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Via U.S. Mail and Email: cswanson@coralgables.com

Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark
City Manager
City of Coral Gables
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RE: **University of Miami/Watsco Center (formerly known as "Bank United Center")
Women's Basketball and hosting elementary school children**

Dear Ms. Swanson-Rivenbark:

This letter represents the University of Miami's official request to exceed the capacity for daytime events for the Watsco Center. The applicable regulations governing events at the Watsco Center provide that there can only be 1,600 persons at non-academic events scheduled during the academic year between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

On Tuesday, December 6, 2016, the University is scheduled to hold a Women's Basketball game and will be hosting "The Hurricanes Elementary School Field Trip Game," a community event that offers local elementary school students, their teachers and our women's basketball team an opportunity to engage in sport and recreation. Some 4,500 children from 36 schools (including Coral Gables) ages 5 to 10 will be transported via an estimated 180 buses to the campus. Expected general admission attendance is less than 100 persons.

The doors of the Watsco Center will open at 9:15 am and the game takes place between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. This date is the last day of classes for the Fall semester, and parking demand is generally light and there will be no displacement of regular university parkers from the areas where some 60 buses will be staged within campus. We will need to park some 80 buses at the vacant field in front of West Lab Elementary School.

As is the case with all large attendance events at the Watsco Center, the University will develop a traffic and parking management plan in collaboration with the City's Police, Parking and Fire Department. The plan will reflect appropriate security, control of traffic, and management of parking with off-duty police officers, performing these services in order to minimize any potential impact.

We would sincerely appreciate the City Commission's consideration to allow the University to host this very special community event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet Gavarrete".

Janet Gavarrete
Associate Vice President

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