Planning and Zoning Board and City Commission Public Hearing Comments

Proposed Somerset Grace Academy Charter School - Change in Land Use, Conditional Use and Site Plan Review Applications - 624 Anastasia Avenue (University Baptist Church), Coral Gables, Florida

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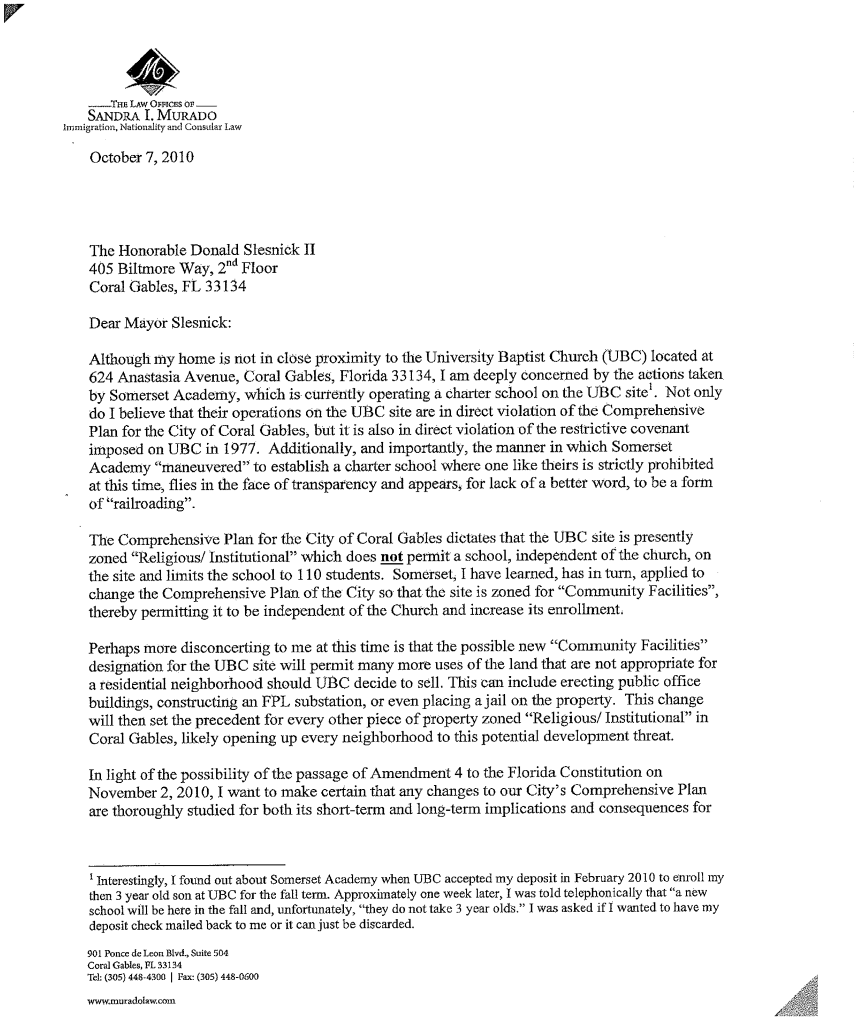
1.	10 11 10	Sandra I. Murado 901 Ponce de Leon Blvd, Suite 504 Coral Gables, FL 33134				

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October 7, 2010

The Honorable Donald Slesnick II
405 Biltmore Way, 2nd Floor
Coral Gables, FL 33134

Dear Mayor Slesnick:

Although my home is not in close proximity to the University Baptist Church (UBC) located at 624 Anastasia Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida 33134, I am deeply concerned by the actions taken by Somerset Academy, which is currently operating a charter school on the UBC site[1]. Not only do I believe that their operations on the UBC site are in direct violation of the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Coral Gables, but it is also in direct violation of the restrictive covenant imposed on UBC in 1977. Additionally, and importantly, the manner in which Somerset Academy "maneuvered" to establish a charter school where one like theirs is strictly prohibited at this time, flies in the face of transparency and appears, for lack of a better word, to be a form of "railroading".

The Comprehensive Plan for the City of Coral Gables dictates that the UBC site is presently zoned "Religious/ Institutional" which does **not** permit a school, independent of the church, on the site and limits the school to 110 students. Somerset, I have learned, has in turn, applied to change the Comprehensive Plan of the City so that the site is zoned for "Community Facilities", thereby permitting it to be independent of the Church and increase its enrollment.

Perhaps more disconcerting to me at this time is that the possible new "Community Facilities" designation for the UBC site will permit many more uses of the land that are not appropriate for a residential neighborhood should UBC decide to sell. This can include erecting public office buildings, constructing an FPL substation, or even placing a jail on the property. This change will then set the precedent for every other piece of property zoned "Religious/ Institutional" in Coral Gables, likely opening up every neighborhood to this potential development threat.

In light of the possibility of the passage of Amendment 4 to the Florida Constitution on November 2, 2010, I want to make certain that any changes to our City's Comprehensive Plan are thoroughly studied for both its short-term and long-term implications and consequences for

[1] Interestingly, I found out about Somerset Academy when UBC accepted my deposit in February 2010 to enroll my then 3 year old son at UBC for the fall term. Approximately one week later, I was told telephonically that "a new school will be here in the fall and, unfortunately, "they do not take 3 year olds." I was asked if I wanted to have my deposit check mailed back to me or it can just be discarded.

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						the residents of Coral Gables. I am respectfully requesting that all matters pertaining to this issue be subject to public hearing and made known to Coral Gables residents, both in writing and electronically via e-mail, in advance. Government accountability and transparency are key elements to establishing trust in our elected officials. Thank you for your anticipated professionalism and attention to this matter. Respectfully, Sandra I. Murado
2.	02 08 11	Alicia Vidal			X	From: GreenPaperMoon@aol.com Date: February 8, 2011 3:33:51 AM EST To: donslesnick@coralgables.com, wkerdyk@coralgables.com, wwithers@coralgables.com, rcabrera@coralgables.com, manderson@coralgables.com, psalerno@coralgables.com, eriel@coralgables.com Cc: GreenPaperMoon@aol.com Subject: Somerset Gables I hope that you vote against Somerset Gables' "take-over" of our residential area, including the Library, the Youth Center (and our peace of mind due to traffic congestion, cars speeding, parking everywhere they find a space, noises, and more chances of "car accidents"). I still feel that it should have never been allowed to get in U.B.C. but enough is enough! Stop them now! Alicia Vidal
3.	03 05 11	F. Scott and Patricia Singleton 3421 Riviera Drive Coral Gables, FL 33134			X	We strongly oppose to any change to the Covenant and Ordinance of 1977, namely, changing zoning to accommodate Somerset Academy in expanding their school. A letter to Zoning Board members was emailed on 3/5/11; it explained our position in opposing this proposal. Attached email: From: psingle123@aol.com Date: March 5, 2011 4:48:49 PM EST To: coejack@bellsouth.net, jeffreyF@cwfpa.com, Roberta@beharfont.com, jsalman@c3ts.com, eibi@bellsouth.net, patkeon@aol.com, colazabal@coralgables.com, eriel@coralgables.com Subject: Opposition to Proposed Change of Land Use Dear Zoning Board Members:

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						As a resident for over thirty years in the same home, with a clear view of The University Baptist Church, I have observed many changes in this area, namely the increase in traffic. The church (serving as a child-care center, venue for senior citizen activities, and now a charter school, albeit on a limited basis) along with The Coral Gables Library, Youth Center, and nearby Coral Gables High School all generate a large volume of traffic. The simple task of exiting one's driveway has become a major deal. I find it incredible that anyone would think that the infusion of hundreds of students and vehicles wouldn't negatively impact the current situation. Further, as a teacher and parent, I am mindful of children and their needs. We are currently well-served educationally by Coral Gables Elementary, West Lab, plus many fine private schools. We've experienced an influx of young families in this Gables neighborhood; this has added strollers, toddlers, and pets. I respectfully submit that more trafffic would be an endangerment. Please abide by the Covenant and Ordinance made in 1977 stating that "the property will be held as one tract, and not be leased or rented separately." Thank you for any consideration given to this letter of opposition to change of land being sought by Somerset Academy Gables/Academica. Respectfully, Patricia Singleton
4.	03 06 11	Sandra Pollack 1025 Anastasia Avenue			X	From: Sandrajimpollack@aol.com <Sandrajimpollack@aol.com> To: Olazabal, Carmen Sent: Sun Mar 06 14:13:16 2011 Subject: Somerset academy Please do NOT allow more traffic for the UBC. I have buses, Biltmore , 2 churches, trucks to maintain the golf course and ambulances to MIami Childrens. Please do NOT add more reasons to make it harder to get out of my driveway. Thank you. Sandra Pollack 1025 Anastasia Ave
5.	03 07 11	Pepe Granat, MD 7800 Red Road, Suite 202 South Miami, FL 33143			X	From: Pepi Granat <pepigranat@aol.com> Date: March 7, 2011 10:45:38 PM EST To: coejack@bellsouth.net, jeffreyf@flanagan-williard.com, robert@beharfont.com, jsalman@c3ts.com, bi@bellsouth.net, patkeon@aol.comcolazabal@coralgables.com, eriel@coralgables.com Subject: Keep the Covenant Esteemed Zoning Board Members & Zoning Staff: Below my remarks is a copy of a letter that our neighbors of the Biltmore Neighborhood Association drafted, with which I & my husband, Raul R.Cuadrado completely agree.

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						We live here. Our homes and our LIVES abut the corner (Riviera & Segovia) where this disgraceful breach of contracts may be about to take place -- but for YOUR wisdom, perspicacity and excellent judgment. I am sure you will all consider ALL the facts, the intent of the descendants of the "founding fathers -- and mothers" of our beautiful city, and will make the RIGHT decision. That a "school" could come charging in, for its own (& the church's) economic advantage, & ruin a whole neighborhood, setting a dangerous precedent for ALL Coral Gables neighborhoods, would be a perversion of justice and judgment. The facts that the parents, kids, & even the principal parties of the school are forceful, aggressive, well-organized into a lobbying group w/ obvious huge funding, have a well-organized, vociferous campaign, vastly outnumber us neighbors WHO LIVE HERE, & no doubt are perfectly nice people, are all irrelevant. They are asking you to do the wrong thing -- & everyone knows it. Here is the letter with which I and my husband Raul R.Cuadrado (3250 Riviera Drive) fully concur: We feel the church and the City should abide by the Covenant and Ordinance that was made back in 1977 stating that "the property will be held as one tract, and not be leased or rented (separately)." It was specifically set up as a pre-kindergarten Nursery School and Mother's Day Out Program run by the Church. Somerset/Academica, as you know, went to court against the city to challenge this and lost. Now they want to change the Comprehensive Plan of Coral Gables, giving the property the new and very broad designation of "Community Facility." There is not a single property in all of Coral Gables that has this designation. This designation is so new and so open that even a jail or a utility plant could be built on the property once so designated. This is a terrible precedent. It could even happen to places like the Country Club property or anywhere else in the City. So, obviously we ae strongly against this change. It is vitally important that they do not make a zoning change for University Baptist Church. Pepi Granat Cuadrado Pepi Granat, MD 7800 Red Road, Suite 202 South Miami, FL 33143 305 661 7609; fax 305 667 8266
6.	03 07 11	Louan Zagarino			**X**	From: BNA Newsletter [mailto:bna-newsletter@biltmoreneighborhoodassociation.com] Sent: Monday, March 07, 2011 5:25 PM

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						To: BNA-info Subject: Please forward this letter to the Zoning Board Dear Neighbors and Friends against the School. The Zoning Board will meet soon to discuss a very important and damaging change in land use at Somerset Gables. We all need to send letters to the Zoning Board expressing our concerns. I have attached a sample letter, which you may copy, add your name and address, and send to all the Zoning Board members. Or, you may write your own letter. A few facts: We feel the church and the City should abide by the Covenant and Ordinance that was made back in 1977 stating that "the property will be held as one tract, and not be leased or rented (separately)." It was specifically set up as a pre-kindergarten Nursery School and Mother's Day Out Program run by the Church. Somerset/Academica, as you know, went to court against the city to challenge this and lost. Now they want to change the Comprehensive Plan of Coral Gables, giving the property the new and very broad designation of "Community Facility." There is not a single property in all of Coral Gables that has this designation. This designation is so new and so open that even a jail or a utility plant could be built on the property once so designated. This is a terrible precedent. It could even happen to places like the Country Club property or anywhere else in the City. So, obviously I am against this change. It is vitally important that they do not make a zoning change for University Baptist Church. The other side is writing lots of letters, so we need to keep up. Thanks, Louan Zagarino The members are: Jack Coe, coejack@bellsouth.net Jeffrey Flanagan, jeffreyf@flanagan-williard.com Robert Behar, robert@beharfont.com Javier F. Salman, jsalman@c3ts.com Eibi Aizenstat, eibi@bellsouth.net Patricia Ann Keon, patkeon@aol.com Carmen Olazabal, Building and Zoning director, colazabal@coralgables.com Eric Riel, Head of Planning and Zoning, eriel@coralgables.com
7.	03 07 11	Robert A. Burr				From: Robert Burr <robertburr@gmail.com> Sent: Mon Mar 07 20:38:44 2011 Subject: zoning designation of "Community Facility" Zoning Board Member,

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						I'm concerned that there is a possibility that the University Baptist Church property could be rezoned with a designation of "Community Facility." Is this possible? Under what scenario might this occur? I assume you've had a thorough briefing on this issue. Now, I appreciate your succinct reply to help me understand the issue from your point of view. Robert A. Burr editor, Great Gables Guide and Great Gables Events rob@greatgables.com greatgables@gmail.com 305-443-7973 559-ROB-BURR (762-2877) http://www.greatgables.com Robert A. Burr robertburr@gmail.com 305-443-7973 559-ROB-BURR (762-2877)
8.	03 08 11	Marianne and Jose M. Arellano 921 Anastasia Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 canimarOIL@aol.com			X	From: CanimarOIL@aol.com Date: March 8, 2011 12:49:46 PM EST To: coejack@bellsouth.net, jeffreyf@flanagan-williard.com, robert@behartfont.com, jsalman@c3ts.com, eibi@bellsouth.net, patkeon@aol.com, colazabal@coralgables.com, eriel@coralgables.com Cc: info@biltmoreneighborhoodassociation.com, bna-newsletter@biltmoreneighborhoodassociation.com Subject: Oppossing Somerset Academy build up. March 8, 2011 Mr. Eric Riel, Jr. Planning Director City of Coral Gables 405 Biltmore Way, 2nd Floor Coral Gables, FL 33134 Ms. Carmen Olazabal Building & Zoning Director City of Coral Gables 405 Biltmore Way, 3rd Floor Coral Gables, FL 33134 Re: Opposition to Proposed Change of Land Use Dear Mr. Riel and Ms. Olazabal: As a resident of the City of Coral Gables, I want to express my opposition to the proposed change of land use being sought by Somerset Academy Gables/Academica.

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9.	03 08 11	Laura & Clinton Payne 800 Anastasia Avenue Coral Gables, FL Payne_family@bellsouth.net			X	From: Laura Payne <payne_family@bellsouth.net> Date: March 8, 2011 4:48:02 PM EST To: <eriel@coralgables.com>, <colazabal@coralgables.com> Subject: Please consider our opposition to the change of land use by Somerset CG/Academica March 8, 2011 Mr. Eric Riel, Jr. Planning Director City of Coral Gables 405 Biltmore Way, 2nd Floor Coral Gables, FL 33134 Ms. Carmen Olazabal Building & Zoning Director City of Coral Gables 405 Biltmore Way, 3rd Floor Coral Gables, FL 33134 Re: Opposition to Proposed Change of Land Use Dear Mr. Riel and Ms. Olazabal: As a resident of the City of Coral Gables, we want to express our opposition to the proposed change of land use being sought by Somerset Academy Gables/Academica. We believe that the proposed change of land use being sought by Somerset Academy Gables/Academica is in direct violation of the language and intent of the 1968 Covenant that runs with the land, as well as its subsequent 1977 Ordinance, which limits to property use to Nursery School and Mother's Day Out Program of not more than 110 children. The sought designation, "Community Facility," has never been used in the city of Coral Gables and would be a novel and untested experiment in the middle of a residential neighborhood.

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10.	03 09 11	Pepi Granat, MD 7800 Red Road, Suite 202 South Miami, FL 33143 pepigranat@aol.com				A GABLES FABLE Once a city they called Coral Gables Nearly turned into one of its fables Nearly grew a big school That would bend every rule Of good sense, but was saved by the neighbors. Who turned out to point out the folly Of traffic much worse than the trolley Near Youth Center and Library That seemed awfully contrary To neighbors who now were not jolly. So after a bit of a fuss Each side showing minus and plus The school went elsewhere Leaving neighborhoods there Realizing life ever was thus. Pepi Granat Cuadrado & Raul R. Cuadrado ---- Meaning: Life ever is filled with futile fights, such as this one. We hope you will do your duty and return our neighborhood to all of us--- WE could be YOU next time. Pepi Granat, MD 7800 Red Road, Suite 202 South Miami, FL 33143 305 661 7609; fax 305 667 8266
11.	03 10 11	Jill Martin 733 Catalonia Avenue Coral Gables, FL jillandcarlos@aol.com			X	From: Jill Martin <jillandcarlos@aol.com> Date: March 10, 2011 6:24:31 AM EST To: coejack@bellsouth.net, jeffreyf@flanagan-willard.com, robert@beharfont.com, jsalman@c3ts.com, eibi@bellsouth.net, patkeon@aol.com, colazabal@coralgables.com, eriel@coralgables.com Subject: Please Save My Neighborhood! Dear Members of Coral Gables Zoning and Planning Board, I respectfully write to you regarding the proposed zoning change for University Baptist Church and ask you to carefully consider the adverse effect this change would have on the surrounding homes and community facilities. The Coral Gables library, Youth Center

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						and the Biltmore Hotel are all in close proximity to UBC and parking and access to these facilities would be more difficult. As the owner of property at 733 Catalonia Avenue, my family resides just 3 blocks from the site of the church. We regularly walk, ride bikes and play along the Biltmore neighborhood streets and sidewalks with our children. When my young family relocated to Coral Gables from Manhattan 3 years ago, we specifically chose to purchase a home in this neighborhood because it offered us so many places to walk to. My block of Catalonia happens to have no sidewalks. I have serious concerns about the increased traffic and safety risks such a large number of cars would bring into this area throughout the day. Coral Gables has a proud history of protecting its residents and their neighborhoods. It established a covenant in 1977 which defined the guidelines for land usage of this site. Changing the zoning to "community facility" would be such a broad designation and set a dangerous precedent. No other property in Coral Gables has such a title. Somerset Gables Charter School is an entity of Academica, a for-profit corporation, whose interest is to make money. They have deep pockets and some influential parents and have launched an aggressive campaign. The school currently has many families enrolled who live in Coconut Grove and are not even residents and taxpayers of Coral Gables. Throughout this process, residents have felt misled, been portrayed as anti-schools and have been overspent in the ongoing legal battle. Many of us are worried about what might happen to our property values during these uncertain times if the character of our neighborhood changes for the worse. As an educator and mother, I recognize the need for more quality school choices for families. However, the solution to this education crisis can not come at the expense of my lovely neighborhood and the quality of life of its residents. Please uphold the previous legal decisions and reject the proposed zoning changes for the University Baptist Church site. In doing so, your will protecting the vital Biltmore neighborhood and preserving Coral Gables for future generations. Sincerely, Jill Martin 733 Catalonia Avenue
12.	03 10 11	Victor A. de Diego 708 Anastasia Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 vdediego@hunton.com			**X**	Attached please find our written objection. We will make every effort to attend the hearing, however, due to the short notice we may not have the opportunity. Please confirm that the objection has been received and will be placed on any record maintained. Best Regards, Victor A. de Diego Victor A. de Diego & Maria C. Perrina (“Residents”) as property owners of 708 Anastasia Avenue, a home located directly in the impacted area hereby vigorously object to Application # 07-10-113-P, Residents recently purchased their home at a premium due to the tranquility that the neighborhood would provide. First, additional hearings should be

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						conducted before deciding to change the land use from Religious to Community Services, and objects that receiving 13 days written notice is insufficient notice to hold a true and complete public forum. As to the second and third request – a 735 student facility in that location is simply absurd. The location is simply just not designed to handle that type school nor is it desired in the neighborhood. There is already plenty of traffic in the morning without the and additional 735 parents, teachers, and staff. We need to keep the area safe for pedestrians.
13.	03 10 11	Oktay & Nuirsel Ural 3608 Anderson Road Coral Gables, FL ninurl@aol.com			X	3/10/2011 We, Oktay & Nursel Ural at 3608 Anderson Rd CG, do hereby object to this application: 07-10-113-P requesting change of land use and site plan review- Somerset Grace Academy Charter School Our e-mail address is ninurl@aol.com Sincerely, Oktay & Nuirsel Ural
14.	03 10 11	William Hutchinson 1216 Palermo Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 Ta1@peg.us.com			X	People who live or have lived close to a school, as I now do, understand the problems that it creates, mainly relating to traffic during the drop-off and pickup hours, and litter from the kids. Where the school is established or where there is an abundance of adjacent roadway to support a new or expanded facility, we certainly can support the facility. We all recognize the importance of schools. But it is important to recognize that the impact of a school on a neighborhood is no different from that of a commercial development like a shopping center. We definitely consider the proposed development inappropriate for the neighborhood.
15.	03 10 11	Ricardo and Jackeline Londono 628 Aledo Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 rlondono@mwus.us	X	X		
16.	03 10 11	Raul & Isabel Martinez, Jr. 422 Cadima Avenue Coral Gables, FL raulmartinezjr@ismlegal.com		X		The school should be allowed to expand.
17.	03 10 11	Patricia N. Shillington 731 Malaga Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 psmiami@me.com			X	Dear Planning and Zoning Board, City Commissioners and City Commission candidates, I am a homeowner in the neighborhood near University Baptist Church and I object to the proposed change in land use for that property. I think it would set an egregious precedent for our neighborhood and the entire city, and could result in allowing horribly incompatible uses for that land (across the street from the Youth Center and Library, no less). I believe the church and school were not straightforward with the city or the neighborhood, from the beginning, about their plans. There was much subterfuge and that has created a clear lack of trust from the nearby residents. The school is now requesting even more students than its initial request with the school system, even after a judge ruled against

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						them last year. Despite my lack of respect for the way this entire issue has been handled, I will concede that a school the size it is currently has not negatively affected our neighborhood. I have no objection to a school continuing at this size or at the size the church and city had agreed on previously -- about 200 students, I believe. Anything above that I would object to. I have a child in middle school who attended Gables Elementary and had two other nearby excellent options for public education. Private and parochial options abound as well. Nearby A-rated public middle schools also abound. As a parent and Gables resident, I do not see the need for this school. I also think it's completely unacceptable and ludicrous to propose a K-8 center with no property on which children can run and play. Even without considering the obesity epidemic among American children, it's preposterous to propose a school for 4- through 14-year-olds with no athletic field or open space -- without children learning how to play the most basic team sports. This is a crucial educational need. Please be reasonable and reject this application for land use change -- both because a large school should not be located there and because it opens the door to future uses incompatible with a residential neighborhood. Please do not allow a large K-8 center in a residential neighborhood on a small piece of property with no open space for children to play and learn sports. It's our neighborhood today, but it could be yours tomorrow, that faces such an issue. There is much precedent in the city for keeping a handle on the size of schools and for maintaining a high quality of residential life. There are also plenty of prospective properties in the Gables urban core where such a for-profit school could be located and would be more appropriate. Thank you for your consideration. Very truly yours, Patricia N. Shillington 305-606-9909 731 Malaga Ave. Coral Gables, FL 33134
18.	03 10 11	Gabriel Pulido & Diana C. Serpa 637 Aledo Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 gabpuli@gmail.com			X	1. Somerset Academy should have NEVER been allowed to operate the current school even with 110 students as the current land use designation is “religious/Institutional” and they are not a parochial school. A change of land use at this stage to increase the size of a school that should have never been allowed to operate would be insulting as it would in essence propel the interests of this company over those of the residents that have been living in the area for many years. 2. Somerset Academy knew full well that the existing land use would not allow them to run a school of the size they require at this location. As a result, we see that the city should make no efforts to alleviate Somerset’s current situation as they should have done their due diligence prior to accepting the agreement on this location. WE WILL BE GREATLY HARMED IF THIS LAND USE CHANGE PASSES.
19.	03 10 11	Angela and Daniel Durand 3407 Toledo Street gingerdurand@yahoo.com			X	From: Angela Durand [mailto:gingerdurand@yahoo.com] Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2011 3:59 PM To: coejack@bellsouth.net; jeffreyf@flanagan-williard.com; robert@beharfont.com;

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						jsalman@c3ts.com; eibi@bellsouth.net; patkeon@aol.com; Olazabal, Carmen; Riel, Eric Cc: Slesnick, Donald; Kerdyk, William; Cabrera, Ralph; Anderson, Maria; Withers, Wayne; bna-newsletter@biltmoreneighborhoodassociation.com Subject: University Baptist Church Ladies and Gentlemen: The Zoning Board will meet soon to discuss a very important and damaging change in land use at University Baptist Church ("UBC"). As residents of Toledo Street for more than 23 years we know and love the neighborhood. We are well aware that Toledo Street and the neighborhood are at present used during rush hours on business days by local traffic and vehicles from other parts of the county to avoid heavier traffic on Bird Road, University Drive, Riviera Drive, Segovia, Granada, Biltmore Way, Red Road and LeJeune. On weekends the church traffic overflows into Riviera Drive, Anastasia, Segovia, the Youth Center (itself a major attraction to city residents and users from other areas) and the Library. The proposed accommodation of 735 (an additional almost 600% of the present number of) pupils at UBC will impose even more stress on the surroundidng residential streets . Rush hours will now be perceived to include the extended school "drop off" hours as drivers will wish to avoid Segovia at all costs. The quiet enjoyment of our residential neighborhood will be seriously mpacted, not to mention the grave wear and tear on road infrastructure and swale landscaping. It is our opinion and that of a great many others that UBC and the City should abide by the 1977 Covenant and Ordinance which states "the property will be held as one tract, and not be leased or rented (separately)." The existing use was SPECIFICALLY set up as a pre-kindergarten Nursery School and Mother's Day Out Program run by the Church to accommodate 110 pupils. Somerset/Academica, as you know, went to court against the city to challenge this and lost. Now they want to change the Comprehensive Plan of Coral Gables, giving the property the new and very broad designation of "Community Facility." There is not a single property in all of Coral Gables that has this designation. This designation is so new and so open that even a jail or a utility plant could be built on the property once so designated. This is a terrible precedent. It could mean the same fate for the Country Club property or anywhere else in the City. We therefore object most vigorously to even consideration of this change. It just does not fit in with the spirit of Coral Gables - a city of residents quite accustomed to reasonable and suitable compromise. It is vitally important that you do not make a zoning change for University Baptist Church/Somerset for the above-stated reasons, among others which will no doubt be expressed by many of our neighbors.

