clerk Urquia: Sam Galvez.

Sam Galvez: Good Morning, my name is Samuel Galvez, I am a Carver parent and a Coral Gables and I am opposed to the gas station project. Thank you, so much.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: What is your address, please?

Mr. Galvez: 36 Carmon Avenue.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you.

Mr. Galvez: Thank you.

City Clerk Urquia: Ana Martin.

Ana Martin: Hi, my name is Ana Martin. I reside at 3524 Southwest `147th Place in Miami, Florida. I am a proud parent of a kindergartener who got accepted into the magnate program. My husband and I chose Carver Elementary because of its rich history, the safety environment as well as academic excellence. We are appalled. We are concerned that a gas station will be built across from our son's school. We speak, and I echo every single parent that has spoken this morning that we oppose this project. We are very concerned about the safety of our children. We are concerned about the environmental hazard it can impose on the health of our kids, as well as, the traffic congestion and the violence it can attract. We, as very proud parents of a kindergartener attending Carver, I pleas to you all to reconsider this project, and I speak on behalf of the 1,500 children that cannot do so this morning. Thank you so much for your time.

City Clerk Urquia: And now we have, last name Toledo.

Christine Toledo: Hi, good morning. My name is Christine Toledo, and I am... I live at 141 Crandon Boulevard, Key Biscayne, Florida. I am the proud parent of two children at Carver Elementary and eventually, I will have a third one at Carver Elementary and my concern is, obviously the safety and health of our children, and how this will impact them. I am sure that most of you, Commissioners are either parents or grandparents of small children and can understand how us as parents would find our children's health and safety of paramount importance. I ask you

to please reconsider this project and look into the zoning laws that would allow something like this to happen in our beautiful City. Thank you for your time.

Vice Mayor Lago: Thank you.

City Clerk Urquia: And, lastly we have Ms. Romena Mania.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Good Morning. Name and address please.

Romena Mania: Hi, good morning, hello. Yes, my name is Romena Mania, 1456 Marse Drive in Miami Beach, Florida. I have two kids; one is in the elementary and I have my other in middle school. I have been in the school since kindergarten and I as many other parents, I drive all the way from Miami Beach to Coral Gables every day because I trust in the school. I think it's the best school in Florida for the programs, and I a totally opposed to this project. I don't like the idea at all to put a gas station in the front of the school. Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you, ma'am.

City Clerk Urquia: That is it, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: That's it. Thank you, the public comments section of the meeting is closed, and we will proceed with the next item, which is our time certain at 9:30., our legislative agenda.