



Dear Little Gables Resident:

As your elected representative to Miami-Dade County government, matters affecting your community are my highest priority. As you may have heard, the City of Coral Gables (City) has recently revived its interest in pursuing consideration of annexing the Little Gables area into the City (see map). Please know that I am neither for, nor against, the annexation. My role, as it has always been, is to follow your lead and respect your wishes regarding the annexation and any other issue affecting your neighborhood.

The City has not yet formally filed an application for annexation of the area. Should the City decide to apply for the annexation, the formal annexation process involves many required steps, including public hearings and calling a special election for approval of the annexation by a majority of registered voters residing in Little Gables. If the annexation is ultimately approved, municipal services would no longer be provided to Little Gables by Miami-Dade County (County) and Little Gables taxpayers would not pay the County for municipal services, as such services would then be provided by the City and the taxpayers would pay City taxes for its municipal services. Countywide services would still be provided by the County.

With that said, I am asking you to read the enclosed fact sheet which provides financial information related to the Little Gables area, if it remains in the unincorporated area or if it is annexed into the City. Once you have read the fact sheet, kindly fill out the enclosed survey and return by February 24, 2017, so that I can be guided in determining your support or opposition to the annexation. If you are not the owner of the property to which this letter is addressed, kindly give a copy of this information to the owner so that the owner can also be advised.

I want to emphasize that the decision is yours. If a majority of residents respond to the surveys that they are opposed to the annexation, I will not support the annexation and will lead the effort to bring consideration of the annexation to an end. Conversely, if 66% as requested by the City of Coral Gables, respond favorably to the annexation, I will support the annexation process as it moves forward.

Should you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (305) 267-6377. Thank you very much for your participation.

Sincerely,

Rebeca Sosa
Miami- Dade County Commissioner, District 6

Little Gables Annexation Fact Sheet (FY 2016-17)

| Services | City of Coral Gables | Unincorporated Miami-Dade County |
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| Millage rate FY 2016 - 2017 | 5.559 | 1.9283 |
| County Millage | 4.6669 | 4.6669 |
| County Debt | .4 | .4 |
| Library | .284 | .284 |
| Fire Debt | .0075 | .0075 |
| Waste services flat annual rate FY 2016 - 2017 | \$743.00 if pre-paid / \$869.00 full assessment | \$439.00 |
| Fire Fees | County fire & rescue millage of 2.4207 would be removed from Little Gables tax bills and each unit would pay City fee of +\$70/year. | 2.4207 millage rate |
| Total | 10.9174 | 9.7074 |
| Taxes based on a \$350,000 property | \$3821.09 + \$869 (Solid Waste) + \$70 (Fire-Rescue) = \$4,760.09 | \$3,397.59 + \$439 (Solid Waste) = \$3,836.59 |
| Cost of annexation | + \$923.50 per year (based on a \$350,000 taxable value) | \$0 |
| Police average response times | 5 min and 11 sec for emergencies (Estimated) 11 min and 7 sec for non-emergencies (Estimated) | 9 min and 1 sec for emergencies (Actual) 30 min and 16 sec for non-emergencies (Actual) |
| Fire and rescue average response times | 5 min and 13 sec for life threatening emergencies (Estimated) 4 min and 49 sec for a structural fire (Estimated) | 8 min and 26 sec for life threatening emergencies (Actual) 6 min and 44 sec for a structural fire (Actual) |
| Waste services | The City of Coral Gables provides two weekly pickups of up to two 30 gallon containers (at side of house) with Manual pickup of customer provided bins Recycling once a week (Residents are issued a 14 gallon container) Bulky waste pick-up (1 Cubic Yard, Special fees of \$10 per cubic yard assessed for excess of 1 cubic yard) once a week. Total \$743.00 if pre-paid / \$869.00 full assessment | Miami-Dade County provides two weekly Automated Garbage and Trash Collection weekly pickups with a standard 96-gallon waste cart Automated recycling every two weeks (Every household receives one 65-gallon wheeled cart where you can place all of your recyclable materials together) Bulky waste (25 Cubic Yards) twice a year with option to combine for larger piles. Total \$439. |
| Code Enforcement (Building) | Florida Building Code | Florida Building Code |
| Code Enforcement (Zoning) | Continue with current County Zoning regulations | Current County Zoning Regulations |

COST OF SERVICES

DETAIL OF CERTAIN SERVICES

SURVEY / ENCUESTA

Important Information:

- The information provided in response to this survey is subject to Florida's public records law per F.S. Ch. 119.

Información Importante:

- Las respuestas suministradas serán sujeta a la ley de records públicos de la Florida, capítulo 119 del estatuto estatal.

Name / Nombre:

Address / Dirección:

Phone Number / Número Telefónico

Email / Correo Electrónico

Are you a homeowner or renter? / ¿Es usted el dueño de la propiedad o inquilino?

Are you a registered voter? If yes, please provide the address of your registration.

¿Es usted un votante registrado? Por favor provee la dirección de su registración como votante.

SURVEY / ENCUESTA

Please circle one answer:

I am in favor of annexation

I oppose annexation

Por favor circule una respuesta:

Favorezco la anexión

Opongo la anexión