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						Sincerely, Angela and Daniel Durand 3407 Toledo Street Tel: 305/448-9992
20.	03 10 11	Rafael Moreno and Lucia Moreno, owners 707 Malaga Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 Rmoreno707@bellsouth.net	X		X	
21.	03 10 11	Jose N. Palacios & Katherine Palacios 3614 Riviera Court Coral Gables, FL			X	We don't want more traffic & noise. This request for zoning change is just the first of many requests and that means that if we don't stop it now, we'll be looking at a major problem/inconvenience down the road. There's plenty of land/properties outside Coral Gables where this and other academies can be set up.
22.	03 10 11	Hilda Morgade 3002-3004 Segovia Street Coral Gables, FL 33134 hmorgade@delavegamorgade.com			X	From: Hilda Morgade [mailto:HMorgade@delavegamorgade.com] Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2011 4:23 PM To: Riel, Eric Cc: Olazabal, Carmen; coejack@bellsouth.net; jeffreyf@flanagan-williard.com; robert@beharfont.com; jsalman@c3ts.com; eibi@bellsouth.net; patkeon@aol.com Subject: Opposition to Proposed Change of Land Use Attached signed letter in opposition to the proposed change of land use being sought by Somerset Academy Gables/Academica.

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23.	03 10 11	Alex Mantecon 3267 Riviera Drive alex@mvreh.com			X	Dear Planning and Zoning Board, City Commissioners and Mayor: My Wife and I live in the neighborhood of University Baptist Church and are extremely concerned with the application that Somerset has made to change the comprehensive land use and the increase in the # of students. It has come to my attention that they state that the property can easily sustain 735 students and have submitted traffic studies to support their argument. This is ridiculous… I am a Real Estate Investor and Developer as well and am very familiar with the impact that this will have on our neighborhood. As it stands with the current 110 students, I have to contend with some traffic 5 days a week in the morning and the afternoon and on Saturdays and Sundays, I have to deal with extreme traffic from masses and evening events. The building itself may be able to handle 735 students, but the NEIGHBORHOOD certainly CAN NOT. The City was well aware of

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						this years ago when they passed Ordinance 2252 limiting the # of students to 110, required the pick-up and drop-off to be from Segovia and limiting the age of students and hours of operation. When my wife and I purchased our home, (what is usually the biggest investment of peoples lives) we saw what was at the UBC site and evaluated the traffic that the daycare and church brought to the neighborhood and we agreed that we could live with that. Being in Real Estate, I saw that the school was limited in what they could grow to and how they could operate due to the Ordinance that was passed by the City. I based my decision based on the assumption that the City would uphold it's Ordinances. To my surprise, the City, in complete disregard to their own Ordinance currently allows the pick-up and drop-off to be off Cardena so all traffic has to go through Riviera and then Anastasia, has disregarded the hours of operation (On certain evenings, I have to wait for traffic on Riviera because the school is having a "Family Night") and now allows much older kids! The only thing the school is abiding by is the # of students and now they want to do away with that as well. The # of students is not the only factor that affects a neighborhood but seems to be the only one that the City is concerned with. As the prior city Commission reasoned, the hours of operation, the location of the pick-up and drop-off and the age of the students are all important factors in the impact it has on a neighborhood. Our Neighborhood is already suffering due to a complete disregard of all these limitations which were put in place for a reason. As an owner, neighbor and father of three children, I implore that you do not allow the school to grow any more than what it currently is. We have already given-up a significant amount of concessions to the UBC Site and anything else will be a complete disregard to the fabric of our neighborhood and our property values. In speaking with some of the members of the PTA of Somerset, they have told me that they would hate it if it happened in their neighborhood. If you approve the change to the comprehensive plan, you are setting a precedent in Coral Gables in which every Church will be applying for the same change and you will have an uphill battle to defend an argument for not allowing the change. Once you allow one Church to do it, you have set a precedent for every church. At that point, this WILL be in everyone's neighborhood. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or if I have misstated something. Sincerely, Alex Mantecon 3267 Riviera Drive Cell: 305-984-4861

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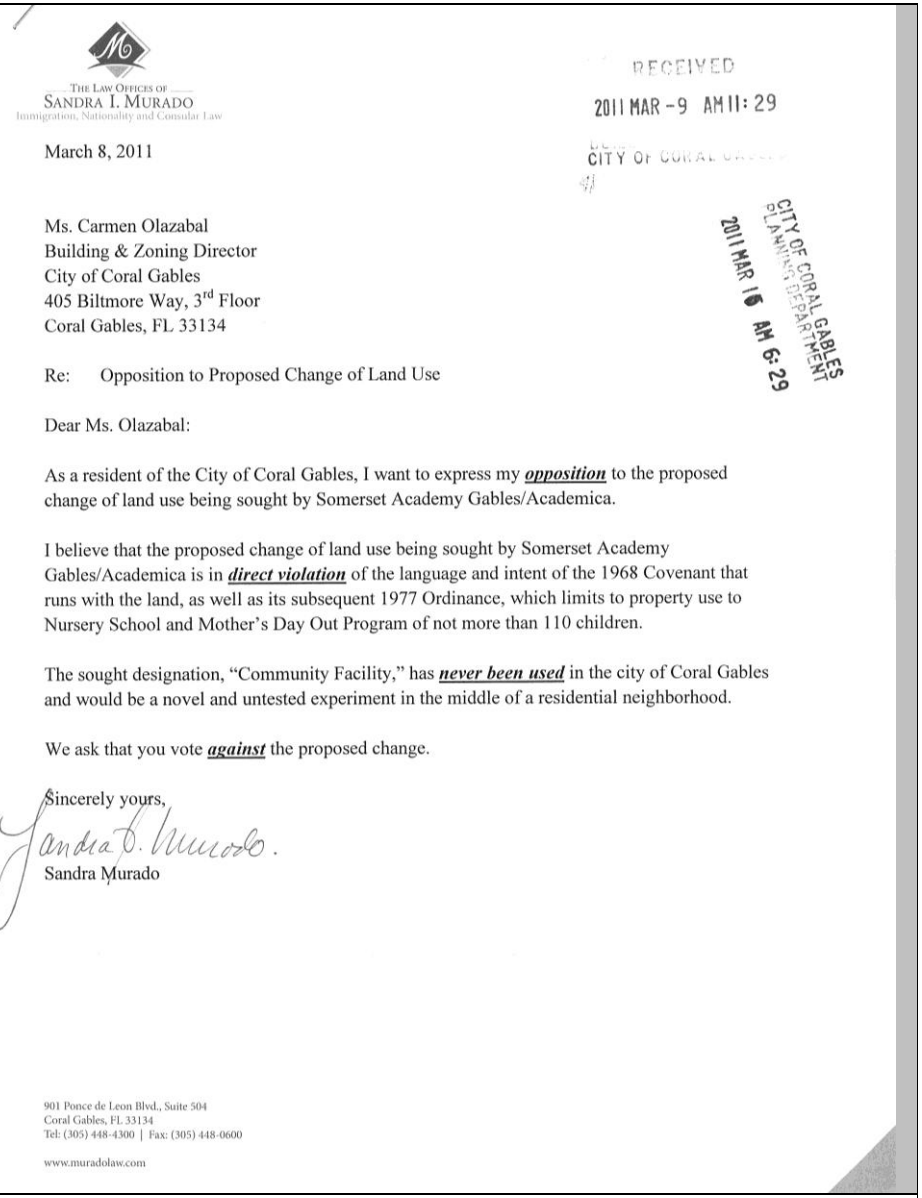
24.	03 10 11	Sandra Murado 901 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Suite 504 Coral Gables, FL 33134			X	
25.	03 10 11	Natalie Tanen and Jeffrey Tanen			X	Please see attached page.

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Ms. Carmen Olazabal
Building & Zoning Director
City of Coral Gables
405 Biltmore Way, 3rd Floor
Coral Gables, FL 33134

Re: Opposition to Proposed Change of Land Use

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The sought designation, "Community Facility," has ***never been used*** in the city of Coral Gables and would be a novel and untested experiment in the middle of a residential neighborhood.

We ask that you vote ***against*** the proposed change.

Sincerely yours,

Sandra Murado

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		3260 Riviera Drive Coral Gables, FL 33134 ntanen@aol.com				To you ladies and gentlemen who are serving our community, My name is Natalie Tanen and my husband, Jeffrey Tanen, and I have resided in our home on Riviera Dr for over 32 years. We would like to thank you for your ongoing efforts to protect our community. We have loved the tranquil setting of our neighborhood and enjoyed raising our children here. We have been greatly dismayed by the possibility that Somerset Schools may prevail in their quest to change the zoning at University Baptist Church so that they can increase the size of the school they now have in place at UBS from 110 students to over 735 students. We are strongly opposed to such a change. Not only does it go against the existing Covenant and Ordinance that was made in 1977 but opens up a Pandora's box to all kind of zoning issues that we will all regret in the future if they get their way. . Somerset is a profit making entity and has the ability to locate their school in any other location that has the appropriate zoning in place. There are public schools in Coral Gables with capacity to serve our community without this charter school. Given these facts, why should they be granted the right to change the existing zoning which has served the area so beautifully for so many years? Allowing the school, which works well at its current size of 110 students, to increase its numbers to 735 will most certainly cause serious and undesirable safety and health issues. Furthermore, it will create traffic congestion and consequent accidents arising from cramming too many vehicles in one small area at the same time. This is logical and apparent regardless of paid traffic studies. Why should we allow private enterprise to benefit from our public coffers. More traffic control will be needed by police and more rescue vehicles for accidents. Why allow such a strain on the traffic to this area and a dangerous traffic situation to arise for the public dollars to cover.. The lack of playground and physical education facilities cannot meet good standards for the students and begs one to think that the Youth Center will likely be used to accommodate those needs and its public parking, again allowing public facilities to used by private enterprise for their own gain. Supporting a profit making school is not the purpose of the Youth Center and makes for greater costs of maintenance should this scenario occur. It is also hard to fathom why this school is even necessary given the fact that there are openings available in the existing Coral Gables public schools that exceed the number of public school age children. How can we possibly justify disrupting a neighborhood, lowering property values in the area, pulling Coral Gables school aged children away from existing public school in the name of serving the profit motivated actions of the Somerset/Academia business entity all at public expense. At a recent "town hall meeting" the minister for UBS said that the church is solvent and in very good shape financially. Why would our community be sacrificed to increase the

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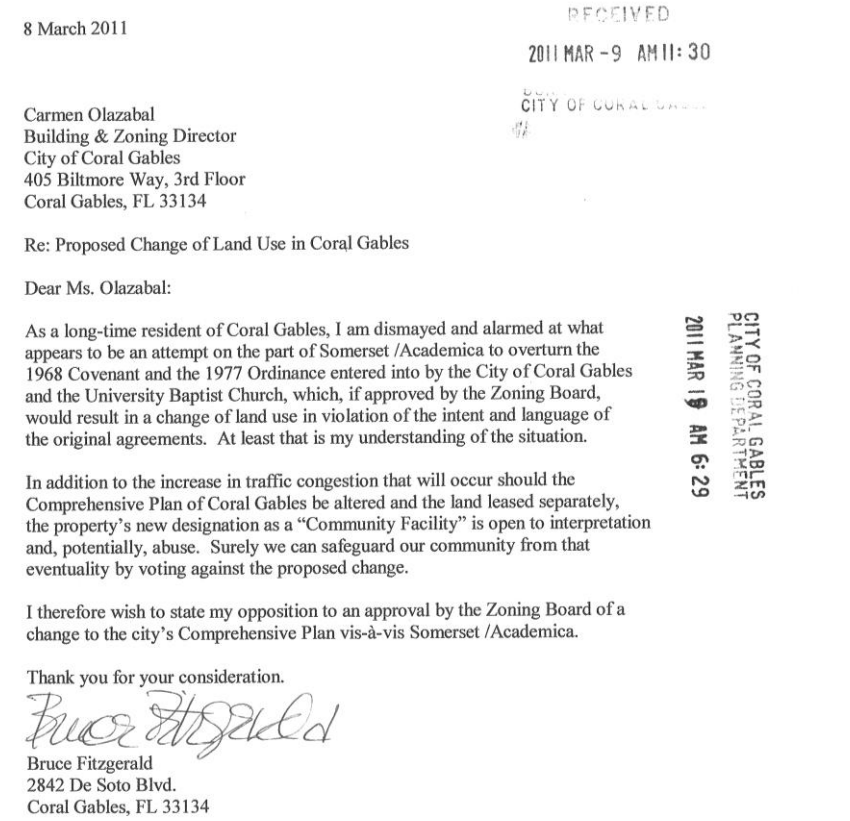
						bottom line of Somerset. There just does not seem to be a good reason to change the existing zoning to allow the school to increase in size. T Please do not approve the change that is being requested. Please leave the existing zoning in place. Thank you for your consideration, Natalie Tanen and Jeffrey Tanen
26.	03 10 11	Cristina & Raul Herrera 1410 Ferdinand Street Coral Gables, FL 33134 cristinalherrero@gmail.com		X		Attached please find my husband and my letters in support of the change of land use for Somerset Grace. Please let me know if there is anything else we could do to help make this school a reality for so many Coral Gables residents that want it. Thank you. I support the change of land use and increasing enrollment at Somerset Grace.
27.	03 10 11	Bruce Fitzgerald 2842 De Soto Blvd. Coral Gables, FL 33134				 8 March 2011 RECEIVED 2011 MAR -9 AM 11:30 CITY OF CORAL GABLES Carmen Olazabal Building & Zoning Director City of Coral Gables 405 Biltmore Way, 3rd Floor Coral Gables, FL 33134 Re: Proposed Change of Land Use in Coral Gables Dear Ms. Olazabal: As a long-time resident of Coral Gables, I am dismayed and alarmed at what appears to be an attempt on the part of Somerset /Academica to overturn the 1968 Covenant and the 1977 Ordinance entered into by the City of Coral Gables and the University Baptist Church, which, if approved by the Zoning Board, would result in a change of land use in violation of the intent and language of the original agreements. At least that is my understanding of the situation. CITY OF CORAL GABLES PLANNING DEPARTMENT 2011 MAR 10 AM 6:29 In addition to the increase in traffic congestion that will occur should the Comprehensive Plan of Coral Gables be altered and the land leased separately, the property's new designation as a "Community Facility" is open to interpretation and, potentially, abuse. Surely we can safeguard our community from that eventuality by voting against the proposed change. I therefore wish to state my opposition to an approval by the Zoning Board of a change to the city's Comprehensive Plan vis-à-vis Somerset /Academica. Thank you for your consideration. Bruce Fitzgerald 2842 De Soto Blvd. Coral Gables, FL 33134
28.	03 11 11	Norr J. Nichols Jr., and wife Enid Nichols			X	Object to increased traffic. Too many students in residential neighborhood.

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		627 Palmarito court Coral Gables, FL 33134 enidsnichols@aol.com				
29.	03 11 11	Alfredo & Lourdes Wonqden 3500 Riviera Drive Coral Gables, FL 33134 Roosterhen007@yahoo.com			X	A larger Charter School is not in the best interest of our area. We need to improve our public schools that we already have. The answer is not to keep creating new schools. The dollars should go with the child and the decision of what school to attend as well – another issue.
30.	03 11 11	Alfredo r. del Portillo 639 Velarde Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134		X		We do need alternatives to send our children to school. I do not have children as yet but location is great for when I do.
31.	03 11 11	Alonso J del Portillo 639 Velarde Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134		X		It is within walking distance to pick up my grandchildren after classes. Have not noticed crowds at any time at location.
32.	03 11 11	Zonia L. de Portillo 639 Velarde Avene Coral Gables, FL 33134 zoniadp@gmail.com		X		It is my understanding that the academic achievement for this charter school has been great! Further the proximity to the library and the Youth Center makes an ideal combination! My grandchildren will be able to visit us every day!
33.	03 11 11	Anthony Buhey and Terrry Hansen 444 Malaga Avenue Apt. 3 Coral Gables, FL 33134 ttouhey@bellsouth.net	X	X		

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34.	03 11 11	Patricia Singleton 3421 Riviera Drive Coral Gables, FL 33134			X	CITY OF CORAL GABLES PLANNING DEPARTMENT 2011 MAR 11 AM 10: 37 February 14, 2011 Mr. Eric Riel, Jr. Planning Director City of Coral Gables 405 Biltmore Way, 2nd Floor Coral Gables, FL 33134 Ms. Carmen Olazabal Building & Zoning Director City of Coral Gables 405 Biltmore Way, 3rd Floor Coral Gables, FL 33134 Re: Opposition to Proposed Change of Land Use Dear Mr. Riel and Ms. Olazabal: As a resident of the City of Coral Gables, I want to express my ***opposition*** to the proposed change of land use being sought by Somerset Academy Gables/Academica. I believe that the proposed change of land use being sought by Somerset Academy Gables/Academica is in ***direct violation*** of the language and intent of the 1968 Covenant that runs with the land, as well as its subsequent 1977 Ordinance. Importantly, the 1977 Ordinance limited the use of University Baptist Church's property for its "pre-kindergarten Nursery School and Mother's Day Out Program" "to not more than 110 children". We ask that you vote ***against*** the proposed change. Sincerely yours, Patricia Singleton (Name) (Address) 3421 Riviera Dr. Coral Gables, FL 33134

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35.	03 11 11	Scot Singleton 3421 Riviera Drive Coral Gables, FL 33134			X	CITY OF CORAL GABLES CITY OF CORAL GABLES PLANNING DEPARTMENT 2011 MAR 11 AM 10:37 2011 MAR 11 PM 6:15 February 14, 2011 Mr. Eric Riel, Jr. Planning Director City of Coral Gables 405 Biltmore Way, 2nd Floor Coral Gables, FL 33134 Ms. Carmen Olazabal Building & Zoning Director City of Coral Gables 405 Biltmore Way, 3rd Floor Coral Gables, FL 33134 Re: Opposition to Proposed Change of Land Use Dear Mr. Riel and Ms. Olazabal: As a resident of the City of Coral Gables, I want to express my ***opposition*** to the proposed change of land use being sought by Somerset Academy Gables/Academica. I believe that the proposed change of land use being sought by Somerset Academy Gables/Academica is in ***direct violation*** of the language and intent of the 1968 Covenant that runs with the land, as well as its subsequent 1977 Ordinance. Importantly, the 1977 Ordinance limited the use of University Baptist Church's property for its "pre-kindergarten Nursery School and Mother's Day Out Program" "to not more than 110 children". We ask that you vote ***against*** the proposed change. Sincerely yours, (Name) (Address) 3421 RIVIERA DR
36.	03 12 11	Maria (Maite) Halley 821 Malaga Avenue Coral Gables, FL mbhalley@comcast.net			X	From: Maite <mbhalley@comcast.net> To: Olazabal, Carmen Sent: Sat Mar 12 12:38:10 2011 Subject: Zoning Change for Academica Dear Ms. Olazabal, As a resident of the City of Coral Gables, I want to express my opposition to the proposed change of land use being sought by Somerset Academy Gables/Academica.

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37.	03 13 11	Juanita Castro 710 Catalonia Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 jcrbir@aol.com			**X**	Attached my letter in opposition to proposed change in land use. March 7, 2011 Mr. Eric Riel, Jr. Planning Director City of Coral Gables 405 Biltmore Way, 2nd Floor Coral Gables, FL 33134 Ms. Carmen Olazabal Building & Zoning Director City of Coral Gables 405 Biltmore Way, 3rd Floor Coral Gables, FL 33134 Re: Opposition to Proposed Change of Land Use Dear Mr. Riel and Ms. Olazabal: As a resident of the City of Coral Gables, I want to express my opposition to the proposed change of land use being sought by Somerset Academy Gables/Academica. I believe that the proposed change of land use being sought by Somerset Academy Gables/Academica is in direct violation of the language and intent of the 1968 Covenant that runs with the land, as well as its subsequent 1977 Ordinance, which limits to property use to Nursery School and Mother's Day Out Program of not more than 110 children. The sought designation, "Community Facility," has never been used in the city of Coral Gables and would be a novel and untested experiment in the middle of a residential neighborhood.

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						We ask that you vote against the proposed change. Sincerely yours, Juanita Castro 710 Catalonia Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134
38.	03 13 11	Anna Louise Fulks 717 Santander Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134-6524 alfulks@earthlink.net				From: "Anna Louise Fulks" <alfulks@earthlink.net> Date: March 13, 2011 7:01:01 PM GMT-04:00 To: <coejack@bellsouth.net>, <jeffreyf@flanagan-williard.com>, <Robert@beharfont.com>, <jsalman@c3ts.com>, <eibi@bellsouth.net>, <patkeon@aol.com>, <colazabal@coralgables.com>, <eriel@coralgables.com> Subject: Fw: Coral Gables Neighborhood School Alliance letter dated 3/13/2011 re: Somerset Gables/Academica charter school Ladies and Gentlemen. . . . I have taken the privilege of forwarding to all of you a copy of my email to the Editor of The Miami Herald. . .rather than writing to you individually. . . in response to a full page letter dated 03/13/2011 of Sunday's edition of the Neighbor's Section of The Miami Herald regarding Somerset Grace Academy Charter School of Coral Gables.. The writer represents the Coral Gables Neighborhood School Alliance. I represent myself as a long time interested resident of Coral Gables and taxpayer. As it relates to the above. . . .I have received a City of Coral Gables Public Hearing Courtesy Notice for a Change of Land Use, Conditional Use and Site Plan Review for Somerset Grace Academy Charter School of Coral Gables which was to have been held on March 23rd, 2011 at the War Memorial Youth Center Auditorium but understand that it has been postponed until April 13th, 2011 at the same place and same time. I am asking you individually and collectively to honor the laws, ordinances, and covenant that were put in place many years ago by the City of Coral Gables and the Trustees of University Baptist Church. I believe that Judge Jennifer Bailey's ruling was correct in keeping the student population to not more than 110 children and a staff of not more than 18 according to our zoning laws. I pray that you will honor her ruling and keep Coral Gables as a "City of Neighborhoods". Sincerely Anna Louise Fulks From: Anna Louise Fulks Sent: Sunday, March 13, 2011 2:58 PM To: ChristinaMayo05@aol.com Subject: Fw: Coral Gables Neighborhood School Alliance letter dated 3/13/2011 re: Somerset Gables/Academica charter school From: Anna Louise Fulks Sent: Sunday, March 13, 2011 2:49 PM To: HeraldEd@MiamiHerald.com ; Michael Murphy

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						Subject: Coral Gables Neighborhood School Alliance letter dated 3/13/2011 re: Somerset Gables/Academica charter school I believe most people want a good education for their children just as I believe that those same people want to respect the laws that have been set down to protect neighborhoods. With this said. . . the letter writer of March 13th, 2011, noted in the Neighbor's Section of The Miami Herald entitled Coral Gables Neighborhood School Alliance, as regards the Somerset Grace Academy Charter School of Coral Gables, has left out some important facts which are as follows: In 1968 a Restrictive Covenant signed by three Trustees of University Baptist Church and the City of Coral Gables declared and agreed that (1) That said property will not be leased or rented or used in violation of any ordinances of the City of Coral Gables now in affect or hereinafter enacted; (2) That none of Block 116, as above described, upon which the said covered walkway is to be situated shall be conveyed, mortgaged, or leased separate and apart from each other, and they will be held together as one tract; (3) The undersigned hereby declare that this said covenant concerning the use, enjoyment, and title to said Block 116 above described, and shall constitute covenants running with the land and shall be binding upon the said Trustees and their successors. Ordinance 2252 which was signed on June 28th, 1977 by the City of Coral Gables, Florida and University Baptist Church states that "the hours of operation of such Child Development Center shall be between 8:30am to 2:10pm; the student enrollment shall be limited to not more than 110 children; that the Staff members shall be limited to not more than 18; and that the ingress and egress for the Pre-Kindergarten and Mother's Day Out Program shall be from Segovia Street. When the City of Coral Gables did not allow Somerset Gables/Academica to have more than 110 children and no more than 18 Staff Members. . Somerset Gables/Academica sued the City. The case was brought before Judge Jennifer Bailey who ruled in favor of the City with their set Zoning laws, Ordinances, and Covenant. Comes again Somerset Gables/Academica to the City of Coral Gables asking for a Change of Land Use, Conditional Use and Site plan Review for Somerset Grace Academy Charter School of Coral Gables to allow a maximum of 735 children. What is not stated by the letter writer is the ancillary personnel, i.e. teachers/teacher's aides, cafeteria workers, janitorial workers, administrative offices, garbage/trash pick-up, etc. which would significantly impact the population at the school to approximately 900 people 5 days/per week plus the ensuing traffic and where they will park. What is also not stated by the letter writer is that the pre-K children, which is privately run by Somerset Gables, are dropped off early in the morning hours and are picked up between 6pm-7pm. The traffic study done by Somerset Gables/Academica by a "seasoned traffic engineering firm" was called to task by a seasoned traffic police officer. He stated that what is written on a piece of paper does not factor into the practicality of the actual day to day traffic from a mega school which is what this school would be if zoning changes are allowed. . . a prime example is Somi charter school which the South Miami Commission is now

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						reviewing due to all the traffic impacting feeder streets and the surrounding neighborhoods. Lastly, there are several excellent public schools in the Gables community that have room for children with the controlled choices being Coral Gables Elementary and Coral Gables Prep Middle School as well as Sunset Elementary and Carver Elementary. One of the three of these controlled choice schools has room for children. Other schools available are WestLab, South Miami, and Fairchild. The controlled choice for middle schools are Ponce and Carver which is a magnet school. There is a big difference between "need" versus "want" relating to schools in the Gables community and the zoning, ordinances, and covenant laws that were written to protect neighborhoods. The letter writer might want to check with the Dade County Public School System as regards eligible schools in the Gables community that would not disrupt nor cause animosity in a quiet and established neighborhood. Anna Louise Fulks 717 Santander Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134-6524 Telephone: 305 446-7420 email: alfulks@earthlink.net

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40.	03 14 11	Victor and Lisa Hyder 701 Camilo Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 vichyder@gmail.com			X	Please see attached.

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						My family and I vehemently object to the proposed amendment to the Coral Gables Comprehensive Plan that will allow an increase in student population at University Baptist Church from 110 to 735. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN! We live on Camilo Avenue, one block away from the proposed site and our objection is twofold: the obvious being the immediate, negative impact a school of this size will have on our neighborhood and secondly, the potential precedent the amendment change will set for future businesses who could attempt to amend the city's master plan for other private monetary gain. Over the past ten months, others have spoken very eloquently about the repercussions of a 735 student body on our neighborhood. Major issues stand repeating: traffic and increased activity to our residential area. We are especially nervous about the proposed traffic pattern that will wind buses and cars around our house. At a recent "town hall meeting" held at UBC, a police officer from a neighboring city cited his concern based upon professional experience and stressed that traffic during the extended morning and afternoon pick up will present a hardship to this neighborhood. We also are concerned about hours of operation of the building. If it is like any other school, activity will be constant. What about afterschool programs, especially for the middle school students? What about night time open houses and events for parents? This is will affect the neighborhood and is not in line with how it was developed. While the focus is the 735 students, what about the number of staff members it will take to support a school this size? Our estimate is that it will add at least another 75 people (teachers, janitors, aides, office staff) driving to the site – where will they park? During Sunday morning during church services, church members are consistently parking along Cardena and on Riviera Drive directly under the No Parking signs - sometimes on private property because there are few options. This will be even worse, we believe, with a school of this size. We moved to this section of Coral Gables just over 3 years ago. My wife and I did extensive research before we used the majority of our life savings to pay over one million dollars for our home. We knocked on doors and found out that many of our neighbors have lived here over 30 years and expressed what a quiet, beautiful section of Coral Gables this is/was. UBC has been a good neighbor. We are EXTREMELY concerned that our investment and our home are now in jeopardy. We are concerned about Somerset Academy parents using the alley way adjacent to our house in the morning and afternoon as a short cut to the school and preventing us from getting out of our own driveway. This is not what we bought into, and certainly not what we believe the City of Coral Gables would support. We are not against the charter school, just a school of that size in that small of a space in our residential neighborhood. We were present at the City Council meeting when the City offered a compromise number of 210 students. We stand in agreement with that option and feel that it is the maximum number the site and neighborhood could support. If the city really does need an additional school of this size, then careful planning must be made to accommodate students – find a space where there can be a field, a library, in a section of town that is more appropriate. I've heard these question being asked several times-- What about fixing West Lab Elementary

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						School since it seems they have the space to accommodate the proposed numbers? What about a space in downtown Coral Gables? Again, our vote is NO on the request to amend the Coral Gables Comprehensive Plan. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN. We love Coral Gables and our beautiful section of the city for what it IS. A school of this size is not appropriate for this neighborhood and neither is a amendment to our city's comprehensive plan that is intended for private gain. Victor Hyder
41.	03 14 11	Isabel Rubio & Elsa Rubio 611 Candia			X	Do not want increased population at a school due to increased traffic issues & student behavior problems in this neighborhood.
42.	03 14 11	Shirley S. Joseph 3711 Anderson Road Coral Gables, FL 33134			X	The area will be subject to enormous traffic problems; ie: parking (the Library will feel the pressure-already is burdened) and so will the Youth Center. The immediate residents have traffic problems now- it will increase.
43.	03 14 11	Drucilla Raymond 731 Aledo Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134			X	1. Reduced property values 2. Noise 3. Traffic
44.	03 14 11	William V. & Mina P. Schultes 740 Escobar Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 Brokerbill196@gmail.com			X	We definitely feel an increase of students from 110 to 735 would have a detrimental on the neighbor. Road traffic, noise and a decrease in property values are just some of our numerous concerns.

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45.	03 14 11	Grace Perdomo 901 Roderigo Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134			X	March 7, 2011 Mr. Eric Riel, Jr. Planning Director City of Coral Gables 405 Biltmore Way, 2nd Floor Coral Gables, FL 33134 Ms. Carmen Olazabal Building & Zoning Director City of Coral Gables 405 Biltmore Way, 3rd Floor Coral Gables, FL 33134 Re: Opposition to Proposed Change of Land Use Dear Mr. Riel and Ms. Olazabal: As a resident of the City of Coral Gables, I want to express my ***opposition*** to the proposed change of land use being sought by Somerset Academy Gables/Academica. I believe that the proposed change of land use being sought by Somerset Academy Gables/Academica is in ***direct violation*** of the language and intent of the 1968 Covenant that runs with the land, as well as its subsequent 1977 Ordinance, which limits to property use to Nursery School and Mother's Day Out Program of not more than 110 children. The sought designation, "Community Facility," has ***never been used*** in the city of Coral Gables and would be a novel and untested experiment in the middle of a residential neighborhood. We ask that you vote ***against*** the proposed change. Sincerely yours, Grace Perdomo 902 Roderigo Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134
46.	03 14 11	William Baron 3611 Riviera Drive Coral Gables, FL 33134			X	Between Bird Road and University Drive we have Coral Gables High School Dade County Library and the Youth Center. We do not need an additional facility that can bring an additional 735 students to this area. Traffic on Riviera Drive is getting more congested every day.
47.	03 14 11	James & Vivian Williams 648 Palermo Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 vivian@canteratax.com			X	Strongly object and we expect the commission to fulfill its duty and deny this request. Alternatively, we suggest all commissioners have to be at St. Theresa at 3:00 p.m. and see the undertaking of the daily parking struggle that exists. And they are less students then Somerset is requesting to be allowed?

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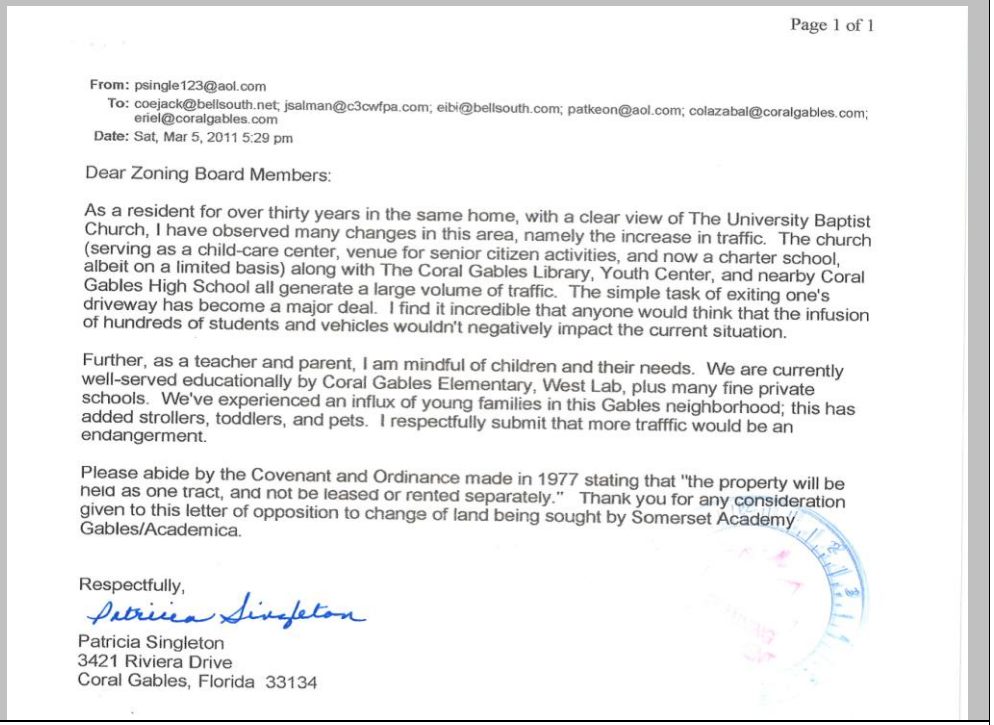
48.	03 14 11	F. Scott and Patricia Singleton 3421 Riviera Drive Coral Gables, FL 33134 psingle@aol.com			X	We strongly oppose to any change to the Covenant and Ordinance of 1977, namely, changing zoning to accommodate Somerset Academy in expanding their school. A letter to Zoning Board Members was emailed on 3/5/11; it explained our position in opposing this proposal. 
49.	03 15 11	3010 Segovia Street Coral Gables, FL			X	Way too – too many student – big for the size area! No Way! Plus cars come down Segovia too fast for a school that size.
50.	03 15 11	Karen Cole and Wayne Cole 570 University Drive Coral Gables, FL 33134	X	X		
51.	03 15 11	Jose A. & Neuma Sanchez 3315 Toledo Plaza Coral Gables, FL 33134 Casasanchez_1988@yahoo.com			X	We highly object to this school in this area. We have no problem to the actual zoning of "Religious". I refuse to return this form to Somerset Charter School; therefore directing ourselves to the City Zoning Department.
52.	03 15 11	Otavio Bueno and Patricia Maraghano		X		We fully support this application – with absolutely no reservation! Somerset Academy Gables has already shown that it truly is a model as a school – committed to the highest

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		3635 Riviera Court Coral Gables, FL 33134 obueno@miami.edu				standards of teaching and community involvement. Not only Coral Gables will be a better place to live because of the many opportunities Somerset Gables will offer to our City, but also we can be assured that the next generation of citizens of our community will be in excellent hands. The more students that can benefit from the school, the better!
53.	03 15 11	Mr. and Mrs. Isorez 3237 Riviera Drive Coral Gables, FL 33134 duprelaure@yahoo.fr			X	I object with this project because of the traffic that will overly increase with the students coming from 110 to 735. I chose Coral Gables for the peach and tranquility, and all of that will be comprised. Coral Gables has a very good prestige and with this school the houses values will be greatly decreased and additionally damage the cleanliness of our friendly neighborhood.
54.	03 15 11	Cade & Porter Cannon 748 Palermo Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 Pgcannon@gmail.com		X		Support the school!
55.	03 15 11	Jose L. & Ada Castellanos 724 Palermo Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 addyandpepe@aol.com	X		X	
56.	03 15 11	Sally B. Coords & Stanley A. Beiley 3409 Anderson Road Coral Gables, FL 33134 scoords@bellsouth.net			X	Why bother to go through the time and expense to formulate a comprehensive zoning plan if significant variances and exceptions which violate the plan are seemingly routinely granted. If that is the City policy why not abolish all zoning! I am against this change of land use.

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57.	03 15 11	Robert Grampera and Miriam Mayo 1540 Cecilia Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33146 usedguitar@aol.com			**X**	I oppose the school expansion. 110 is sufficient.

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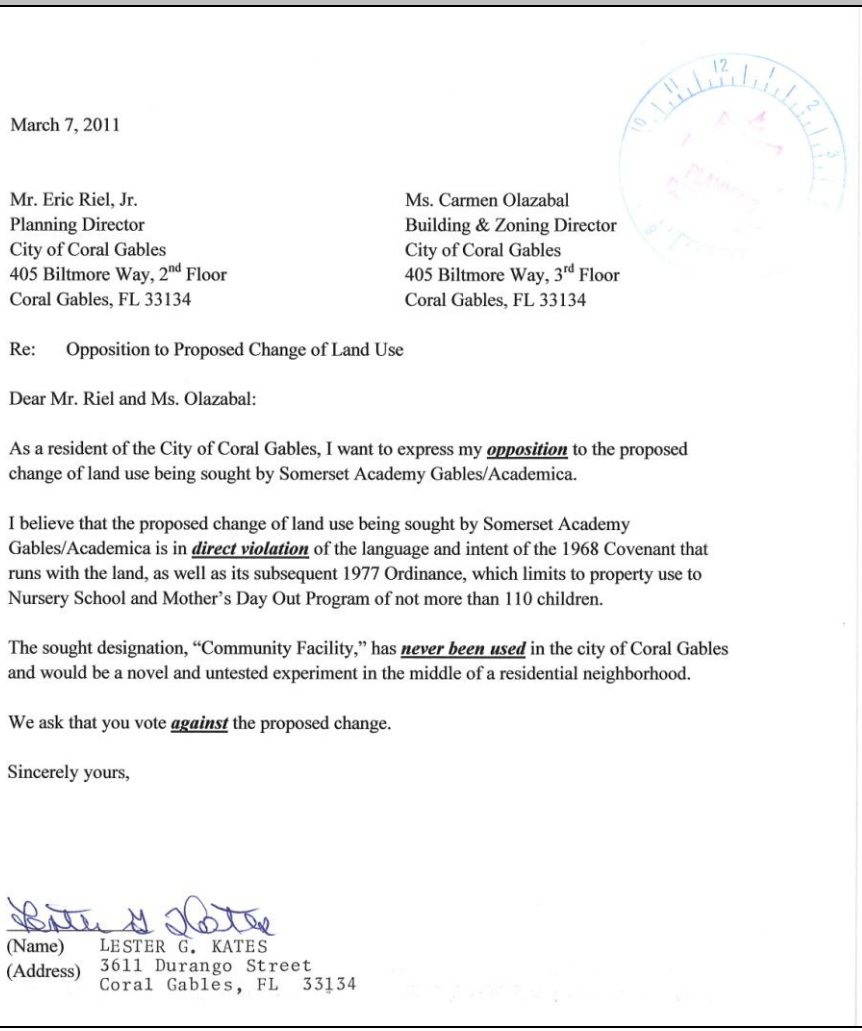
58.	03 15 11	Cecilia & Fernando Reategui 3625 Anderson Road Coral Gables, FL 33134 Cecilia.reategui@bakermckenzie.com			X	The streets adjacent to the subject property do not have the capacity to hold the traffic expected to be generated by the increase in the number of students. Further, the adjacent streets are all a "residential" area, which would be greatly disturbed by the increased traffic. Thus, we strongly OBJECT to the petition submitted by Somerset Grace Academy Charter School.
59.	03 15 11	Lester G. Kates 3611 Durango Street Coral Gables, FL 33134			X	

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Sincerely yours,

(Name) LESTER G. KATES
(Address) 3611 Durango Street
Coral Gables, FL 33134

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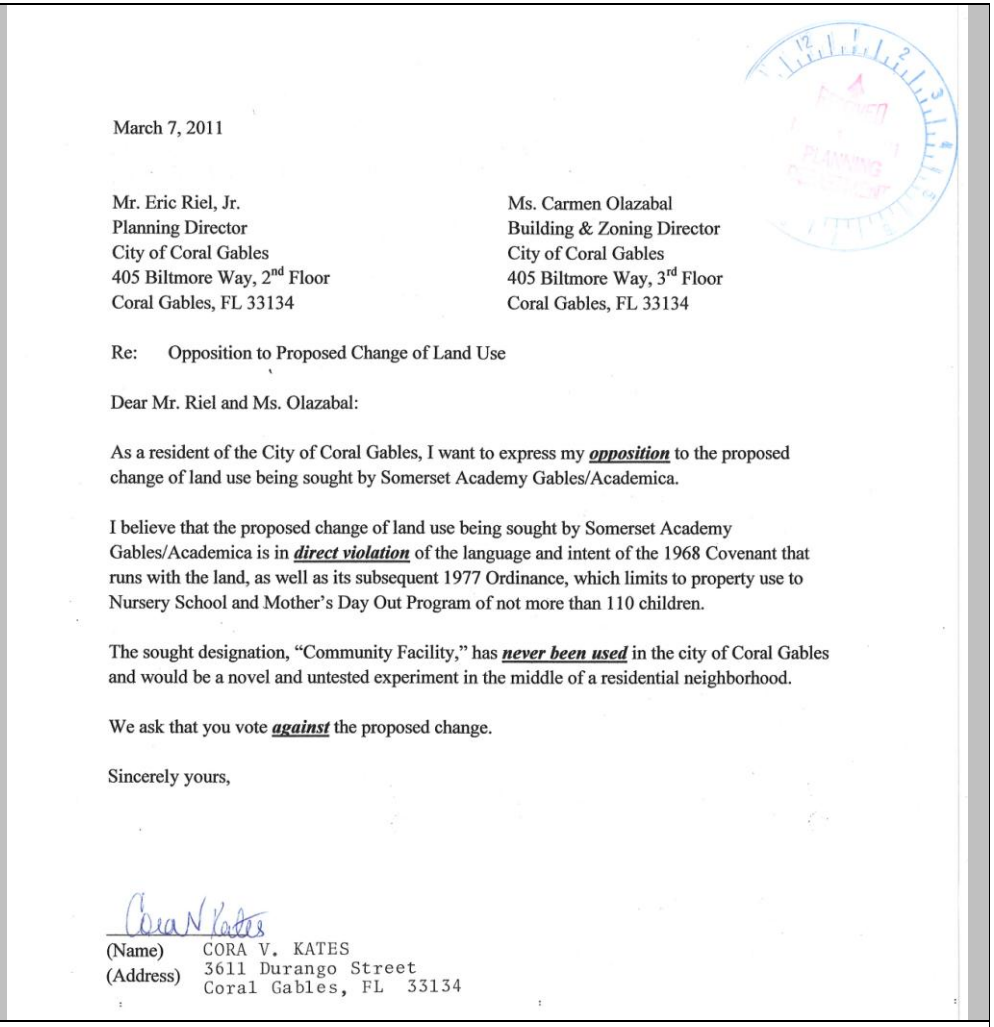
60.	03 15 11	Cora V. Kates 3611 Durango Street Coral Gables, FL 33134			X	
61.	03 15 11	Julian & Olga Martinez 3294 Riviera Drive Coral Gables, FL	X		X	
62.	03 15 11	Mina P. Schultes 740 Escobar Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 mpschultes@gmail.com			X	The "land use" was originally specified to keep the character of a neighborhood community. Changing it would greatly alter the zoning from its intentions and would not be beneficial for Coral Gables. I'm definitely opposed.
63.	03 15 11	Louan Zagarino			X	From: Louanzag@aol.com [mailto:Louanzag@aol.com]

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		731 Anastasia Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 louanzag@aol.com				Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2011 11:16 AM To: coejack@bellsouth.net; jeffreyf@flanagan-williard.com; robert@beharfont.com; jsalman@c3ts.com; eibi@bellsouth.net; patkeon@aol.com; wkerdyk@coralgables.com; wwithers@coralgables.com; whatmeworry535@gmail.com; rcabrera@coralgables.com; donslesnick@coralgables.com Cc: colazabal@coralgables.com; eriel@coralgables.com; psalerno@coralgables.com Subject: New Zoning for University Baptist Church Dear Zoning Board Members, Commissioners, Mayor, and City Manager. Sixty two years ago my mother and father built a house in this Neighborhood and raised my brother and me there. Presently my son and his wife live in this house and are raising their children there. So, for four generations we have lived happily with a church near by. When I was widowed I moved back to this lovely neighborhood. However, Sunset Academy/Academica have decided they should have a school of over 735 children there. The Commission turned them down and said they had to abide by the Ordinance of 1965 and the Covenant of 1977 which stated a pre-kindergarten - mothers day out for 110 children, and no leasing any part of the building. They sued the City in court and lost. So, now they are trying a different strategy. They would like to change the Comprehensive Plan of Coral Gables. Merrick himself deeded this land for a Church. They want to change it to Community Facility. This designation is so broad that even a jail or a utility plant could be put there. Probably for this reason, this designation has NEVER been used in Coral Gables. I feel that this neighborhood is NOT the place to try this out for the first time. To put this on the books with "restrictions" would be a very bad idea. This obviously does not work as the example of the Restrictive Covenant signed by the Church and the City in 1968 and the Ordinance signed in 1977 have not been followed. The fact that Coral Gables does not need another school, and that the number they are asking for would be a traffic nightmare, seem secondary to the overall situation of a Zoning Change. This change is unwarranted and would open a Pandora's Box. If this could happen here it could be just the beginning and could spread all over our beautiful City. This is not what we want in our Neighborhood, and I am sure no other Neighborhood would want it in theirs. Therefore I am asking you to please vote against a Zoning Change. Very sincerely, Louan Zagarino 731 Anastasia Ave, Coral Gables, FL 33134 305-447-2293 louanzag@aol.com
64.	03 15 11	Javier Figueras 720 Anastasia Avenue Coral Gables, FL			**X**	Attach, please find a letter concerning Somerset Gables. Thanks for you time, I remain, Javier Figueras

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65.	03 15 11	Martin Mendiola 3282 Riviera Drive Coral Gables, FL 33134 martin@mendiola.us			**X**	Attached you will find filled out copy of Hearing Notice. If you have questions or need additional information, do not hesitate to contact me. Comment: Please provide colored map showing neighbors who object vs. not object. I believe zoning issues require that notice be sent to neighbors within a certain distance from the property.

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66.	03 15 11	Mimi F. Martinez 4415 Monserrate Street Coral Gables, FL 33145			X	I'm opposed to any school expansion.
67.	03 16 11	Douglas Feltman & Gwenn McLaughn 627 Camilo Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 gmclaugh@med.miami.edu			X	There is no possible way to say that traffic on the surrounding streets will not be affected. The school should remain limited to the original land use restriction. These are quiet streets where even 3 more cars per hour is a major change from baseline. In addition, our street is in terrible disrepair and cannot bear additional traffic. This does nothing for tax base which is need for road repair etc.
68.	03 16 11	Maria T. Sosa 619 Camilo Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 mariateresasosa@aol.com			X	March 16, 2011 I, Maria T. Sosa, of 619 Camilo Avenue, Coral Gables, FL 33134, mariateresasosa@aol.com, do hereby OBJECT to the request of land use change application made by Somerset Grace Academy Charter School and the expansion of such school. I believe that the land use change requested by Somerset Grace Academy Charter School, along with it's request to expand to 735 students are changes that would negatively impact not only the surrounding neighborhood, but every Coral Gables neighborhood and resident. 1) A change in zoning would blatantly disregard the long-established covenant requiring any school at University Baptist to be run by the church and have a maximum of 110 students; 2) a change in zoning from "Religious/Institutional" to "Community Services and Facilities" (the first such designation in the history of Coral Gables) would open up endless possibilities for future commercial development on this property; 3) such a zoning change would encourage every other church and temple in Coral Gables to request a similar change in order to increase their revenue stream and property value; 4) other Coral Gables schools whose student bodies have been capped due to neighborhood concerns would re-apply under the new set of rules; 5) without any green space, it would not be too long before Somerset requests use of the Youth Center in order to provide their students the opportunity for health and well-being (this is exactly what Somerset has done in South Miami despite assurances that they would not); 6) the frequent evening school activities for 735 families would exacerbate the already-chaotic parking situations at the Library and the Youth Center during their prime hours. This is not simply a not-in-my backyard issue. Any expansion of Somerset Academy and/or change to the existing land use, would hold significant repercussions for the entire city of Coral Gables. Every resident should be aware of the precedent that such a change

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						would create, and the impact that it would have on everyone's future quality of life. Sincerely, Maria T. Sosa 619 Camilo Ave. Coral Gables, FL 33134 305-442-9611
69.	03 16 11	Juan Borges 760 Anastasia Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 jborges@biomedicalintl.com			X	By allowing 735 student to attend Somerset Charter School you will destroy the spirit of tranquility that the neighborhood now enjoys furthermore it is unacceptable that you have ever consider the issue. Please don't do it. Remember who elects you or your bosses. Cell 305-498-7289
70.	03 17 11	Valerie Robbin 730 Palermo Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 Flower8349@yahoo.com			X	I feel that jumping from 110 students to 735 students will definitely increase traffic on Segovia and surrounding side streets. It will also mean adding more people to the staff which will create a need for more parking. Since the church is used for Senior Citizen classes. Won't the enlarged school take away parking from the adult classes?
71.	03 17 11	George Diaz M. D. 616 Camilo Avenue Coral Gables, FL diazguma@gmail.com			X	This will destroy the neighborhood, the library & Youth Center to add 675 students. The parents of these kids are not capable of spending $ on their kids. If you want a private school education then take out your wallet. Don't do it on my dime or in my neighborhood!
72.	03 17 11	Floyd & Faith Karuse 641 Palmarito Court Coral Gables, FL 33134			X	

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73.	03 18 11	Paula King 720 Escobar Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134			X	720 Escobar Ave. Coral Gables FL 33134 March 15, 2011 Mr. Eric Riel, Jr. Planning Director City of Coral Gables 405 Biltmore Way, 2nd Floor Coral Gables, FL 33134 Dear Mr. Riel, As a long term resident of the City of Coral Gables, I want to express my opposition to the proposed change of land use being sought by Somerset Academy Gables/Academica. I believe that the proposed change of land use being south by Somerset Academy Gables/Academica is in direct violation of the language and intent of the 1968 covenant that runs with the land, as well as its subsequent 1977 Ordinance, which limits the property use to nursery school and a mother's day out program of not more than 110 children. The sought designation, "Community Facility," has never been used in the city of Coral Gables and would be a novel and untested experiment in the middle of a residential neighborhood. I ask that you vote against the proposed change. Sincerely, Paula King 720 Escobar Ave. Coral Gables, FL 33134 305.788.3203
74.	03 18 11	Vivian A. Sanchez 2515 IndianMound Trail Coral Gables, FL 33134 vsanchezg@aol.com			X	I vigorously oppose all proposed changes. The changes will significantly reduce & eliminate my ability to use Coral Gables infrastructure and services - roads, sidewalks, parks community center, etc. Coral Gables residents will clearly lose. My tax dollars will be used to benefit a few while deteriorating the quality of life we moved to Coral Gables to obtain.
75.	03 18 11	Francisco and Irma de la Camara 615 Escobar Avenue Coral Gables, FL Delacamara1@bellsouth.net			X	Not interested in the headache it would be for the increase from 110 students to 735 students. First of all there is not enough parking to accommodate so many students. People would be parking at Youth Center and library and residential homes in the area. Also the extra traffic would be a major disruption in a.m. and p.m. This area can not provide adequate facilities for the increased number of students.

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Planning and Zoning Board and City Commission Public Hearing Comments

Proposed Somerset Grace Academy Charter School - Change in Land Use, Conditional Use and Site Plan Review Applications - 624 Anastasia Avenue (University Baptist Church), Coral Gables, Florida

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76.	03 21 11	Val Gelnovatch vgelnovatch@tfgnet.com			X	March 20, 2011 Mr. Eric Riel, Jr. Planning Director City of Coral Gables 405 Biltmore Way, 2nd Floor Coral Gables, FL 33134 Ms. Carmen Olazabal Building & Zoning Director City of Coral Gables 405 Biltmore Way, 3rd Floor Coral Gables, FL 33134 Re: Opposition to Proposed Change of Land Use Dear Mr. Riel and Ms. Olazabal: As a resident of the City of Coral Gables, I want to express my opposition to the proposed change of land use being sought by Somerset Academy Gables/Academica. The proposed change of land use being sought by Somerset Academy Gables/Academica is in direct violation of the language and intent of the 1968 Covenant that runs with the land, as well as its subsequent 1977 Ordinance, which limits to property use to Nursery School and Mother's Day Out Program of not more than 110 children. The sought designation, "Community Facility," has never been used in the city of Coral Gables and would be a novel and untested experiment in the middle of a residential neighborhood. I strongly urge you to vote against the proposed change in land use. Please note, I am not asking you to oppose a charter school in Coral Gables, nor am I asking you to oppose Somerset Academy. Rather I urge you to vote against the proposed change in land use at the site in which the school is currently proposing to expand. If there is a current land use somewhere else within Coral Gables already set up to handle the size and needs of the school including traffic, parking etc, (without a land use change), and those surrounding residents support a charter school on that available land, then I would urge you to consider supporting that option, should that be available. Sincerely yours, Val Gelnovatch
77.	03 21 11	Evita Francuz 3419 Anderson Road		X		

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		Coral Gables, FL gfrancuz@comcast.net				
78.	03 21 11	Barry Golden and Judith Castro-Golden MD 3628 Harlano Street Judithgolden@bellsouth.net		X		As long as enrollment is for children, who live within the City of Coral Gables. Having moved to Coral Gables 6 years ago and not being able to enroll my children in an appropriate public school was frustrating. We need good schools, especially middle and highs schools, for our children in Coral Gables. Will not agree to the added traffic of children not living in Coral Gables.
79.	03 21 11	Silvia Perez Christopher King Stlph@hotmail.com			X	
80.	03 21 11	Gables Mayfair LLC 449 Anastasia souviron@bellsouth.net			X	735 students plus staff, Youth Center, Library, the traffic, noise, 735 students is not a good sign for the neighborhood.
81.	03 21 11	Maggie Guajardo Kurtz 718 Malaga Avenue Coral Gables, Florida 33134 maggie.kurtz@cushwake.com			X	From: Maggie Kurtz [mailto:Maggie.Kurtz@cushwake.com] Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 2:34 PM To: Riel, Eric Subject: FW: Somerset - Baptist United Church - upcoming zoning We have been residents on the same block for 26 years. We knew what was surrounding us and we had no problem with the Church, Youth Center and some apartment buildings. We feel the church and the City should abide by the Covenant and Ordinance that was made back in 1977 stating that "the property will be held as one tract, and not be leased or rented (separately)." University Baptist was specifically set up as a pre-kindergarten Nursery School and Mother's Day Out Program run by the Church. We feel the church and the City should abide by the Covenant and Ordinance that was made back in 1977 stating that "the property will be held as one tract, and not be leased or rented (separately)." It was specifically set up as a pre-kindergarten Nursery School and Mother's Day Out Program run by the Church. Somerset/Academica, as you know, went to court against the city to challenge this and lost. Why are we now considering modifying the zoning? We are obviously against this change and very disappointed that the city has allowed this to go as far as it has. Where Somerset got the idea they can come in and change the zoning as they are trying to do is beyond comprehension. It is vitally important that they do not make a zoning change for University Baptist Church. Many thanks Maggie Guajardo Kurtz 718 Malaga Avenue Coral Gables, Florida 33134 maggie.kurtz@cushwake.com tel 305.371.4411 fax 305.375.0056

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82.	03 21 11	Evelio C. Torres, M.P.A. President & CEO Early Learning Coalition		X[1]		

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February 3, 2011

The Honorable Maria Anderson
City of Coral Gables
405 Biltmore Way, 2nd Floor
Coral Gables, FL 33134

Dear Commissioner Anderson:

As a member of the Coral Gables business community, I am writing this letter in support of Somerset Gables. The Somerset schools add value to communities, children and families. I can personally attest to this because my eight year old son attends Somerset South Miami.

Somerset schools are good neighbors, have considerable parental involvement, are accountable to all stakeholders, and consistently achieve excellent academic outcomes for children. If demand - as evidenced by the long waiting lists - at the other Somerset schools is any indication, there should be no doubt that parents embrace the Somerset learning model. Parents want and children need Somerset Gables.

Allowing children to receive a high-quality education in their community is one of their most basic rights. This right should not be denied for any reason. Neighborhood schools are part of the American fabric and something we must continue to support for the sake of our children and the future our communities and our country. Somerset Gables should be a source of pride for the neighborhood and the city, not an inconvenience.

I am available to speak on behalf of the Somerset schools at any time. I request that you provide your full support to the expansion of Somerset Gables.

Thank you for your public service.

Sincerely,

Evelio C. Torres, M.P.A.
President & CEO

About the Early Learning Coalition: The Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe is one of the largest non-profits in Miami-Dade. The Coalition serves as an education funder and adds $185 million in federal, state, and private funding to the local economy annually. The Coalition's mission is to promote high-quality school readiness, voluntary pre-kindergarten and after school programs, thus increasing all children's chances of achieving future educational success and becoming productive members of society.

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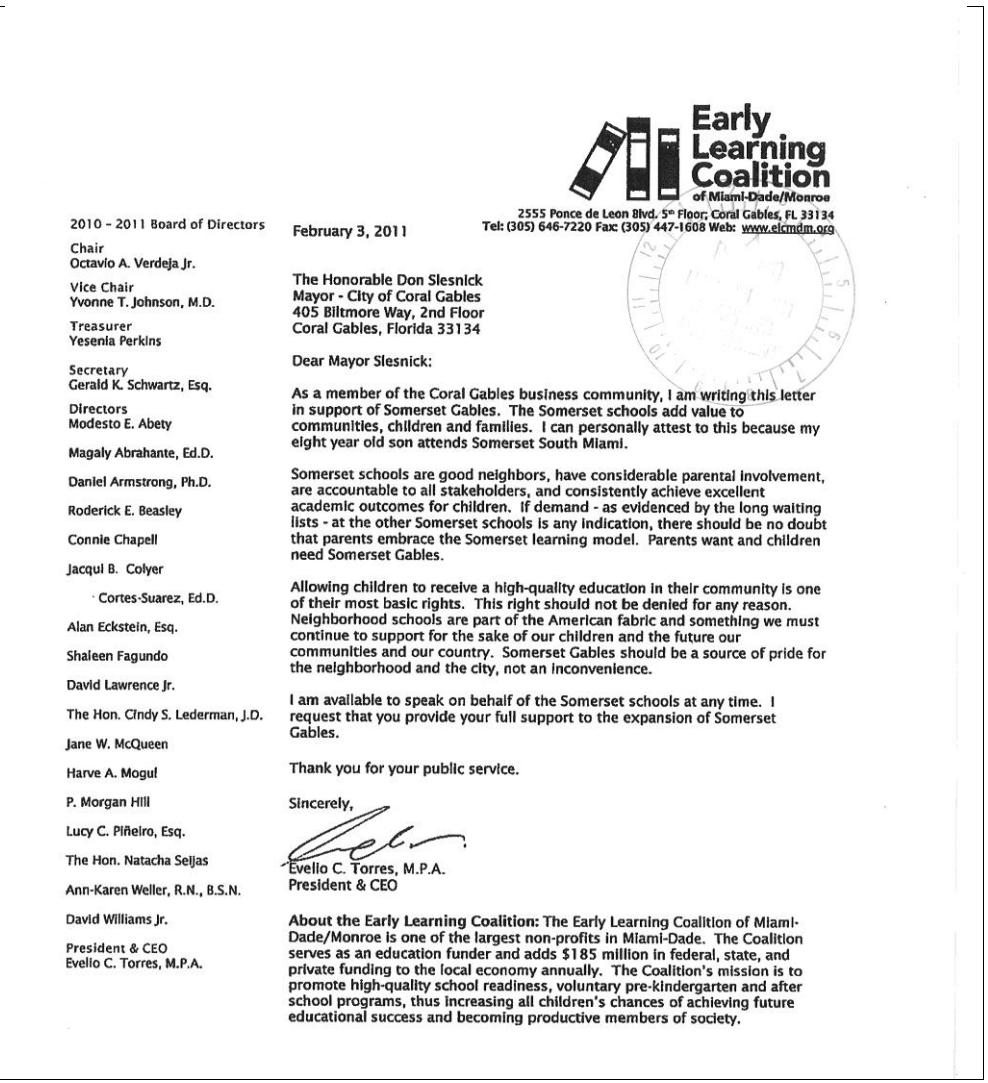
83.	03 21 11	Evelio C. Torres, M.P.A. President & CEO Early Learning Coalition		X[1]		

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February 3, 2011

The Honorable Don Slesnick
Mayor - City of Coral Gables
405 Biltmore Way, 2nd Floor
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Dear Mayor Slesnick:

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84.	03 21 11	Maria Rodriguez-Mena Coral Gables Neighborhood School Alliance		X		

CORAL GABLES
Neighborhood School Alliance

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

We want to thank everyone who attended the recent informational meeting about Somerset Gables, held at University Baptist Church. We appreciated the honest and fair dialogue. As a neighbor, supporter of the school, and member of the newly-formed Coral Gables Neighborhood School Alliance, I want to communicate on behalf of the new Alliance why Somerset Gables is so important to our community, as well as share some facts that may still be unclear.

For those neighbors who took the opportunity to tour University Baptist's facilities, I am sure you will agree that space is more than adequate to meet the needs of the proposed student body.

The total number of students Somerset Gables seeks for the proposed K-8 public charter school, inclusive of the already-open pre-school, is 735 students. There were some who thought the number exceeded 1,000, but that is not accurate.

As members of the Alliance, we are also neighbors and certainly want the area minimally impacted. As the most discussed topic at the meeting was traffic, one of the speakers did convey that a traffic study was conducted by a seasoned traffic engineering firm with significant educational facilities experience.

The study found that University Baptist's facilities can accommodate up to 735 students arriving and dismissing in two and three shifts, respectively. This mean that cars will not affect the adjacent streets during the school's drop off and pick up times.

It was also apparent at the meeting that many of the parents who wish to enroll their children at Somerset Gables – should approval for additional students be realized from the City of Coral Gables – plan to walk to the school.

As charter schools are allowed to limit enrollment to students residing within a reasonable distance of a school, a vast majority of Somerset Gables students would live minutes from the facility. This not only further mitigates traffic, but lends itself to a true neighborhood school, much like we all yearn for.

We desire the best public school education for our children. Many of us with school age children moved to or remain in Coral Gables for that reason. Unfortunately, the two closest public elementary schools in our neighborhood – Coral Gables Elementary and Sunset Elementary – are beyond full capacity. An additional public elementary school in our community, especially one with such a stellar reputation, is an absolute need.

We encourage Coral Gables residents and those interested in learning more about Somerset Gables to visit the school's website (www.somersetgables.com). Should you have any questions or are interested in joining the Coral Gables Neighborhood School Alliance, please email us at gablesalliance@gmail.com.

We thank you for your interest in public education.

Sincerely,

Mara Rodriguez-Mena
Coral Gables Neighborhood School Alliance

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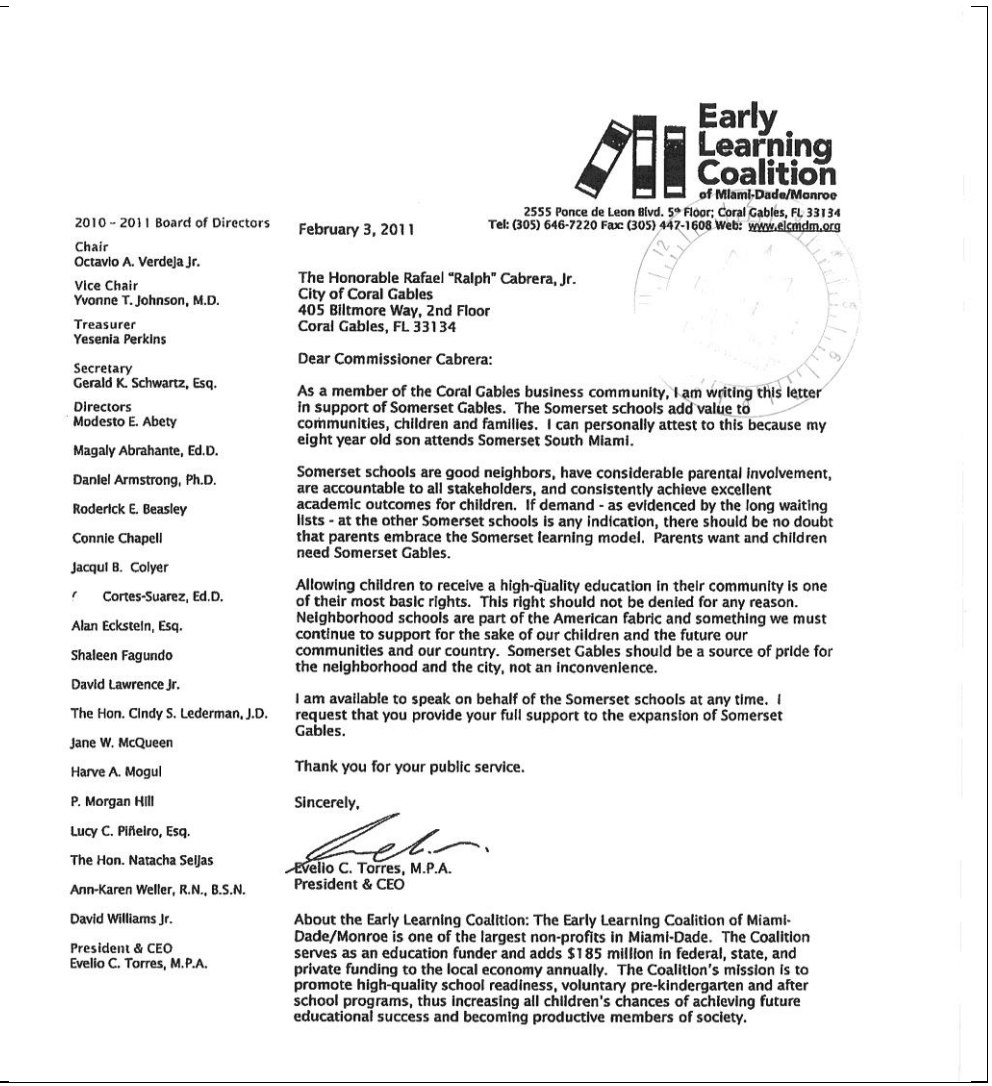
85.	03 21 11	Evelio C. Torres, M.P.A. President & CEO Early Learning Coalitin		X[1]		

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The Honorable Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.
City of Coral Gables
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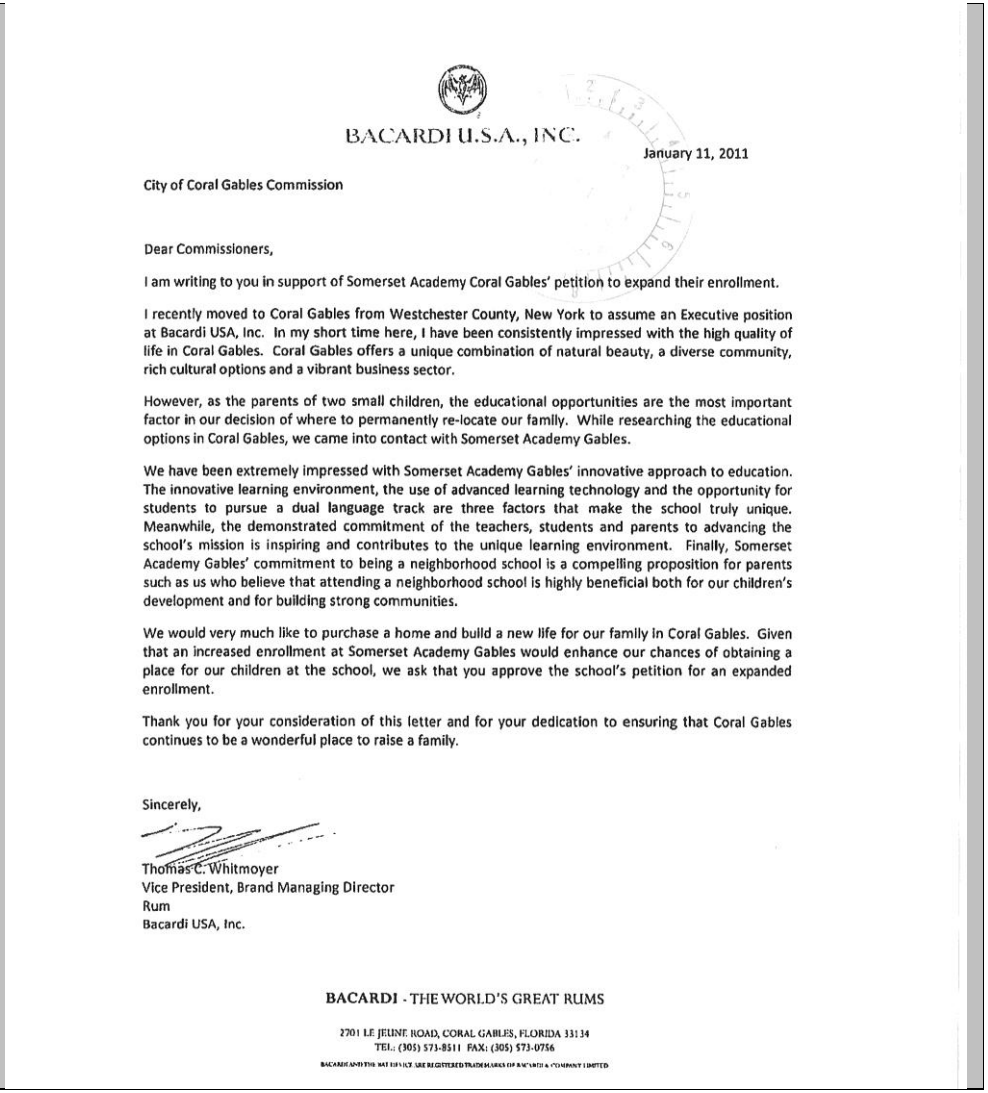
86.	03 21 11	Thomas C. Whitmoyer VP, Brand Managing Director Bacardi USA, Inc.		X		

BACARDI U.S.A., INC.

January 11, 2011

City of Coral Gables Commission

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to you in support of Somerset Academy Coral Gables' petition to expand their enrollment.

I recently moved to Coral Gables from Westchester County, New York to assume an Executive position at Bacardi USA, Inc. In my short time here, I have been consistently impressed with the high quality of life in Coral Gables. Coral Gables offers a unique combination of natural beauty, a diverse community, rich cultural options and a vibrant business sector.

However, as the parents of two small children, the educational opportunities are the most important factor in our decision of where to permanently re-locate our family. While researching the educational options in Coral Gables, we came into contact with Somerset Academy Gables.

We have been extremely impressed with Somerset Academy Gables' innovative approach to education. The innovative learning environment, the use of advanced learning technology and the opportunity for students to pursue a dual language track are three factors that make the school truly unique. Meanwhile, the demonstrated commitment of the teachers, students and parents to advancing the school's mission is inspiring and contributes to the unique learning environment. Finally, Somerset Academy Gables' commitment to being a neighborhood school is a compelling proposition for parents such as us who believe that attending a neighborhood school is highly beneficial both for our children's development and for building strong communities.

We would very much like to purchase a home and build a new life for our family in Coral Gables. Given that an increased enrollment at Somerset Academy Gables would enhance our chances of obtaining a place for our children at the school, we ask that you approve the school's petition for an expanded enrollment.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter and for your dedication to ensuring that Coral Gables continues to be a wonderful place to raise a family.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Patrick G. Salerno, City Manager
City of Coral Gables
405 Biltmore Way, 2nd Floor
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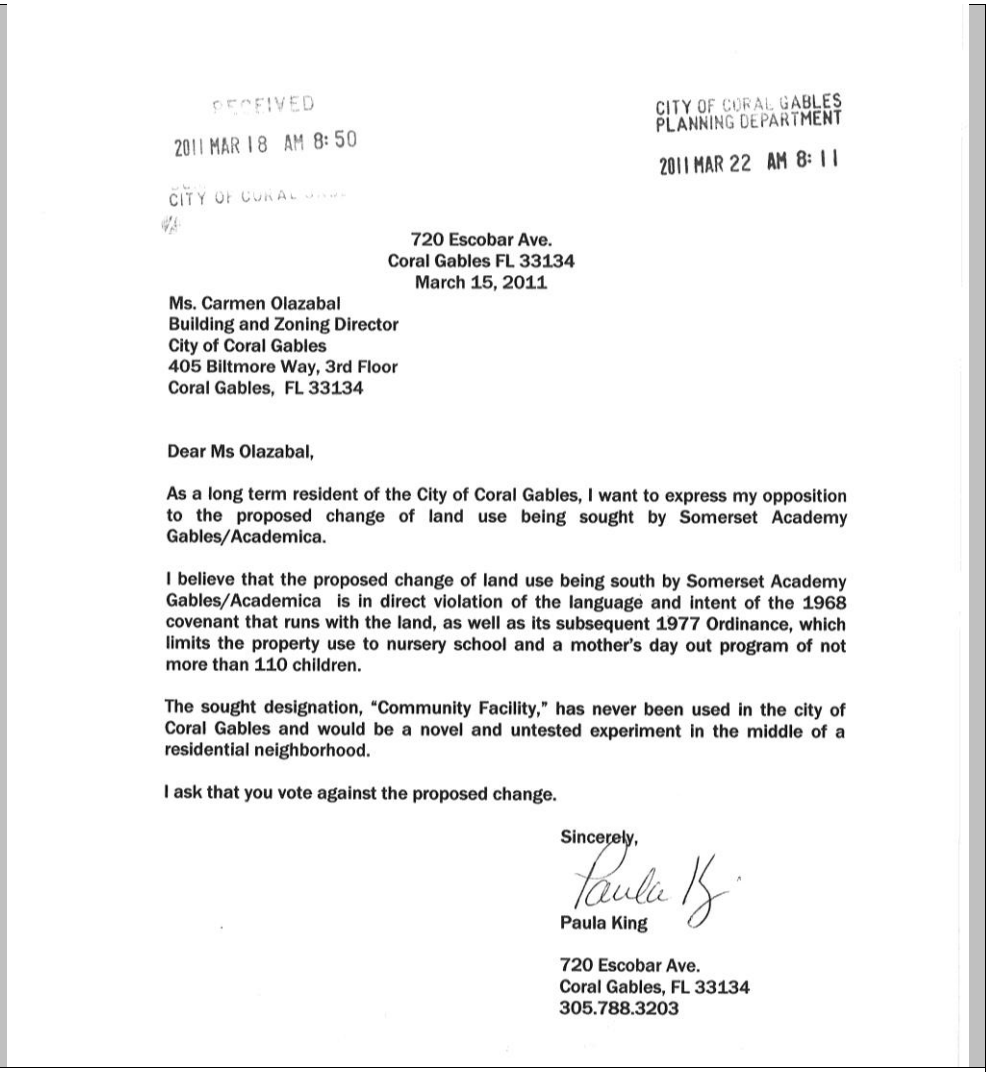
90.	03 22 11	Paula King 720 Escobar Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134			X	
91.	03 22 11	Franciso Porro 627 Aledo Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33149			X	I do not want EXCESSIVE traffic in my neighborhood; a school w/700 children, I can assure you the traffic will be caotic! I pay my taxes for a quiet beautiful lovely neighborhood – Lets keep it that way!
92.	03 22 11	Frances Reese 746 Malaga Avenue			X	

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93.	03 22 11	Jennifer Kaufman 1805 Ferdinand Street Coral Gables, FL 33134			X	
94.	03 22 11	Carol Ann Lane 880 San Pedro Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33156 carolalane@bellsouth.net			X	
95.	03 21 11	John G. & Pamela A. Admire 730 San Esteban Avenue Coral Gables, FL Scarlet107@aol.com			X	
96.	03 21 11	Susan J. Stanton 931 San Pedro Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33156 spstanton@comcast.net			X	
97.	03 21 11	Jose A. & Miriam R. Garcia 840 Anastasia Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 Mika0331@aol.com				We will be directly impacted by any change of this area and ordinance of use. As we have stated before we want my City to grow its commerce and remain the City Beautiful. Our schools are good schools and we do not need additional institutions as such. Our existing schools need the same handouts that private entities are receiving from our government. Support our system of education.
98.	03 21 11	Ernesto & Beatriz Guerra 3665 Toledo Street Coral Gables, Fl 33134 BDguerra@att.net		X		We believe that the school expansion is beneficial & necessary for the neighborhood and will not negatively impact traffic or other quality of life issues.
99.	03 22 11	Michael Mariutto 3703 Segovia Street Coral Gables, FL mgmitalia@gmail.com			X	This is a residential neighborhood, and it is absolutely NOT appropriate to have a school of this size in our quiet & peaceful community. The street & the infrastructure were not designed for this usage, and it should NOT be allowed in this area.
100.	03 22 11	Graciela Rodriguez 615 Santander Avenue Unit E Coral Gables, FL 33134 chelafranco@aol.com			X	I object to having a charter school at the above address because first and foremost, it will devalue the properties surrounding, it will create traffic and interfere with parking in the surrounding areas. I moved to this area because of the quietness it offered, not to be next to a charter school that would cater well over 700 students.
101.	03 23 11	Thor W. Bruce 3252 Riviera Drive Thor.bruce@comcast.net			X	1. Excessively broad - includes too many uses. 2. Protective covenants don't work. City of Coral Gables does not enforce existing covenant prohibiting UBC from renting its facilities. 3. Bad precedent – too many similar situated properties. 4. Traffic problems – Take a look at Little Flower School.
102.	03 23 11	Adalis and Francisco Garcia 3131 Segovia Street			X	The news that the Somerset Academy will be occupy the University Baptist Church premises located on Segovia Street and Anastasia Ave was received with disbelief and profound discontent. Disbelieve that the city commissioners would consider and would even allow a

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103.	03 23 11	Robert A. & Robin V. Burr 314 Romano Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 Robin.burr@gmail.com			X	
104.	03 23 11	Dr. & Mrs. Octavio B. Carreno 919 Escobar Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134			X	We admire and congratulate the Somerset Grace Academy Charter School for the records achieved as a high performing school for 14 yrs. We believe they should continue such a magnificent work BUT AT A DIFFERENT ADDRESS away from a residential City that already has, other schools, the Biltmore Hotel etc in the middle of our tranquility – We strongly oppose the new plan to accommodate 735 students as it is applied for.
105.	03 23 11	Robert L. Hatfield & Judith E. Hatfield 3400 Anderson Road Coral Gables, FL 33134 jjofcg@bellsouth.net			X	We believe it is not only a mistake but it is wrong to amend the Future Land Use map to change to Community Services & Facilities to enable the applicants to secure a change that would not have been permitted except for this backdoor maneuver to cram this bloated school down the throats of the neighbors. This is strictly a power plan by well funded special interests (backed by the parents of students to be, who want a good school no matter where it is located) who are able to out flank a weak & vacillating commission.

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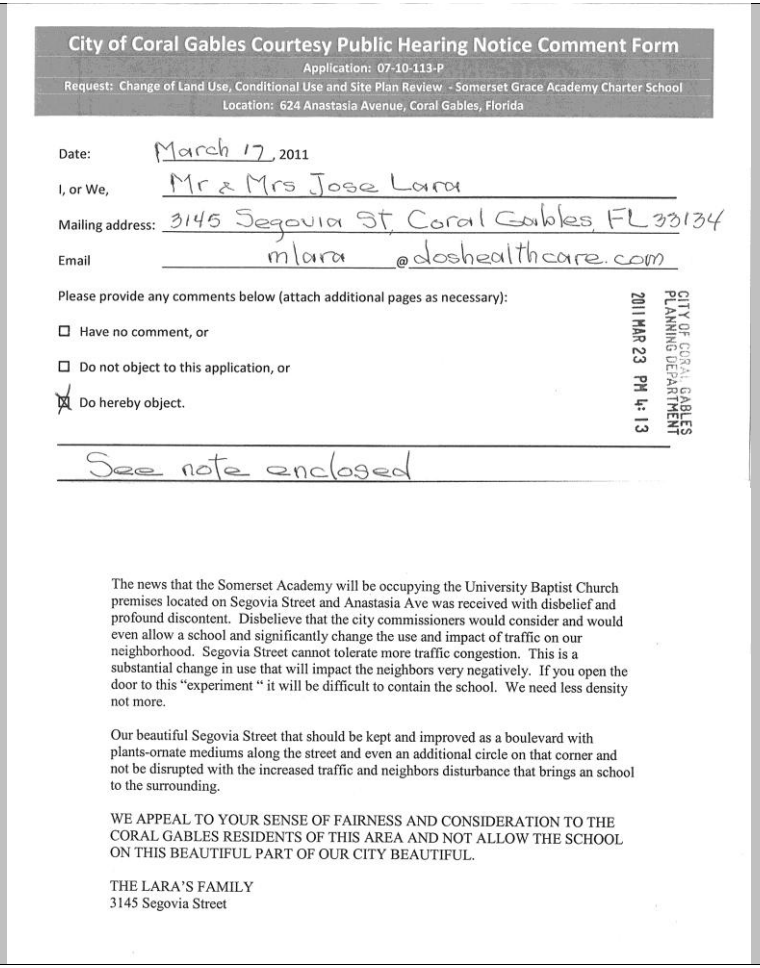
106.	03 23 11	Mr. & Mrs. Jose Lara 3145 Segovia Street Coral Gables, FL 33134 mlara@doshealthcare.com			X	
107.	03 25 11	Kemal Rajib & Ann Rajib 6901 Capilla Street Coral Gables, FL 33146			X	Zone laws are designed to protect property owenr amendments made for special intensity shoud not be permitted without approval of the tax payers (all)
108.	03 28 11	Eileen R. Smith 706 Palermo Avenue Eileenrs@bellsouth.net			X	Expansion of Somerset will bring numerious cars to Segovia Avenue and adjoining streets. The back-up of cars waiting during drop off and pick-up times will cause delays for commuters. The elegant and stately avenue that is now Segovia will look like an inner-city traffic jam. School activities during the day, evenings, and weekends will also bring about the chaotic congestion when735 families attend. Contribuing to even more congestion will be the lining up of school buses or "kid movers". The noise and exhaust that will be

City of Coral Gables Courtesy Public Hearing Notice Comment Form
Application: 07-10-113-P
Request: Change of Land Use, Conditional Use and Site Plan Review - Somerset Grace Academy Charter School
Location: 624 Anastasia Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida

Date: March 17, 2011
I, or We, Mr & Mrs Jose Lara
Mailing address: 3145 Segovia St, Coral Gables, FL 33134
Email mlara @doshealthcare.com

Please provide any comments below (attach additional pages as necessary):

☐ Have no comment, or
☐ Do not object to this application, or
☒ Do hereby object.

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Our beautiful Segovia Street that should be kept and improved as a boulevard with plants-ornate mediums along the street and even an additional circle on that corner and not be disrupted with the increased traffic and neighbors disturbance that brings an school to the surrounding.

WE APPEAL TO YOUR SENSE OF FAIRNESS AND CONSIDERATION TO THE CORAL GABLES RESIDENTS OF THIS AREA AND NOT ALLOW THE SCHOOL ON THIS BEAUTIFUL PART OF OUR CITY BEAUTIFUL.

THE LARA'S FAMILY
3145 Segovia Street

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						generated by the car line are other factors that will erode the tranquility of our residential streets. Delivery trucks coming and going wil also contribute to even more disruption. Another problem comes about when cars park on the lawns of adjacent homes when the school's parking lot is full. These residential will find themselves frequently replacing sections of their lawn since even a brief, sudden downpour will make it wasy for cars to tear up the grass as they come and go. I STRONGLY OBJECT TO THIS EXPANSION.
109.	03 28 11	Obie T. Smith 706 Palermo Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 obiesmith@bellsouth.net			X	The church, University Baptist, has been at that location for quite a few years. Demographically, most of its members come from outside Coral Gables. So the church isn't serving needs of the Coral Gables community. The Somerset Charter School wants to use chruch property, tax-free, to educate children who do not live in Coral Gables. The traffic, at critical times in the day, will be extreme for the neighborhood (I live 5 blocks from the Church). With the scheduled reduction in traffic lanes on Segovia, the traffic will be that much worse for residents. Given the restricted environs in the neighborhood, this does not bode well for residents in the Country Club section of Coral Gables. Somerset says a pre-school on its own is not viable. It wants to offer classes through 8th grade. How many years will it be before Somerset then expands to offer classes through 12th grade? This project is like cancer. If not treated aggressively, it will progressively erode the quality of residential life in the surrounding neighborhoods.
110.	03 28 11	Margarita Alvarez 3410 LeJeune Road eddiealvarez@att.net			X	I reside at 3410 Le Jeune Rd. I totally Object to the expansion of the school. Traffic would become difficult and streets would be blocked to accommodate the in and out of the school. Also schools tend to have children hanging out on the streets. Thank you, Margarita Alvarez
111.	03 28 11	Ana Arango Alvarez 3412 Le Jeune Road Ama-ea@att.net			X	I live at 3412 Le Jeune Rd. I object to the school expansion. Traffic would increase n the neighborhood and streets would get blocked. Also a hazard for children on a main road (Segovia). Thank you, Ana Arango Alvarez
112.	03 28 11	Martin G. Cerda 511 Cadima Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134			X	Dear Sir Or Madame, Please see the attached letter voicing our concern regading the proposed changes related to the University Baptist Church parcel of land in my neighborhood and kindly confirm receipt. Thank you,

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						March 28, 2011 City of Coral Gables Planning Department 405 Biltmore Way Coral Gables, FL 33134 Dear Sir or Madame: My family and I strongly oppose the proposed expansion of Somerset Grace Charter School of Coral Gables. We have lived in the same home in this neighborhood for the past 19 years and it is clear to me that the area cannot support a school with up to a maximum of 735 students. The quality of life in this area is already adversely affected by the near proximity of Coral Gables High School, Youth Center, Coral Gables Library, and University Baptist Church. Frankly, I am disappointed that University Baptist Church has decided to expand and/or revise its role and purpose in our community after the patience many in our neighborhood have demonstrated over the years with the traffic and parking situation. In addition, I do not see the need for another school in the area. I have two teenagers at a private high school right now who also attended private lower and middle schools and know for sure that I would not have used such a proposed school even if within walking distance, for it does not meet the academic standard and heritage available to us at nearby private schools. Again, we strongly oppose the applications submitted and urge our city leaders to deny this request for the sake of the quality of life in the neighborhood and because we do not need another school in the area. Sincerely, Martin G. Cerda 511 Cadima Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134
113.	03 28 11	Dominique Stauffer 625 Malaga Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 Dominique96@line.com			X	
114.	03 29 11	Sandra Murado			X	From: Sandra Murado <sandra@muradolaw.com> Date: March 29, 2011 6:58:52 AM GMT-04:00 To: eriel@coralgables.com Subject: OPPOSITION TO ZONING CHANGE ON UBC PROPERTY Mr. Riel:

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						My name is Sandra Murado and I, on behalf of my family, who reside in Coral Gables, wish to express OUR ABSOLUTE OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE being considered for the property on which University Baptist Church is situated. My family and I do not live in the vicinity of the school, but will be directly impacted by any change of zoning on that property, since in the end, it affects all City of Coral Gables residents and the community at large. I will be at the upcoming April 27, 2011 and plan to present all of my reasons for such a drastic and unnecessary change to the Comprehensive Plan. Sandra I. Murado, Attorney Law Offices of Sandra I. Murado, P.A. 901 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Suite 504 Coral Gables, Florida 33134 Tel. (305) 448-4300 Fax (305) 448-0600 www.muradolaw.com
115.	03 29 11	Patricia H. Clarke Julio M. Clarke 1001 Sunset Drive Coral Gables, FL 33143 plhclarke@aol.com			**X**	From: "Patricia H. Clarke" <plhclarke@aol.com> Date: March 29, 2011 7:51:58 AM GMT-04:00 To: "colazabal@coralgables.com" <colazabal@coralgables.com>, Coral Gables city <eriel@coralgables.com> Subject: Sommerset School To Whom it May Concern, Please do not bend or change the rules regarding zoning or re-zoning the property of the Baptist Church as is requested by Somerset School and the lawyers hired by Somerset. Please do not create a more congested traffic situation than already exists. Please keep our neighborhoods harmonious of business, government and citizens young, older and those growing older. We love our city beautiful, please govern to keep it as such. Thank you for your help and action. Patricia H. Clarke Julio M. Clarke 1001 Sunset Dr. Coral Gables, FL 33143
116.	03 29 11	Marta Fernandez 170 Solano Prado Coral Gables, FL 33156			**X**	From: marta fernandez [mailto:marticafernandez@mac.com] Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 9:42 AM To: Olazabal, Carmen

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						Subject: rezoning Coral Gables Church Dear Mr Colazabal: Im a resident of Coral Gables for over 30 years and I oppose the rezoning of the Congregational Church to expand the school to 900 students. I think that is the wrong area to have a school as large. Sincerely, Marta N Fernandez 170 Solano Prado Coral Gables, Fla 33156.
117.	03 29 11	Sandra Pollack 1025 Anastasia Avenue Sandrajimpollack@aol.com			X[1]	From: Sandrajimpollack@aol.com [mailto:Sandrajimpollack@aol.com] Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 10:43 AM To: Riel, Eric Subject: Fwd: PLease save our neighborhood I pray you will help my neighbors and my community. _____ From: Sandrajimpollack@aol.com To: colazabal@coralgables.com Sent: 3/29/2011 10:40:42 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time Subj: PLease save our neighborhood I have been living at 1025 Anastasia Avenue for more than 40 years. The traffic has only increased during these years and I can understand that progress has created this situation. However, we are homeowners and want to maintain some dignity and pride in our community. Somerset Academy requesting an increase for more than 700 students will create even more havoc with traffic. I now have to contend with ambulances going to Miami Childrens Hospital, city trucks maintaining the Biltmore golf course, Biltmore traffic with events, tour buses etc, school traffic, services and events from St Theresa and Coral Gables Community Church. At certain hours of the day I now have difficulty driving out of my driveway because of the traffic already on Anastasia. I can understand the need for the above but NOT for an additional school when we have Coral Gables Elementary and South Miami for students. I know education is important for our youth and I am all for it but a school increase in capacity or change of zoning for UBC is NOT the answer. There is not even a playground for students. The building was zoned for 107 students and changing that or any other change from a church will open the doors to anything being acceptable in our community. We have many other needs in this area such as a meeting place for Seniors, and that has already been taken away from us.

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118.	03 29 11	Sandra Pollack 1025 Anastasia Avenue sandrajimpollack@aol.com			X[1]	From: Sandrajimpollack@aol.com [mailto:Sandrajimpollack@aol.com] Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 10:41 AM To: Olazabal, Carmen Subject: PLease save our neighborhood I have been living at 1025 Anastasia Avenue for more than 40 years. The traffic has only increased during these years and I can understand that progress has created this situation. However, we are homeowners and want to maintain some dignity and pride in our community. Somerset Academy requesting an increase for more than 700 students will create even more havoc with traffic. I now have to contend with ambulances going to Miami Childrens Hospital, city trucks maintaining the Biltmore golf course, Biltmore traffic with events, tour buses etc, school traffic, services and events from St Theresa and Coral Gables Community Church. At certain hours of the day I now have difficulty driving out of my driveway because of the traffic already on Anastasia. I can understand the need for the above but NOT for an additional school when we have Coral Gables Elementary and South Miami for students. I know education is important for our youth and I am all for it but a school increase in capacity or change of zoning for UBC is NOT the answer. There is not even a playground for students. The building was zoned for 107 students and changing that or any other change from a church will open the doors to anything being acceptable in our community. We have many other needs in this area such as a meeting place for Seniors, and that has already been taken away from us. I beg of you NOT to consider approval of any request in zoning changes for University Baptist Church and do NOT increase more traffic in an area where streets now have such high volume. (Segovia, Anastasia etc.) Help my neighbors any me, as residents of Coral Gables, to maintain some privacy and pride in our neighborhood. Thank you.
119.	03 29 11	Eric Jones Epjones123@aol.com			X	From: Eric Jones [mailto:epjones123@aol.com] Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 11:47 AM To: Olazabal, Carmen Subject: Somerset I would like to go on record objecting to the zoning changes being offered by the Somerset school.

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						Eric Jones Coral Gables
120.	03 29 11	Vivian Rosado 3235 Riviera Drive Coral Gables, FL lexlawvr@bellsouth.net			X	Despite the zoning of the property in question, it was Somerset's intent to have 700+ students at that location. Not withstanding what Somerset says about the NON impact on the market values of the nearby homes or the NON impact of traffic on the neighborhood, I did not buy in this neighborhood to have a school operating at a 700+ capacity, and I urge you to NOT GRANT the Special Use requested by Somerset.
121.	03 29 11	Jose N. Palacios & Katherine Palacios 3416 Riviera Court Coral Gables, FL			X	We don't want more traffic & noise. This request for zoning change is just the ifrst of many requests and that means that if we don't stop it now, we'll be looking at a major problem/inconvenience down the road. There's plenty of land/properties outside Coral Gables where this and other academies can be set up.
122.	03 29 11	Hans & Sonia Viertl 730 Anastasia Avenue			X	In point "1" line 2 – you use the language …pursuant to Small Scale amendment procedures…" This is by no means a small amendment, this is an issue that will affect the lives of a neighborhood. How can one believe or imagine that the attendance of 735 students, staff, administration, security, kitchen etc. –would be a small scale impact on our daily lives – someoneis definitely living in a utopic world – Truly, I believe that you will do what is right for this neighborhood and oppose this change of land use & zoning.
123.	03 29 11	Kalle & Jane Patrick 1117 Castile Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 info@wisdomforwork.com			X	
124.	03 29 11	Frank Palmeri 820 Anastasia Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 frankapalmeri@aol.com			X	There is no need for such a large charter school which wil alter and compromise the historic and sensible zoning and character of this neighborhood.
125.	03 29 11	Judy Pruitt 827 Navarre Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 Jpruitt3rd@aol.com			X	Do not change the zoning!
126.	03 29 11	Linda L. Flores 4150 Monserrate Street Coral Gables, FL 33146 pagones@mac.com			X	
127.	03 29 11	Louise Petrine 611 San Juan Drive			X	
128.	03 29 11	Mary E. Burke 1243 Asturia Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 burkemarge@bellsouth.net			X	Do hereby object to zoning change.
129.	03 29 11	Louan Zagarino 731 Anastasia Avenue			X	I strongly object to any zoning change to the Comprehensive Plan of Coral Gables.

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		Coral Gables, FL 33134 louanzag@aol.com				
130.	03 29 11	Marta M. Fernandez 170 Solano Prado Coral Gables, FL 33156 marticafernandez@mac.com			X	Do not change the zoning.
131.	03 29 11	Barbara C. Bryant 520 Cadima Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134		X		I have had this home more than 20 years. When Dan Yeary was Pstor of the Baptist Church (with more than 4,000 members) there were a lot more cars at every church service. I am confident the neighborhood and the school will be able to work together.
132.	03 30 11	William & Mina P. Schultes 740 Escobar Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 Brokerbill796@gmail.com			X	Adamantly oppose! This will reduce property values in the area in addition increase both traffic and noise congestion.
133.	03 30 11	Elizabeth D. Cozced 1148 Alhambra Circle Coral Gables, FL 33134	X		X	
134.	03 30 11	Victoria M. Orr 829 Navarre Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 vmorr@att.net			X	
135.	03 30 11	Joseph A. Loesch 726 Santander Ave. Coral Gables, Florida Joseph.loesch123@gmail.com			X[1]	From: Joseph Loesch <joseph.loesch123@gmail.com> Date: March 30, 2011 5:04:51 PM GMT-04:00 To: eriel@coralgables.com Subject: Re: Somerset Academy Dear Mr. Riel: I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed expansion of the Somerset Academy. Such an expansion would have a serious negative impact on the surrounding neighborhood and our quality of life. A school of the size requested by Somerset does not fit in the small space proposed in the middle of our residential neighborhood. The traffic patterns will greatly increase traffic in a quiet residential neighborhood, and not just during drop-off and pick-up times. School activities will certainly continue throughout the day and evening. Additionally, parking space at the UBC facility is limited and will likely not accommodate the staff and visitors to the school. This attempt to establish a "Community Services and Facilities" zone is a clear violation of the Restrictive Covenant signed in 1968 by the UBC that is supposed to be binding upon the successors to the trustees signing the Covenant. That Covenant indicates that the UBC is legally restricted from leasing church property for commercial purposes. Now UBC wishes to break that Covenant expressly for commercial purposes.

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136.	03 30 11	Janet Q. Festinger			X	From: Janet Festinger <jqf616@bellsouth.net> To: Olazabal, Carmen Sent: Wed Mar 30 17:39:38 2011 Subject: Somerset School This is very unfair for the neighbors in the area. The Gables cannot forget what has made thie community so desirable Janet Q. Festinger
137.	03 30 11	Joseph A. Loesch 726 Santander Avenue Coral Gables, FL Joseph.loeach123@gmail.com			X[1]	From: Joseph Loesch <joseph.loesch123@gmail.com> To: Olazabal, Carmen Sent: Wed Mar 30 17:03:55 2011 Subject: Re: Somerset Academy Dear Ms. Olazabal: I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed expansion of the Somerset Academy. Such an expansion would have a serious negative impact on the surrounding neighborhood and our quality of life. A school of the size requested by Somerset does not fit in the small space proposed in the middle of our residential neighborhood. The traffic patterns will greatly increase traffic in a quiet residential neighborhood, and not just during drop-off and pick-up times. School activities will certainly continue throughout the day and evening. Additionally, parking space at the UBC facility is limited and will likely not accommodate the staff and visitors to the school. This attempt to establish a "Community Services and Facilities" zone is a clear violation of the Restrictive Covenant signed in 1968 by the UBC that is supposed to be binding upon the successors to the trustees signing the Covenant. That Covenant indicates that the UBC is legally restricted from leasing church property for commercial purposes. Now UBC wishes to break that Covenant expressly for commercial purposes. Somerset could and should find another location elsewhere in a more appropriate section of town.

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138.[1]	03 30 11	Janet Nostro 728 Catalonia Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 nostro@comcast.net			X	March 31, 2011 I, Janet Miller Nostro, 728 Catalonia Avenue, Coral Gables, FL nostro@comcast.net I do hereby object to the proposed change in land use for the property at University Baptist Church. Although I understand the need to expand public schooling options in Coral Gables, University Baptist Church is not the proper location. Not only is the church in a quiet residential area, the facility itself is not conducive to handle 735 students without extreme hardship to the surrounding neighborhood. In comparison, Coral Gables Preparatory Academy, formerly known as Coral Gables Elementary, has 608 students. Likewise, George Washington Carver located east of the highway in the Gables has 528 students and Henry S. West Laboratory School located next to the UM campus has 231 students. Each of these schools is situated on a tract of land on a major thoroughfare with ample parking for both parents and staff. Each school has a safe pick-up and drop-off system which does not hinder the surrounding neighborhood. The mega school proposed by Somerset would be far larger than any of the other existing public schools in the Gables. It has none of the attributes that the existing public schools have and should not be located on this site. A school of this magnitude simply does not belong in our quiet residential neighborhood. Certainly, there are plenty of properties in the urban core of the city where a school of this magnitude could be located. The Coral Gables Planning and Zoning Board would be wise to look to the past and adhere to the spirit of the 1977 measure which capped enrollment at 110 students at University Baptist Church. Janet Nostro 728 Catalonia Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 305-444-1625 Nostro@comcast.net

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139.	03 31 11	Joe Loesch Joseph.loesch123@gmail.com			X	Sirs: Please find attached the Comment Form objecting to the expansion of the Somerset Charter School. Thank you, Joe Loesch

City of Coral Gables Courtesy Public Hearing Notice Comment Form

Application: 07-10-113-P

Request: Change of Land Use, Conditional Use and Site Plan Review - Somerset Grace Academy Charter School

Location: 624 Anastasia Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida

Date: 31 March, 2011

I, or (We), Joseph A. Loesch / Tang Mui Lee

Mailing address: 726 Santander Ave, Coral Gables, Florida 33134

Email joseph.loesch123@gmail.com

Please provide any comments below (attach additional pages as necessary):

☐ Have no comment, or

☐ Do not object to this application, or

☒ Do hereby object.

We are opposed to the proposed expansion of the Somerset Academy. Such an expansion would have a serious negative impact on the surrounding neighborhood and our quality of life. A school of the size requested by Somerset does not fit in the small space proposed in the middle of our residential neighborhood. The traffic patterns will greatly increase traffic in a quiet residential neighborhood, and not just during drop-off and pick-up times. School activities will certainly continue throughout the day and evening. Additionally, parking space at the UBC facility is limited and will likely not accommodate the staff and visitors to the school.

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Joseph A Loesch

(Signature)

Sincerely,

Planning Department

City of Coral Gables, Florida

Return this form to the somersetcharterschoolcomments@coralgables.com or the Planning Department, 405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, Florida 33134 - Fax: 305.460.5327

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140.	03 31 11	Carla Crossno crossno@unitedwaymiami.org		X		March 31, 2011 Dear Friend, I am writing in support of Somerset Gables. As a resident of Coral Gables with school-aged children, I consider the issue of education to be paramount—and the one that will be the basis on which I will vote in the coming election. The public education options in Coral Gables, and beyond, are currently insufficient for demand. As an example, my son, Tommy Gillette was placed 185th and 233rd on waiting lists during the kindergarten magnet application process last year, at Henry West Lab and Ada Merritt, respectively. This year, we are again on a waiting list, this time at Sunset Elementary and Ada Merritt for first grade. Unfortunately, I do not know his place on those waiting lists, but nonetheless, another anxious cycle is taking its course with an unknown outcome. Beyond the magnet application process, we participated in the Gables controlled choice process last year and were placed on the waiting list at Sunset. Ultimately, Tommy did not receive a slot at Sunset and we were directed to Carver Elementary. Unfortunately, the educational offering and test scores at Carver are not comparable to those at Sunset. As a result, my husband and I placed our son at a private school so that he could have a rich educational experience. While this is my personal story, this is an angst-ridden scenario playing out at homes across the Gables and our broader community. You may be asking yourself why this matters to you. It should matter to you for a couple of reasons. o If families with school–aged children cannot find acceptable primary education for their children—in sufficient quantity to meet demand—in the Gables, they will seek these options elsewhere. In places like Pinecrest, Key Biscayne and Coconut Grove, where controlled choice lotteries do not dictate the educational fate of their children. Or perhaps they will leave Florida all together, seeking a locale with both good educational options and more affordable housing. In either case, the Gables will lose mid-career, tax paying residents. This means fewer families will sell first homes to buy bigger homes in the Gables—fewer people will be eating in Gables restaurants, fewer will frequent local shops. o Our collective future is dependent on our ability to educate ALL of our children. Not just yours, not just mine, ALL children. If one out of three children do not graduate from high school this will affect all of us. If you are a homeowner, it means fewer buyers that will ever be interested in purchasing your home. If you are a business owner, it means fewer customers will ever buy your product or service. Perhaps it also means that your home and business are more vulnerable to crime, because if individuals in our community

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						do not have high quality options throughout their school-aged years, they may become financially unstable and may make destructive or criminal decisions in the future—and your family or your business may be a victim of their acts. Beyond the negative, a community is comprised of not just folks that have lived here for twenty years, but those that arrived a few years, months or days ago. The needs and aspirations of all members of the community matter. Gables residents look to our elected officials to consider the needs of all community members—from the most senior to the most youthful. A strong, accessible, educational system is critical to making Coral Gables and Miami world class. A city can be beautiful, but it must also be strong. Charming buildings and well landscaped roundabouts do not make a city robust—nor do they ensure the future of a place. Education has always been the path to prosperity. Perhaps a corollary is that lack of education leads to poverty. This can apply to individuals and to a city. Make a decision to allow more children to have access to high quality education here in Coral Gables. □ Do it because you believe offering ample slots in high quality schools is a moral imperative. □ Do it because you think it makes business sense today and in the future. □ Do it because a little bit of traffic congestion is a worthwhile tradeoff for a vibrant city to attract and retain residents with school-aged children. □ Do it because people buy homes in areas that offer high quality educational options and that are secure. □ Do it because your son needs a place to go to school. □ Do it because your grand-daughter deserves the best opportunity to live up to her inherent potential. □ Do it because you went into public service to help people you know AND people you don't. For our children, our city and our collective future, vote to allow more children to have access to high quality education here in Coral Gables. Sincerely, Carla Crossno Mother, Coral Gables resident and tax-payer, Voter Carla Crossno Senior Director

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						United Way of Miami-Dade 3250 SW 3rd Avenue Miami, FL 33129 305.646.7012 305.338.1735 (cell)
141.[1]	03 31 11	Lainie Suarez Butler 3620 Toledo Street Coral Gables, FL 33134 Lainie.suarezbutler@gmail.com		X		Dear Mayor and Commissioners, I was born and raised in Miami/Coral Gables attended college in Pennsylvania and lived in NYC for 12 years. Growing up, my parents always strived to give me the best education that money could buy. At the time (right or wrong), there was a belief that spending money guaranteed you a great education. I left Miami to attend college at Villanova University where I realized that many of my peers never went to private school. I have to admit this seemed odd to me. However, I quickly learned that my peers were just as well or even better prepared than I was for a difficult college curriculum. My husband went to public school his entire childhood. He received a fantastic education scored well on his entrance exams and was extremely successful academically at Villanova. He's opened my eyes to truly believe that a public education can and should work for our kids. Times have changed and many new parents of my generation can't easily pay for a private education the way our parents did for us especially when we are saving for growing college tuition costs. Where does this leave us? After college, I spent 12 years living in various neighborhoods within NYC. I always knew that I wanted to return to Coral Gables to raise my family and in 2008 I finally convinced my husband that it was time. We spent 18 months living with my parents because we were looking for that perfect home in the perfect neighborhood. The perfect neighborhood means to me having excellent public school options. However, I have learned that this concept does not really exist in Coral Gables. I remain shocked about how different things are here vs NYC. In NYC, it is known that the hardest neighborhoods to live in (most expensive) are those with the best schools. This is not a coincidence. We need to move beyond feeling that private school is the only option for our kids or the controlled choice which, as we all know, is not much of a choice at all but rather where you end up being placed. My son's name is Hugo. He is entering Kindergarten next year. The other kids from his small Montessori know where they will be going to school next year. My son keeps asking me and I just don't have an answer for him. I urge the city commission to vote in favor of a significant expansion of Somerset Gables. We live a 1/2 mile away from the school and truly believe that its an excellent idea to have a well managed school just steps away. To continue to attract young families to Coral Gables, the city needs to put education first. Kind regards, Lainie Suarez Butler

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						3620 Toledo Street Coral Gables, FL 33134 (917) 623-4597
142.	03 31 11	James / Lisa Marie Platsk 732 Santener Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 lisamarie@upsidethinking.com			X	Do hereby object!!
143.	03 31 11	Andrea and Linda Urrea 743 Anastasia Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 Andrea@lolaw.net			X	The changes requested by Somerset are not warranted or justified by any changes in the subject neighborhood. This neighborhood is the same that it was at its inception, in 1968 when the (illegible) were written in 1977 when the City ordinance was passed. To know the prposed changes and introduce for the very first time the “community facility” designation in the City, is not only unnecessary but unconscionable and catering to private interests.

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Planning and Zoning Board and City Commission Public Hearing Comments

Proposed Somerset Grace Academy Charter School - Change in Land Use, Conditional Use and Site Plan Review Applications - 624 Anastasia Avenue (University Baptist Church), Coral Gables, Florida

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144.	04 01 11	Lainie Suarez Butler 3620 Toledo Street Coral Gables, FL 33134		X[1]		From: Lainie SuarezButler [mailto:lainie.suarezbutler@gmail.com] Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2011 1:35 PM To: somerset school comments; Foeman, Walter Subject: Somerset Gables Support (Neighbor) Dear Mayor and Commissioners, I was born and raised in Miami/Coral Gables attended college in Pennsylvania and lived in NYC for 12 years. Growing up, my parents always strived to give me the best education that money could buy. At the time (right or wrong), there was a belief that spending money guaranteed you a great education. I left Miami to attend college at Villanova University where I realized that many of my peers never went to private school. I have to admit this seemed odd to me. However, I quickly learned that my peers were just as well or even better prepared than I was for a difficult college curriculum. My husband went to public school his entire childhood. He received a fantastic education scored well on his entrance exams and was extremely successful academically at Villanova. He's opened my eyes to truly believe that a public education can and should work for our kids. Times have changed and many new parents of my generation can't easily pay for a private education the way our parents did for us especially when we are saving for growing college tuition costs. Where does this leave us? After college, I spent 12 years living in various neighborhoods within NYC. I always knew that I wanted to return to Coral Gables to raise my family and in 2008 I finally convinced my husband that it was time. We spent 18 months living with my parents because we were looking for that perfect home in the perfect neighborhood. The perfect neighborhood means to me having excellent public school options. However, I have learned that this concept does not really exist in Coral Gables. I remain shocked about how different things are here vs NYC. In NYC, it is known that the hardest neighborhoods to live in (most expensive) are those with the best schools. This is not a coincidence. We need to move beyond feeling that private school is the only option for our kids or the controlled choice which, as we all know, is not much of a choice at all but rather where you end up being placed. My son's name is Hugo. He is entering Kindergarten next year. The other kids from his small Montessori know where they will be going to school next year. My son keeps asking me and I just don't have an answer for him. I urge the city commission to vote in favor of a significant expansion of Somerset Gables. We live a 1/2 mile away from the school and truly believe that its an excellent idea to have

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						a well managed school just steps away. To continue to attract young families to Coral Gables, the city needs to put education first. Kind regards, Lainie Suarez Butler 3620 Toledo Street Coral Gables, FL 33134 (917) 623-4597
145.	04 01 11	Carla Crossno Carls_crossno@hotmail.com		X[1]		CC: wfoeman@coralgables.com From: whatmeworry535@gmail.com To: carla_crossno@hotmail.com Subject: Re: Somerset Gables Date: Thu, 31 Mar 2011 07:40:00 -0400 Thank you Ms. Crossno for your email. I will make sure it is part of the public record on this issue. Kind regards, Maria Anderson On Mar 30, 2011, at 4:08 PM, Carla Crossno wrote: March 30, 2011 Dear Mrs. Anderson, I am writing in support of Somerset Gables. As a resident of Coral Gables with school-aged children, I consider the issue of education to be paramount—and the one that will be the basis on which I will vote in the coming election. The public education options in Coral Gables, and beyond, are currently insufficient for demand. As an example, my son was placed 185th and 233rd on waiting lists during the kindergarten magnet application process last year, at Henry West Lab and Ada Merritt, respectively. This year, we are again on a waiting list, this time at Sunset Elementary and Ada Merritt for first grade. Unfortunately, I do not know his place on those waiting lists, but nonetheless, another anxious cycle is taking its course with an unknown outcome. Beyond the magnet application process, we participated in the Gables controlled choice process last year and were placed on the waiting list at Sunset. Ultimately, my son did not receive a slot at Sunset and we were directed to Carver Elementary. Unfortunately, the educational offering and test scores at Carver are not comparable to those at Sunset. As a result, my husband and I placed our son at a private school so that he could have a rich educational experience.

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						While this is my personal story, this is an angst-ridden scenario playing out at homes across the Gables and our broader community. You may be asking yourself why this matters to you. It should matter to you for a couple of reasons. o If families with school–aged children cannot find acceptable primary education for their children—in sufficient quantity to meet demand—in the Gables, they will seek these options elsewhere. In places like Pinecrest, Key Biscayne and Coconut Grove, where controlled choice lotteries do not dictate the educational fate of their children. Or perhaps they will leave Florida all together, seeking a locale with both good educational options and more affordable housing. In either case, the Gables will lose mid-career, tax paying residents. This means fewer families will sell first homes to buy bigger homes in the Gables—fewer people will be eating in Gables restaurants, fewer will frequent local shops. o Our collective future is dependent on our ability to educate ALL of our children. Not just yours, not just mine, ALL children. If one out of three children do not graduate from high school this will affect all of us. If you are a homeowner, it means fewer buyers that will ever be interested in purchasing your home. If you are a business owner, it means fewer customers will ever buy your product or service. Perhaps it also means that your home and business are more vulnerable to crime, because if individuals in our community do not have high quality options throughout their school-aged years, they may become financially unstable and may make destructive or criminal decisions in the future—and your family or your business may be a victim of their acts. Beyond the negative, a community is comprised of not just folks that have lived here for twenty years, but those that arrived a few years, months or days ago. Further, it is comprised of people with both foreign and United States passports. The needs and aspirations of all members of the community matter. Gables residents look to our elected officials to consider the needs of all community members—from the most senior to the most youthful. A strong, accessible, educational system is critical to making Coral Gables and Miami world class. A city can be beautiful, but it must also be strong. Charming buildings and well landscaped roundabouts do not make a city robust—nor do they ensure the future of a place. Education has always been the path to prosperity. Perhaps a corollary is that lack of education leads to poverty. This can apply to individuals and to a city. Make a decision to allow more children to have access to high quality education here in Coral Gables. □ Do it because you believe offering ample slots in high quality schools is a moral imperative.

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						Do it because you think it makes business sense today and in the future. Do it because a little bit of traffic congestion is a worthwhile tradeoff for a vibrant city to attract and retain residents with school-aged children. Do it because people buy homes in areas that offer high quality educational options and that are secure. Do it because your son needs a place to go to school. Do it because your grand-daughter deserves the best opportunity to live up to her inherent potential. Do it because you went into public service to help people you know AND people you don't. For our children, our city and our collective future, vote to allow more children to have access to high quality education here in Coral Gables. Sincerely, Carla Crossno Mother, Coral Gables resident and tax-payer, Voter
146.[1]	04 02 11	Jeanne Ann and Charles R. Rigi 920 Tendilla Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134			X	Please find attached our concerns regarding the above application.

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						CHARLES R. RIGL 920 Tendilla Avenue Coral Gables, Florida 33134-6446 March 30, 2011 City of Coral Gables Planning Department 405 Biltmore Way Coral Gables, FL 33134 Re: Change of Land Use, Conditional Use and Site Plan Review SUMMERSET GRACE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL 624 Anastasia Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida The projected enrollment of 735 students with staff and maintenance will approach or exceed 800 persons in a residential neighborhood each day. The normal aftercare and extracurricular activities will make the operation 10 hours or more each day. The impact on a quiet neighborhood as Riviera Drive and surrounds will be devastating. The drop off and pickup plans presented will make the entire block surrounding the church a traffic nightmare. I suggest a representative visit St. Philip's School and St. Theresa during arrival and dismissal hours. Neither of these schools are on main thoroughfares. St. Philip's is capped by the city at 180 students. Somerset is proposing over 4 times that enrollment. Will the city question the need of an additional school at this location? A charter school is a profit center for salaries of the operators and authorization by the Miami-Dade County School Board should not override the city's right to govern a location. My wife and I strongly oppose the location of a 735 student charter school at the intersection of Segovia and Riviera and trust the Planning and Zoning Board will not approve the proposed ordinances. CHARLES R. RIGL JEANNE ANN RIGL cc: Biltmore Neighborhood Association
147.	04 02 11	Jesus and Cristina Ayo 626 Almeria Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 ayoship@aol.com		X		
148.	04 03 11	Thomas Whitmoyer		X		To Whom it May Concern,

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		Brand Managing Director Rum Bacardi USA				Please find attached a letter in support of the expansion of Somerset Gables. Regards, Thomas Whitmoyer
149.	04 04 11	Mr. & Mrs. Jose Lara 3145 Segovia Street			**X**	Enclosed please find our comment form in reference to the proposed Somerset Charter School at the Univeristy Baptist Church.

April 3rd, 2011

City of Coral Gables Commission

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to you in support of Somerset Academy Coral Gable's petition to expand their enrollment.

I recently moved to Coral Gables from Westchester County, New York to assume an Executive position at Bacardi USA, Inc.In my short time here, I have been consistently impressed with the high quality of life in Coral Gables. Coral Gables offers a unique combination of natural beauty, a diverse community, rich cultural options and a vibrant business sector.

However, as the parents of two small children, the educational opportunities are the most important factor in our decision of where to permanently re-locate our family. While researching the educational options in Coral Gables, we came into contact with Somerset Academy Gables.

We have been extremely impressed with Somerset Academy Gables's innovative approach to education. The innovative learning environment, the use of advanced learning technology and the opportunity for students to pursue a dual language track are three factors that make the school truly unique. Meanwhile, the demonstrated commitment of the teachers, students and parents to advancing the school's mission is inspiring and contributes to the unique learning environment. Finally, Somerset Academy Gables's commitment to being a neighborhood school is a compelling proposition for parents such as us who believe that attending a neighborhood school is highly beneficial both for our children's development and for building strong communities.

We would very much like to purchase a home and build a new life for our family in Coral Gables. Given that an increased enrollment at Somerset Academy Gables would enhance our chances of obtaining a place for our children at the school, we ask that you approve the school's petition for an expanded enrollment.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter and for your dedication to ensuring that Coral Gables continues to be a wonderful place to raise a family.

Sincerely,

Thomas C. Whitmoyer

Vice President, Brand Managing Director

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		Coral Gables, FL 33134 mlara@doshealthcare.com				As a resident of Segovia Street for 22 years, I purchased my property relying on the standards of the City of Coral Gables and the practice of enforceing its zoning laws. There is a restrictive covenant that governs the University Baptist Church site that protects the residents and changing zoning would be detrimental not only to the adjacent area but to all Coral Gables residents that relied upon its zoning laws, furthermore it would be a dangerous precedent.
150.	04 04 11	Lawrence D. Kries 748 Catalonia Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 ldkries@bellsouth.net			X	I strenuously object to the use of the University Baptise Church property as a public (charter) or private school. I am particularly troubled by the idea of expandinig the current allowed use as a Child Development Center (with restricted operating hours and a maximum of 110 students) to a full-time school facility with 735 students. Those residents who live in the immediate neighborhood purchased their homes with the knowledge and understanding that the property was allowed to be used as a church. It is unfair to change the use and especially objectionable to expand the allowed size of the school. In addition to 735 students there will be teachers, administrators, parents, and visitors who will be traveling to and from and occupying the facility at least five days per week including some evenings. The introduction of a potentially disruptive neighbor is not a good idea. Please do not approve the application. Thank you for your consideration.
151.	04 04 11	Valerie Robbin 730 Palermo Avenue Coral Gables, FL Flower 8349@yahoo.com			X	I do not want to see an increase in the number of students at University Baptist Church from 110 to 735 students. It would prefer the number of students to stay at 110. I feel the increase in students will add too much congestion in traffic and school buses.
152.	04 04 11	Sara M. enciso 739 Aledo Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134			X	1. Noise pollution 2. Traffic vehicles & pedestrians 3. Decrease in property value
153.	04 04 11	Drucilla Raymond 731 Aledo Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134			X	1. Noise pollution 2. Traffic vehicles & pedestrians 3. Decrease in property value
154.	04 04 11	Graciela Pessoa 709 Aledo Avenue Coral Gables, FL				I am concerned with the traffic the neighborhood is going to have especially on the alleys that connect University Drive and Riviera Dr. Please make a note of this and if possible make a plans so only local traffic or residents can use these alleys. Thanks.
155.	04 04 11	Jaime Giammattei 3520 Segovia Street Coral Gables, FL 33134 giammateig@gmail.com			X	No additional traffic needed on Segovia.
156.	04 04 11	Carla Crossno Carla_crossno@hotmail.com		X[1]		From: Carla Crossno [mailto:carla_crossno@hotmail.com] Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2011 4:05 PM To: Slesnick, Donald Subject:

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						March 30, 2011 Dear Mr. Slesnick, I am writing in support of Somerset Gables. As a resident of Coral Gables with school-aged children, I consider the issue of education to be paramount—and the one that will be the basis on which I will vote in the coming election. The public education options in Coral Gables, and beyond, are currently insufficient for demand. As an example, my son was placed 185th and 233rd on waiting lists during the kindergarten magnet application process last year, at Henry West Lab and Ada Merritt, respectively. This year, we are again on a waiting list, this time at Sunset Elementary and Ada Merritt for first grade. Unfortunately, I do not know his place on those waiting lists, but nonetheless, another anxious cycle is taking its course with an unknown outcome. Beyond the magnet application process, we participated in the Gables controlled choice process last year and were placed on the waiting list at Sunset. Ultimately, my son did not receive a slot at Sunset and we were directed to Carver Elementary. Unfortunately, the educational offering and test scores at Carver are not comparable to those at Sunset. As a result, my husband and I placed our son at a private school so that he could have a rich educational experience. While this is my personal story, this is an angst-ridden scenario playing out at homes across the Gables and our broader community. You may be asking yourself why this matters to you. It should matter to you for a couple of reasons. o If families with school–aged children cannot find acceptable primary education for their children—in sufficient quantity to meet demand—in the Gables, they will seek these options elsewhere. In places like Pinecrest, Key Biscayne and Coconut Grove, where controlled choice lotteries do not dictate the educational fate of their children. Or perhaps they will leave Florida all together, seeking a locale with both good educational options and more affordable housing. In either case, the Gables will lose mid-career, tax paying residents. This means fewer families will sell first homes to buy bigger homes in the Gables—fewer people will be eating in Gables restaurants, fewer will frequent local shops. o Our collective future is dependent on our ability to educate ALL of our children. Not just yours, not just mine, ALL children. If one out of three children do not graduate from high school this will affect all of us. If you are a homeowner, it means fewer buyers that will ever be interested in purchasing your home. If you are a business owner, it means fewer customers will ever buy your product or service. Perhaps it also means that your home and business are more vulnerable to crime, because if individuals in our community do not have high quality options throughout their school-aged years, they may become financially

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157.	04 04 11	Paul Zamek				Please include this economic impact analysis as part of the P&Z report on Somerset

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		Paul.zamek@gmail.com				Gables and enter into public record as well. Thank you. Paul Zamek SOMERSET ACADEMY GABLES Somerset Academy looks forward to becoming a part of the Coral Gables community and working with you to make Somerset Academy Gables (Somerset Gables) a reality. It is the school's goal to offer a top-notch education to our children in a safe and enriching environment, while being a good friend and neighbor to those around us. About Somerset Somerset Academy, Inc. is a Florida not-for-profit educational institution with a 14-year record of successfully operating high-performing charter schools. Somerset is nationally recognized for its award-winning K-12 educational programs and its commitment to educational excellence and continuous improvement. It is the first charter school system in the nation to achieve "district" accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS-CASI), the foremost organization granting an external mark of quality and high standards to academic institutions in the Southern region of the U.S. Somerset Gables will focus on delivering educational excellence with an innovative, forward-looking approach. Featuring a dual language program, technology-rich classrooms, a parental contract and a select staff of highly qualified teachers and administrators, Somerset Gables plans to offer an enriching learning environment where children can flourish as individuals while acquiring knowledge and skills essential to their future development. Economic Impact on the City of Coral Gables The opening of Somerset Gables will be beneficial for the Coral Gables community. New jobs will be created, and since this school is tuition-free, it is reasonable to project a significant amount of disposable income available to the parents of the community as a result of this project. The following is an estimate of the jobs that would be created once the school reaches full enrollment. **PERMANENT JOB CREATION** | Positions | # of Positions | Average Annual Salary | Total Annual Salaries | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Teachers | 35 | $ 42,000 | $ 1,470, 0000 | | Teacher Assistants | 7 | $ 14,000 | $ 98,000 | | Administrators | 2 | $ 70,000 | $ 140,000 | | Clerical/Admin. Assistants | 5 | $ 27,000 | $ 135,000 | | Maintenance/Security | 1 | $ 20,000 | $ 20,000 | | Total Jobs Created | 50 | | $ 1,863,000 | For more information about Somerset Academy, please visit the organization's website at www.somersetacademyschools.com. For updates on Somerset Gables, please visit www.somersetgables.com.
158.	04 04 11	Bernie E. Navarro Parent & Neighbor 301 Santander Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134		**X**		To whom it may concern: We live 2 blocks away from Somerset Coral Gables and strongly support the expansion plan.

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						It would not only be a terrible shame, but a detriment to the 1,300 families in this community who have expressed a desire for their children to attend this school if the requested increase in Somerset Gables student enrollment is not approved by the City of Coral Gables. While we genuinely respect the rights of individuals who are against the school to voice their opinion, much of the information they have been communicating is simply inaccurate. One of the most erroneous facts relates to the availability of public school education within the City of Coral Gables. The public elementary schools in this district are over capacity, and there is great demand for another quality school. University Baptist Church (UBC), where Somerset Gables is located, has so much existing space that even adding the fully-requested student body would not bring the facility to full capacity. Is it prudent or economically sensible to have a student-ready classroom facility at UBC empty, while the surrounding public elementary schools are severely overcrowded? That seems unconscionable to the families who desperately need this facility, such as ours. University Baptist Church, already situated on a main thoroughfare on Segovia Avenue, is a model location for a K-8 school. In order to support the long-term viability of this community, one so many of us have lived in for decades, we need to embrace moderate change that benefits the City. Without schools to accommodate a growing community, stagnation is inevitable. Why live here if we cannot send our child to a nearby public school? That is simply not an option. We need to embrace this step, which is crucial to the educational infrastructure of our City's future generations. Somerset Gables respects the values we hold dear in Coral Gables, including the necessity to minimally impact the quality of life for the surrounding residences. We are celebrating this unique opportunity to grow a wonderful school with most of our neighbors, who are informed as to what the plans exactly entail and what they do not. A mindset that says "nothing can change" is not only shortsighted, but one that in the long-term is sure to damage the many positives that make Coral Gables one of the world's most desirable places to live. A majority of those running for public office in Coral Gables have frequently addressed the need for international companies to invest in Coral Gables. How do we draw major companies to our city without more good schools? It is just not a reality. We ask that this issue be brought to a timely and fair resolution in order for families to plan for the upcoming school year and for their future in Coral Gables. I would like this letter to be part of the public record. Should you have any further questions

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						please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank You, Bernie E. Navarro Parent & Neighbor 301 Santander Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134
159.	04 05 11	Richardo and Jackeline Londono 628 Aledo Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 rlondono@mwus.us		X		We are in "Full" support of this application. We are immediate neighbors of Somerset Academy and are "Privileged" to have them as part of our neighborhood and community.
160.	04 06 11	Miriam & Chris Meiser 1109 Malaga Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134			X	We object to the re-zoning of the Some Charter School on Anastasia Avenue at the University Baptist Church. This is a residential area that should remain residential.
161.	04 06 11	Joan & Bruce Bounds 3441 Riviera Drive Coral Gables, FL			X	
162.	04 06 11	Lisa Hyder 701 Camilo Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 Lisahemdsportscare.com			X	See attached.

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						My family and I vehemently object to the proposed amendment to the Coral Gables Comprehensive Plan that will allow an increase in student population at University Baptist Church from 110 to 735. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN! We live on Camilo Avenue, one block away from the proposed site and our objection is twofold: the obvious being the immediate, negative impact a school of this size will have on our neighborhood and secondly, the potential precedent the amendment change will set for future businesses who could attempt to amend the city's master plan for other private monetary gain. Over the past ten months, others have spoken very eloquently about the repercussions of a 735 student body on our neighborhood. Major issues stand repeating: traffic and increased activity to our residential area. We are especially nervous about the proposed traffic pattern that will wind buses and cars around our house. At a recent "town hall meeting" held at UBC, a police officer from a neighboring city cited his concern based upon professional experience and stressed that traffic during the extended morning and afternoon pick up will present a hardship to this neighborhood. We also are concerned about hours of operation of the building. If it is like any other school, activity will be constant. What about afterschool programs, especially for the middle school students? What about night time open houses and events for parents? This is will affect the neighborhood and is not in line with how it was developed. While the focus is the 735 students, what about the number of staff members it will take to support a school this size? Our estimate is that it will add at least another 75 people (teachers, janitors, aides, office staff) driving to the site – where will they park? During Sunday morning during church services, church members are consistently parking along Cardena and on Riviera Drive directly under the No Parking signs - sometimes on private property because there are few options. This will be even worse, we believe, with a school of this size. We moved to this section of Coral Gables just over 3 years ago. My wife and I did extensive research before we used the majority of our life savings to pay over one million dollars for our home. We knocked on doors and found out that many of our neighbors have lived here over 30 years and expressed what a quiet, beautiful section of Coral Gables this is/was. UBC has been a good neighbor. We are EXTREMELY concerned that our investment and our home are now in jeopardy. We are concerned about Somerset Academy parents using the alley way adjacent to our house in the morning and afternoon as a short cut to the school and preventing us from getting out of our own driveway. This is not what we bought into, and certainly not what we believe the City of Coral Gables would support. We are not against the charter school, just a school of that size in that small of a space in our residential neighborhood. We were present at the City Council meeting when the City offered a compromise number of 210 students. We stand in agreement with that option and feel that it is the maximum number the site and neighborhood could support. If the city really does need an additional school of this size, then careful planning must be made to accommodate students – find a space where there can be a field, a library, in a section of town that is more appropriate. I've heard these question being asked several times-- What about fixing West Lab Elementary

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						School since it seems they have the space to accommodate the proposed numbers? What about a space in downtown Coral Gables? Again, our vote is NO on the request to amend the Coral Gables Comprehensive Plan. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN. We love Coral Gables and our beautiful section of the city for what it IS. A school of this size is not appropriate for this neighborhood and neither is a amendment to our city's comprehensive plan that is intended for private gain. Lisa Hyder
163.	04 06 11	George R. Harper 4722 Alhambra Circle Coral Gables, Fl 33146 gharper@harpermeyer.com		X		
164.	04 06 11	Steven M. Harper 4915 San Amaro Court Coral Gables, FL 33146 sharper@harpermeyer.com		X		Coral Gables needs more top quality schools.
165.	04 06 11	Tina Rodriguez 2600 Hernando Street Coral Gables, FL 33134 trodriguez@harpermeyer.com		X		
166.	04 06 11	Alicia Cordero 3711 SW 27 Lane Coral Gables, FL 33134 Alfierd@aol.com		X		
167.	04 06 11	Jose Diez Jose.diez@ubcmiami.org		X		From: PastorBill.UBCMIAFL@fellowshiponemail.com [mailto:PastorBill.UBCMIAFL@fellowshiponemail.com] On Behalf Of Pastor Bill Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2011 11:01 AM To: Jose Diez Subject: Important Update on Somerset School Dear Elci, I thought you would be interested in an update on Somerset Academy Gables. My candid personal observation is that we are helping many people and families who are very pleased with what they are receiving from their school and with the relationship shared with UBC. In a recent note from Principal Ruiz, she celebrated many successes the school has aimed for and achieved in this inaugural year. Ginger Mokher, our Family Ministry Director, likewise reports many positive benefits resulting from Somerset for the families involved. We have been delighted at how the school and parent association have participated with our ministries to provide the block party for the neighborhood last fall and collect food through Feed Miami. Overall, I can happily report that our transition, as we have welcomed the school to our facility and community, has been a beneficial one.

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						I have attached to this brief update an informational letter from the parent association I thought would be of interest to you concerning Somerset's future and its being able to serve even more families in our community. If you are a citizen of Coral Gables, and would like to share your perspective, they stand ready to be of help to you. Sincerely, Bill White SOMERSET ACADEMY GABLES CALL TO ACTION Dear Parents and Friends: **The future of Somerset Gables is in your hands!** The City of Coral Gables has delayed our public hearing with the Planning & Zoning Board until April 27th 2011. This means that our first public discussion about the future of our school will be after the April 12th election. In addition to the Mayor's race, there are 2 commission seats being contested. • *Why does this election matter to me and why should I vote?* The 5 City Commissioners will ultimately be voting on the future of Somerset Gables. They will take the recommendations of the Planning & Zoning Board and city staff along with public comments and vote on an appropriate size of the school. A majority of 3 votes in either direction will decide the future of Somerset Gables. This is why the future of Somerset Gables is in your hands. • **We have an issue in this campaign. Our issue is Somerset Gables**. As the candidates knock on your doors, send correspondence in the mail and even call your homes, tell them that your issue is Somerset Gables and ask them where they stand on the future of our school. • On Tuesday, March 29th, 6pm there will be a forum with all the candidates at the University of Miami Bill Cosford Cinema, 1111 Memorial Drive, Coral Gables. This is a great opportunity for you to get to know the candidates in person and hear what their vision is for our City. The forum is

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						open to the public, we encourage you to attend. Please rsvp for the Candidates Forum via email to rsvp@coralgableschamber.org If you have questions you would like the moderator to ask of the candidates, please include your full name and email your question in advance to info@coralgableschamber.org • In the coming weeks, the Somerset Gables Parents Association will be keeping you informed of what the candidates have said publicly about Somerset Gables. To learn more about the candidates now, follow this link to the Coral Gables Home Page: Candidate Profiles • If you cannot make it to the polls on April 12th, please request an absentee ballot by following this link: Absentee Ballot RequestAbsentee ballots must be requested by April 6th, 2011. • We will have a formal letter writing campaign in the next week where we will be asking all parents, friends and supporters of Somerset Gables to write to the city in support of the school. These letters will be submitted as part of the Planning & Zoning meeting on April 27th. An email from the SGPA with the details of this campaign will be coming soon. On behalf of the 1,000 applicants, extended family, friends and supporters of Somerset Gables we have the ability to make a difference not only in this election but in this community for generations to come. **VOTE ON APRIL 12th!** And don't forget to tell your family and friends to vote as well! -Somerset Gables Parents Association
168.	04 07 11	Paul Zamek paul@zamekdevelopment.com		**X**		Please enter the attached exhibit into public record of support for Somerset Gables at the UBC location. This exhibit lists over 150 Coral Gables residents who support Somerset Gables, many of whom are immediate neighbors of UBC. -Somerset Gables Parents Association

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						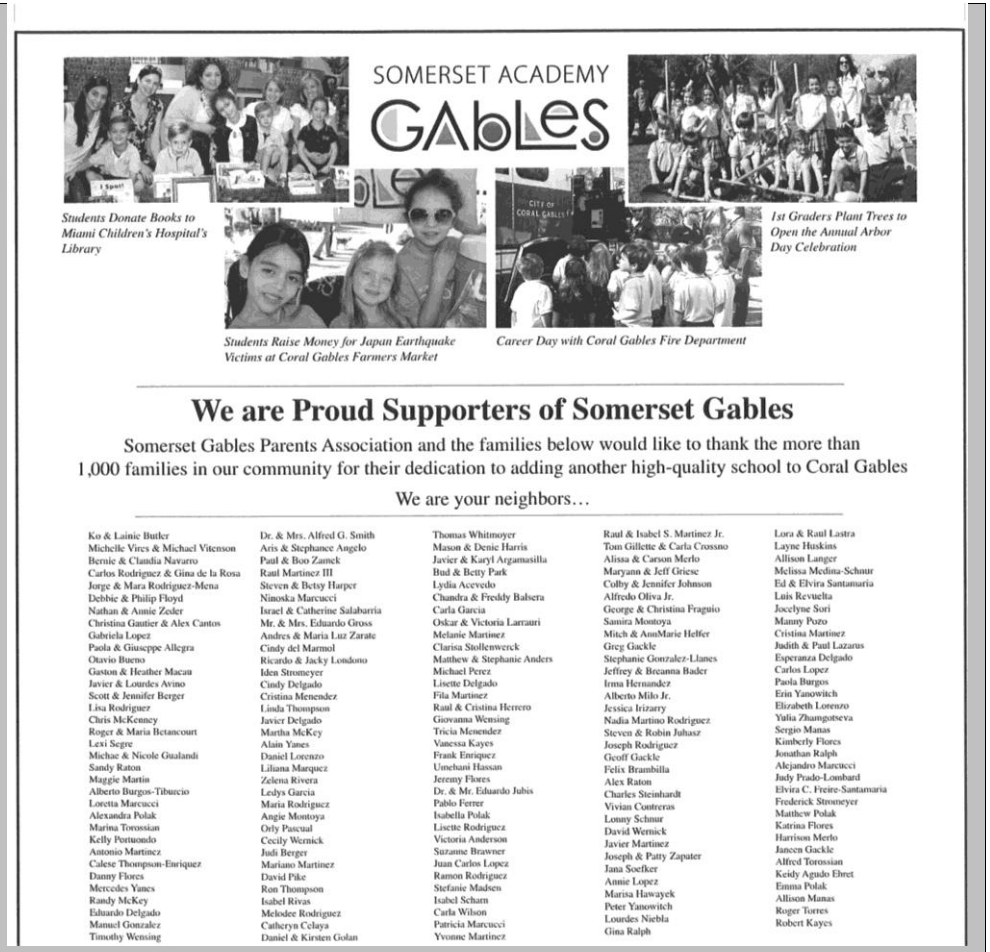
169.	04 07 11	Michelle Nason 201 Alhambra Circle Suite 1102 Coral Gables, FL 33134 mnason@siegfriedlaw.com		**X**		
170.	04 07 11	Dustin Nason 4100 Salzedo Avenue #617 Coral Gables, FL 33146		**X**		Good afternoon. I'm writing in support of the proposed expansion by Somerset Academy Gables at their UBC location. My two girls are enrolled in the school and I am a Coral Gables resident.

SOMERSET ACADEMY GABLES

Students Donate Books to Miami Children's Hospital's Library

1st Graders Plant Trees to Open the Annual Arbor Day Celebration

Students Raise Money for Japan Earthquake Victims at Coral Gables Farmers Market

Career Day with Coral Gables Fire Department

We are Proud Supporters of Somerset Gables

Somerset Gables Parents Association and the families below would like to thank the more than 1,000 families in our community for their dedication to adding another high-quality school to Coral Gables

We are your neighbors…

Ko & Lainie Butler
Michelle Vires & Michael Vitenson
Bernie & Claudia Navarro
Carlos Rodriguez & Gina de la Rosa
Jorge & Mara Rodriguez-Mena
Debbie & Philip Floyd
Nathan & Annie Zeder
Christina Gautier & Alex Cantos
Gabriela Lopez
Paola & Giuseppe Allegra
Otavio Bueno
Gaston & Heather Macau
Javier & Lourdes Avino
Scott & Jennifer Berger
Lisa Rodriguez
Chris McKenney
Roger & Maria Betancourt
Lexi Segre
Michae & Nicole Gualandi
Sandy Raton
Maggie Martin
Alberto Burgos-Tibucio
Loretta Marcucci
Alexandra Polak
Marina Torossian
Kelly Portuondo
Antonio Martinez
Calese Thompson-Enriquez
Danny Flores
Mercedes Yanes
Randy McKey
Eduardo Delgado
Manuel Gonzalez
Timothy Wensing

Dr. & Mrs. Alfred G. Smith
Aris & Stephanee Angelo
Paul & Boo Zamek
Raul Martinez III
Steven & Betsy Harper
Ninoska Marcucci
Israel & Catherine Salabarria
Mr. & Mrs. Eduardo Gross
Andres & Maria Luz Zarate
Cindy del Marmol
Ricardo & Jacky Londono
Iden Stromeyer
Cindy Delgado
Cristina Menendez
Linda Thompson
Javier Delgado
Martha McKey
Alain Yanes
Daniel Lorenzo
Liliana Marquez
Zelena Rivera
Ledys Garcia
Maria Rodriguez
Angie Montoya
Orly Pascual
Cecily Wernick
Judi Berger
Mariano Martinez
David Pike
Ron Thompson
Isabel Rivas
Melodee Rodriguez
Catheryn Celaya
Daniel & Kirsten Golan

Thomas Whitmoyer
Mason & Denie Harris
Javier & Karyl Argamasilla
Bud & Betty Park
Lydia Acevedo
Chandra & Freddy Balsera
Carla Garcia
Oskar & Victoria Larrauri
Melanie Martinez
Clarisa Stollenwerck
Matthew & Stephanie Anders
Michael Perez
Lisette Delgado
Fila Martinez
Raul & Cristina Herrero
Giovanna Wensing
Tricia Menendez
Vanessa Kayes
Frank Enriquez
Umehani Hassan
Jeremy Flores
Dr. & Mr. Eduardo Jubis
Pablo Ferrer
Isabella Polak
Lisette Rodriguez
Victoria Anderson
Suzanne Brawner
Juan Carlos Lopez
Ramon Rodriguez
Stefanie Madsen
Isabel Scharn
Carla Wilson
Patricia Marcucci
Yvonne Martinez

Raul & Isabel S. Martinez Jr.
Tom Gillette & Carla Crossno
Alissa & Carson Merlo
Maryann & Jeff Griese
Colby & Jennifer Johnson
Alfredo Oliva Jr.
George & Christina Fraguio
Samira Montoya
Mitch & AnnMarie Helfer
Greg Gackle
Stephanie Gonzalez-Llanes
Jeffrey & Breanna Bader
Irma Hernandez
Alberto Milo Jr.
Jessica Irizarry
Nadia Martino Rodriguez
Steven & Robin Juhasz
Joseph Rodriguez
Geoff Gackle
Felix Brambilla
Alex Raton
Charles Steinhardt
Vivian Contreras
Lonny Schnur
David Wernick
Javier Martinez
Joseph & Patty Zapater
Jana Soefker
Annie Lopez
Marisa Hawayek
Peter Yanowitch
Lourdes Niebla
Gina Ralph

Lora & Raul Lastra
Layne Huskins
Allison Langer
Melissa Medina-Schnur
Ed & Elvira Santamaria
Luis Revuelta
Jocelyne Sori
Manny Pozo
Cristina Martinez
Judith & Paul Lazarus
Esperanza Delgado
Carlos Lopez
Paola Burgos
Erin Yanowitch
Elizabeth Lorenzo
Yulia Zhamgotseva
Sergio Manas
Kimberly Flores
Jonathan Ralph
Alejandro Marcucci
Judy Prado-Lombard
Elvira C. Freire-Santamaria
Frederick Stromeyer
Matthew Polak
Katrina Flores
Harrison Merlo
Janeen Gackle
Alfred Torossian
Keidy Agudo Ehret
Emma Polak
Allison Manas
Roger Torres
Robert Kayes

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		dnason@rccl.com				The quality of education that Somerset is providing is extraordinary, and should be supported in ways that allow other students to obtain the same educational benefits. I personally drive the girls to school weekly, dropping them off at 8 a.m., and rarely see more than 1, 2 cars also dropping off at the same time. I have never seen evidence of excessive traffic entering or exiting the school. Furthermore, the school's administration actively and frequently engages us (the parents) to ensure we're following specific traffic arrival/departure routes and rules. Having seen the rigor by which the school is approaching the traffic issue, I'm convinced that they will enact a traffic plan that is appropriate for the student body size they propose, and that they will also take into account the potential impact on nearby residents. Lastly, it would be such a shame if the school needs to relocate entirely because they are unable to expand as planned. Robbing the greater community of an educational gem, especially in today's scholastic environment, would be shameful to say the least, and would be difficult to explain to my 4 and 5 year olds. Please move favorably on their request to expand the school. Thank you. Sincerely, Dustin Nason
171.	04 10 11	Cristina & Ignacio Olaechea Cristim914@bellsouth.net		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location!
172.	04 10 11	Eva Maria Reyes Cisnero 770 S.W. 9th Street, #7 Miami, FL 33130 Evaluna93@yahoo.es		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.
173.	0 410 11	Neglady Aguilar 3232 Coral Way Apt. 1810 Coral Gables, FL 33145 negladya@hotmail.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. We really appreciate your help in this matter.
174.	04 10 11	Joe & Blanca Cespedes Bccespedes98Yahoo.com		X		We support the expansion od Somerset @UBC. Joe & Blanca Cespedes
175.	04 10 11	Nabi Ferra 1818 Granada Blvd. Coral Gables, FL 33134		X		To whom it may concern, I support Coral Gables Somerset at UBC. Expanding the school for this area would be a great advantage for the surrounding residents to have an institution of this caliber. Somerset schools have proven to be a wonderful resource for many other communities in our county and this would hold true for Coral Gables as well. Thank You, Nabi Ferrra 1818 Granada Blvd Coral Gables , FL 33134
176.	04 10 11	Michael Gualandi Gualandi99@aol.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Academy Coral Gables at the UBC location. Thanks, Michael Gualandi

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Proposed Somerset Grace Academy Charter School Public Hearing Comments

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177.	04 10 11	Fern Szwarckopf Family 7757 S.W. 86 St. Apt. C-415 Miami, FL 33143 szwarckm@bellsouth.net		X		We are a family with 2 young girls and had been sopporting this school since the begining of this long process, we support the expansion of the school and hope to send our precious daughters there next school year. Fern Szwarckopf family 7757 sw 86 st apt c-415 Miami Fl 33143 Szwarckm@bellsouth.net Monica Szwarckopf
178.	04 10 11	Karen Myers-Schwartz 2800 Kirk Street Miami, FL 33133 kmyersschwartz@gmail.com		X		To whom it may concern; I am writing this email to show my full support for Somerset Academy Coral Gables. This school adds another great choice for parents in Coral Gables. There is an obvious need for the school as demonstrated by the over 1300 applicants to date. Please help us get to some kind of compromise in a timely manner so that parents and children can plan for the new school year. Somerset Coral Gables is a great neighbor and will continue to be in the future. Let's think about the children, they are our future!! Thank you for your consideration, Karen Myers-Schwartz Kmyersschwartz@gmail.com 2800 Kirk Street Miami, FL 33133
179.	04 10 11	Patty Zapater 1545 Trillo Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33146 pattyeim@aol.com		X		Hello: My name is Patty Zapater My Address is: 1545 Trillo Ave Coral Gables Fl 33146 I Support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location!!! This community needs Somerset Gables and the UBC Location has the capacity for this wonderful school. Thank you! Patty Zapater
180.	04 10 11	Daniel & Kirsten Golan 3922 Segovia Street		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Somerset is a great school and has made such a difference in our lives. We are so pleased with our son's

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		Coral Gables, FL 33134 danykirsey@mac.com				educational experience there this year. We are looking forward to many more years of schooling there for him and hope the school continues to grow. Sincerely with all our support, Daniel & Kirsten Golan
181.	04 10 11	Joseph Zapater 1545 Trillo Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33146 jzquirch@aol.com		X		Hi: My name is Joseph Zapater My Address is: 1545 Trillo Ave Coral Gables Fl 33146 I SUPPORT the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location!!! The UBC location has the space for this very needed community school. Thank you! Joseph Zapater
182.	04 10 11	Plaza Family 400 Valencia Avenue #5 Coral Gables, FL 33134		X		Dear All We have been Cora Gables residents for over 4 years on several locations, last year we finally bought our first home making Coral Gables our city of choice to call Home at our 400 Valencia avenue #5 Town house. Our family includes a 5 year old little girl called Fabiana for whom we are looking for the best education available, we feel we can achieve that at Somerset Charter School, therefore we support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location, at the same time we respectfully urge to approve the same soonest possible. Best regards, Plaza Family 400 Valencia Ave #5 Coral Gables, FL 33134
183.	04 10 11	Carmen Gonzalez-Esfefani Cge427@hotmail.com		X		Its important to have great public education inall areas!!
184.	04 10 11	Layne Huskins Layne011@aol.com		X		I support the expansion of Sommerset Gables at the UBC location. Sincerely, Layne Huskins
185.	04 10 11	Danae Barrios 4370 S.W. 3rd Street Coral Gables, FL 33134		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Danae Barrios 4370 sw 3rd Street Coral Gables, Fl 33134

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186.	04 10 11	AnnMarie Helfer annmariehelfer@gmail.com		X		I fully support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.
187.	04 10 11	Ali & Umehani Hassan umehani@hotmail.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Ali & Umehani Hassan
188.	04 10 11	Melinda Reina 1329 S.W. 72 Avenuemgillmiami@aol.com		X		To Whom It May Concern: I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Thank you, Melinda Reina
189.	04 10 11	Mr. and Mrs. Eduardo Gross 436 Alminar Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33146 gtglow@aol.com		X		Mr. and Mrs. Eduardo Gross 436 Alminar Avenue Coral Gables, Florida 33146 Mr. and Mrs. Eduardo Gross support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.
190.	04 10 11	Felix Brambilla 911 Malaga Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 overseasflorida@aol.com		X		Dear Coral Gables Planning and Zoning department heads, My name is Felix BRAMBILLA, I live at 911 Malaga Avenue, Coral Gables, FL 33134. I am the parent of Ms Charli BRAMBILLA, 4 years old, in PK4 at Somerset Academy. My wife Tricia MENENDEZ is a native of Miami, while I have moved from France 11 years ago. Both us had our lives changed, as well as our children's future, by the opening of Somerset Academy. Allow us to explain why we feel this way and why we support the extension of the school, hoping to see our son Fernando, 3, follow the foot steps of his sister. I was privileged to raise an older daughter in France, which ranks in the top 2 schooling systems in the world. Access to education is free and provides such a level of knowledge that American Universities give French F1 students half a year of credits towards their bachelor. When I moved to the United States, I was concerned that good education came at a very high price, as early as kinder garden. The public system, as emphasized by both our current and previous administrations, lacks the environment to follow each student and guide them to success. We consequently have fallen far down on the international ranking.... Somerset Academy has been able to provide its students with the same quality of learning that I witnessed in Europe, funded by public money. To benefit from this in Coral Gables has convinced us to stay here while we had previously contemplated moving. Coral Gables is now one of very few cities in South Florida which sets an example by providing its inhabitants with affordable quality education, allowing our youth to aim at the top of the

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						competitive ladder. It has made our city more attractive to young households, preventing the erosion of our local families who too often see their younger generation decide to raise their children in a more modern, yet less attractive neighborhood. I have witnessed many debates, involving supporters and opponents of the existence or expansion of Somerset Academy. Force is to notice that many of those against it are not directly concerned with the bringing up of youngsters within a society which has lost many of its fundamental values. Getting all that Coral Gables has offered for near to a century, and adding progress through learning, can only provide a perfect mix for any individual who is proud of living in our beautiful community. I trust your professionalism to judge how efficiently the flow of vehicles can be managed. And if my children's future, or the future of my neighbors' children, is not worth spending a few instants in mild traffic, one should move to a regressing city, overwhelmed by the ways of new generations, where life itself is in danger of extinction. Best regards, Felix BRAMBILLA
191.	04 10 11	Stephen J. Walker sjwplaya@aol.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Stephen J. Walker Managing Director Latin America & The Caribbean IFPC International Group, Inc. 3181 McDonald Street Miami, FL, 33133 USA
192.	04 10 11	Ainadi Tirado bibibelleza@yahoo.com		X		"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location."
193.	04 10 11	Liliana Marquez 1650 Galiano St Th5 Coral Gables 33134 liliana@dgmexicano.com		X		For SURE I support The Expansion of Somerset Gables At the UBC location Liliana Marquez 1650 Galiano St Th5 Coral Gables 33134
194.	04 10 11	Adriana Cassinera 5779 SW 53 Terrace Miami, FL 33155 acassinera@bellsouth.net		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location." Adriana Cassinera 5779 SW 53 Terrace Miami, FL 33155
195.	04 10 11	Allison Manas allisonmanas@bellsouth.net		X		I want to extend my support for the expansion of Somerset Gables. I feel Coral Gables is such a wonderful city to live in and adding another quality school can only improve our city, as well as alleviate some over crowding in our other spectacular

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						schools. As a parent of a Somerset Gables student, I have seen how well our school is being run and how conscientious we will be as neighbors as we expand. Thank you, Allison Mañas
196.	04 10 11	Melodiee Rodriguez 3078 Bird Avenue Coconut Grove		X		I SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF SOMERSET CORAL GABLES AT UBC MELODEE RODRIGUEZ 3078 BIRD AVENUE COCONUT GROVE
197.	04 10 11	Yamile Rives-Gonzalez yamilerives@yahoo.com		X		To Whom It May Concern: I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at UBC. Where else can our kids go to school in this area? All public schools are over crowded and have long waiting lists. Please don't shatter the happiness and excitement for learning my kids are presently experiencing through the education they are receiving at the school. I feel that my kids are not only learning but are safe at this facility. As a working parent I find comfort in knowing my kids are enriched through learning throughout the day and are well taken care of in the after school care program. Please support my childrens education at this facility! Thank you, Yamile Rives-Gonzalez parent of 2 Somerset Gables students
198.	04 10 11	Albert Gonzalez 3411 S.W. 21 Street Miami, FL 33145		X		To Whom It May Concern: I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at UBC. Where else can our kids go to school in this area? All public schools are over crowded and have long waiting lists. Please don't shatter the happiness and excitement for learning my kids are presently experiencing through the education they are receiving at the school. I feel that my kids are not only learning but are safe at this facility. As a working parent I find comfort in knowing my kids are enriched through learning throughout the day and are well taken care of in the after school care program. Please support my childrens education at this facility! Thank you, Albert Gonzalez 3411 SW 21 Street Miami, Florida 33145

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						parent of 2 Somerset Gables students
199.	04 10 11	Betty Pino 1409 Granada Boulevard Coral Gables, FL 33134 bettypino@comcast.net		X		"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location." (Great school. Will be good, if more students that lives in Coral Gables can assist.) My name: Betty Pino 1409 Granada Boulevard Coral Gables, Fla 33134
200.	04 10 11	Raquel Catalano 3669 Loquat Avenue Miami, FL 33133 Raquel.catalano@gmail.com		X		I Raquel Catalano support the expansion of Somerset charter in coral gables. Thank you 3669 loquat ave Miami Fl 33133
201.	04 10 11	Sincerely, Orly Pascual President ezlaunder.com 832 Madrid St Coral Gables, FL 33134		X		To whom it may concern, Being a long time resident of Coral Gables (going on 17 yrs) I have had the opportunity to see both the "good" and the "not so good" this city has had to offer. This city has grown and seemingly continues to grow-- a perpetual transition. And we, the residents and visitors are all the better for it. For with all of it's growing pains, this city offers a wonderful world class experience. I would not choose to live or raise my daughter anywhere else in the world. Somerset Gables is an absolute asset to the city of Coral Gables. This academic "power house" is not only good for the children that walk the school's hallways but to the Coral Gables community outside its walls. Somerset not only teaches the importance of reading and writing but of ones civic duty as a member of the human race. They bring to the table a "culture of community/family/involvement- a truly well rounded education. Is this not what the city needs more of? These children are our city's future residents. Growth in our community is necessary and inevitable. Responsible growth is key! The Coral Gables landscape has changed-- from the construction growth downtown bringing populations of new residents to business development growth attracting more residents and visitors, as well. Education too must be at the forefront of any urban planning. It must grow proportionately in order to meet the needs of the community. Coral Gables has just three public elementary schools servicing this vast growing city and as a resident of the north west quadrant of Coral Gables I can assert to the fact that this is not enough. “I don't think anybody anywhere can talk about the future of their people or of an organization without talking about education. Whoever controls the education of our children controls our future.” Wilma Mankiller, first female Chief of the Cherokee Nation and Dartmouth College faculty member. Sincerely,

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						Orly Pascual President ezlaunder.com 832 Madrid St Coral Gables, FL 33134
202.	04 10 11	Emily and Travis Curtin 540 Alcazar Avenue Coral Gables, FL emilyandtravis@me.com		X		Good afternoon, My husband and I want to voice our support for Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Thank you Emily and Travis Curtin 540 alcazar ave
203.	04 10 11	Joseph Zaydon 408 Amalfi Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33146 expressflowers@comcast.net		X		Hello, I STRONGLY SUPPORT the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location!! My daughter Sophia attends Somerset and we love every aspect of the school!! Respectfully, Joseph Zaydon Coral Gables Homeowner and resident 408 Amalfi Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33146 Father to Sophia Anne Zaydon (Kindergartener at Somerset Gables) Father to Sienna Marie Zaydon (Future Somerset Gables student)
204.	04 10 11	Dr. Hayes Chamoun 1228 Alhambra Circle Coral Gables, Fl 33134		X		Please ensure that somerset coral gables can stay and enlarge at the ubc! It is very expensive to pay for private school and the gables public schools are crowded. Please please please listen to this request. I am a full supporter of somerset coral gables staying and thriving at ubc. Dr. Hayes chamoun 1228 Alhambra circle Coral gables, fl 33134
205.	04 10 11	Nicole Gualandi 1245 Algeria Ave Coral Gables, FL 33134 Gualandi1030@aol.com		X		I am a supporter of the expansion of Somerset Gables at UBC. I have one child in the second grade and one who will be in Kindergarten in the fall. Our family moved to Coral Gables about a year and a half ago. One of the things that drew us to the Gables is the wonderful community atmosphere and great schools. I was shocked when we went to register our son for school at Coral Gables Elementary school we were shut down at the front door. We couldn't even get a tour because there was no room in the school. The same at Sunset. We ended up at Carver Elementary. We had a good experience there ...but is good enough when you are educating your children? There is not enough space in the all of the current schools in Coral Gables to accommodate the growing community. Somerset has been an amazing experience. My son has been to 3 schools in 2 years so I

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						was concerned he would have a difficult adjustment. I had nothing to fear! My son uses both before and after care at the school and he is sad when I come to get him at the end of the day. The excellent teachers have helped him to gain confidence in himself and excel in all of his classes. I think it is very important that the neighbors and school work together to find a compromise. I understand the neighbor's concerns and I believe the school can work with the neighbors to address their issues. One of the best lessons we can teach our children is to listen to everyone's side in a disagreement and find a compromise that everyone can live with, this is all that I am asking. Thank you Nicole Gualandi 1245 Algeria Ave Coral Gables, FL 33134
206.	04 10 11	Betty Medrano 3590 Coral Way Apt. 509 Coral Gables, FL		X		Att: Planning & Zoning: My name is Betty Medrano, I leave at 3590 Coral Way Apt. 509, and I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location Thank you for your time and help.
207.	04 10 11	Heather Harary 2301 Swanson Ave Miami, Fl 33133 heather@whereised.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. It is a wonderful school and a great asset to Coral Gables. Thank you, Heather Harary 2301 Swanson Ave Miami, Fl 33133
208.	04 10 11	Maria del Carmen (Carmencita Lopez) carmencita723@aol.com		X		I support the expansion of SomersetGables at the UBC location Maria del Carmen (Carmencita) Lopez Email carmencita723@aol.com
209.	04 10 11	Beatriz Kaminsky 10 Aragon Ave 1603 Coral gables, Fl 33134		X		Hello I was born and raised in Coral Gables. I absolutely love our city and a firm believer of keeping our City exclusive and family friendly. I am also very for the idea of having more exclusive and higher academic schools in Coral Gables. I do hope you consider expanding Somerset Gables a couple of grades. I don't know if all the way to 8th grade is necessary but K3 - 5 th. Sincerely Beatriz Kaminsky 10 Aragon Ave 1603 Coral gables, fl 33134

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210.	04 10 11	Catalina Jaillier catalina@citrica.com		X		"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Catalina jaillier
211.	04 10 11	Nathalie D' alincourt 821 Ferdinand street CoraL gables, Fl 33134 wcdisport@bellsouth		X		Dear Sirs, I just wanted to confirm that my family and I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Nathalie D' alincourt 821 Ferdinand street CoraL gables, Fl 33134 Tel 305 338-0640
212.	04 10 11	Dymphna Zaydon 408 Amalfi Avenue Coral Gables< FL 33146 dzaydon@yahoo.com		X		Hello, I STRONGLY SUPPORT the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location!!!! My daughter Sophia Anne Zaydon, age 6, currently attends Kindergarten at Somerset Gables and she absolutely loves it there! She is so excited to go to school everyday because everyone at Somerset Gables is so friendly, loving, caring, nurturing and passionate about teaching. Her teachers are all phenomenal and teach with such passion and enthusiasm that the children are engaged all day long. Sophia has learned so much this year because her teachers care so much about the children. In addition to her Kindergarten home room, Sophia takes an hour of Spanish every day and Art and Music once a week. She LOVES every class and every teacher! They make learning so much FUN!! As expected, the children are at different reading levels and Sophia's homeroom teacher, Mrs. Castillo, is able to provide differentiated instruction for 23 children - UNBELIEVABLE! Sophia's reading level has skyrocketed to that of a fifth grader because the Somerset teachers are able and willling to adjust to the children's needs and skills. The teachers go beyond the call of duty!! Somerset Gables has an AMAZING staff/team!! Somerset Gables is being lead by an EXCELLENT principal, Ms. Ruiz, who was able to build an AWESOME school in record time. Ms. Ruiz addresses concerns or questions as soon as she possibly can. She has an open door policy and she is also so involved and engaged with the students. She has been so supportive and helpful to me and my daughter throughout the school year. She has built a really TERRIFIC team at Somerset Gables that are so happy to help each other and help the children in every way possible. They engage everyone with a smile and a friendly greeting. This school has attracted so many wonderful families that really care about their children's education. The parent involvement is inspiring and energizing! The children and parents at Somerset Gables are so LUCKY and fortunate to have such an AWESOME school with loving, giving and enthusiastic parents, teachers and school staff. PLEASE PLEASE expand our school!!! Our "city beautiful" needs a school like Somerset

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						Gables and we are committed to being a great neighbor and partner. Respectfully, Dymphna Zaydon Mother to Sophia Anne Zaydon (age 6, Kindergartener at Somerset) Mother to Sienna Marie Zaydon (age 4, future Somerset student) Address: 408 Amalfi Avenue, Coral Gables, Fl 33146
213.	04 10 11	Manuel Gonzalez 527 Valencia Avenue Apt. 6 Coral Gables, FL Man_gonz@yahoo.com		X		My name is Manuel Gonzalez and I am living at 527 Valencia Avenue Apt 6. I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.
214.	04 10 11	Maria C. Ramirez 3000 SW 3rd Ave Apt.502 Miami, Fl 33129 Nani9plus@aol.com		X		This is an email regarding the extension of Somerset Academy Coral Gables. My two grandsons's were privileged to be accepted there this year for their opening.....their parents of course are pleased and very happy with the school.....and I am also.....my grand children are my life, and those two boys are so happy.....they love their teachers, they get excited about homework, the activities, etc.....is almost as if they were older and had been there many years.....I would love nothing better then to see them continue their education there, I have met and interacted with their teachers and am totally amazed as to their dedication and love for the children.....So I am asking you please to consider the extension and do whatever possible to convince others to approve it as well.....May God guide you in your decision.....Sincerely, Maria C. Ramirez 3000 SW 3rd Ave Apt.502 Miami, Fl 33129
215.	04 10 11	Vivian Contreras vmc1186@hotmail.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.
216.	04 10 11	Gillian Smith 1216 Algeria Avenue Coral Gables, FL Gillian.smith@teachforamerica.org		X		Hello – I believe that every single child in our area deserves to have access to an excellent education. While I do not have children that attend or would attend Somerset, I believe that the city should really encourage the expansion of the school to allow for more high-quality schools in the Coral Gables area. Only Sunset and Coral Gables elementary are "A" schools (note that Carver elementary, the 3rd school in our lottery zoned district, was NOT an "A" school last year). Unfortunately, with the lottery system for public schools in Coral Gables, there are long waiting lists for students at Sunset and Coral Gables. With the expansion of Somerset, you can help ensure that every child can attend an excellent public school. I currently live at 1216 Algeria Ave in Coral Gables and I am a registered voter. Thank you in advance.

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						Best regards, Gillian Smith
217.	04 10 11	Michelle Vires 240 Sarto Ave Coral Gables, FL 33134 Viresm24@hotmail.com		X		I am a resident of Coral Gables and support the expansion of Somerset Gables! Sincerely, Michelle Vires 240 Sarto Ave Coral Gables, FL 33134
218.	04 10 11	Thomas Trebotich 231 SW 29th Road Miami FL 33129		X		"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location." Thomas Trebotich 231 SW 29th Road Miami FL 33129
219.	04 10 11	Lisette Del Rio 166 Alhambra Circle Coral Gables 33134 Momsbeautybiz@yahoo.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Lisette Del Rio 166 Alhambra Circle Coral Gables 33134
220.	04 10 11	Migdalia Martin 5321 SW 5 Street Coral Gables, FL 33134 maggster05@gmail.com		X		"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location." I am a parent of a future Somerset Gables student. Thank you for all your efforts in speeding up the process to approve the expansion of Somerset Gables. Migdalia Martin 5321 SW 5 Street Coral Gables, FL 33134 Cell: 786-378-0135 Email: maggster05@gmail.com
221.	04 10 11	Juliana Maggio and Juan Meza 4640 SW 14th St Miami, FL 33134 Juliana.maggio@juliananutrition.com		X		I support Somerset Gables expansion a current UBC location. Last year our oldest son, Mateo, was in PK 2 at the "Child Development Center", UBC's old pre-school and we were very sad when it closed. At that time we were not familiar with Academica's schools, and more so we did not know if it would ever open at UBC. More so, we worried about the possibility of not finding a space for him in a good pre-school in the Gables if Somerset did not open. Just a few days prior to the start of the 2010 school year, Somerset Gables was cleared to open with 110 students , and we were able to enroll our son. Mateo, is currently in PK 3 at Somerset Gables and we are extremely happy with the level of education he is getting. Staff if very friendly and caring. Mateo always goes to and comes from school very happy and he is talking about the new things he is learning, signing new songs every day both in English and Spanish. My husband and I look forward to many years of education at Somerset Gables.

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						We truly hope that you allow our school to grow, and that many more kids can receive the same quality education that just 110 students are receiving today at Somerset Gables. We hope and ask that the City of Coral Gables' decision regarding school expansion is considered in a timely and respectful manner to grant interested parents adequate time to either get prepared to begin a new school year at Somerset Gables or to register their kids at a different school. In closing, there is just one more comment that we have not heard many people commenting about that is worth mentioning. A bigger school will bring more jobs to our community. At a time when jobs are lacking and residents are being forced to leave our city and county, Somerset Gables would bring more jobs, and more taxes paid and money to our city beautiful. We support growth in our community and we support the expansion of Somerset Gables at current UBC location. Sincerely, Juliana Maggio and Juan Meza 4640 SW 14th St Miami, FL 33134
222.	04 10 11	Virginia Infante 6287 SW 88 Court Miami, FL 33173 Turtle728@gmail.com		**X**		"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location." Virginia Infante 6287 SW 88 Court Miami, FL 33173
223.	04 10 11	Jennifer Johnson 622 Velarde Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 Jennifer.schull@gmail.com		**X**		I am writing to express my support for the expansion of Somerset Academy Gables at the University Baptist Church property. My daughter is currenty in the Preschool program at Somerset Academy Gables and we couldn't be happier with the quality of the well-rounded education she is receiving. While Coral Gables has other excellent elementary school options, most are over capacity and the City should encourage and welcome another high-caliber learning environment to the mix of public education options. It is a primary reason families move to Coral Gables and remain, and imparts a sense of community for our families. The school facilities are more than ample to accommodate a thriving Preschool through 8th grade and we hope the City of Coral Gables will review the facts and work with the school to create a viable, thriving academic community for our neighborhood children. As a neighbor myself (6 blocks away), I can assure you that the parents, students and faculty/staff are committed to being good neighbors. The school requires famililes to sign a contract which spells out how we must conduct ourselves at the school and in the community or risk expulsion. I strongly urge the City of Coral Gables to reach a compromise that will perserve the quality of life for the nearby residents while meeting the greater need of quality education for the City's children.

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						Thank you, Jennifer Johnson 622 Velarde Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134
224.	04 10 11	Nicole Kaler nkaler@tpna.com		X		To Whom it May Concern, I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Nicole Kaler Coral Gables resident
225.	04 10 11	N. Maule 8400 SW 28 Street Miami FL 33155 Mn81023@aol.com		X		I support the expansion of UBC for Somerset students. I am not a resident of Coral Gables but my child has been chosen to attend this school. I am very fortunate to have this opportunity to have my daughter educated in one of the top schools in the county. My daughter currently attends a very good public school (Title I); however, like all public schools, they are faced with budget cuts. My daughter is very intelligent and often comes home and tells me that she is learning material that she already knows. She is the top student in her Gifted Class and in the Second grade. Sadly, teachers have to cater to the lower 25% in the classroom thus stifling her learning opportunities. My daughter is left to her own accord. She is put on the computer which often doesn't work. There aren't resources for enrichment due to funding and the threat of programs (such as languages) being cut always lingers in a parent's mind. Arne Duncan was the superintendent of Chicago Public Schools when I was a teacher there. When public schools were failing to "meet the grade", he supported the opening of charter schools. When he saw the success of various charter schools, he mentioned that kids didn't become smarter but that the standard of education was raised. This is exactly what charter schools have the flexibility of doing with innovative approaches rather than being trapped by bureaucratic red tape in the old fashioned public school system. Back to my daughter: What do I do? I look for other options where my daughter will have the opportunity to grow. Malcom Gladwell mentioned in his book Outliers, that gifted children don't necessarily have a successful life. It is based on a balance between the intelligence and the opportunity the person is given. If I continue the present route in the public school system and the downward spiral it is taking, I feel that my daughter will lack the experiences to make her successful. Finally, I have this opportunity to have her educated among the best. Schools like Somerset will make its students successful; thus, making them responsible citizens that will in turn make decisions for us. I understand the neighbors not wanting traffic; however, for the benefit of having educated students ...becoming educated adults,

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						making educated decisions ... it is worth the sacrifice as long as planning and zoning rules are adhered to. N. Maule 8400 SW 28 ST MIami, FL. 33155
226.	04 10 11	Ivonne Valiente 525 Hampton Lane Key Biscayne, FL 33149 icvaliente@bellsouth.net		X		To whom it may concern: I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Ivonne Valiente 525 Hampton Lane Key Biscayne, FL 33149
227.	04 11 11	Andrew Frey 11 Island Avenue Miami Beach, FL 33139 freyaa@gmail.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. -- andrew frey, 11 island ave, miami beach, fl 33139
228.	04 11 11	Norma Varas 4815 San Amaro Drive Coral Gables, Fl. 33146 varasnorma@gmail.com		X		To whom it may concern, As a resident of Coral Gables I would give my support to the expansion of Somerset Academy UBC in Coral Gables. Our city is in need of additional space to to provide quality public education for our children. Somerset Gables has the space and an excellent location to provide the quality education our children need. The school has been a model citizen and has not inconvenienced any of the surrounding neighbors. Please allow them the opportunity to further assist our city by supporting the expansion of this School. Please feel free to contact me via email should you have any questions. Sincerely, Norma Varas 4815 San Amaro Drive Coral Gables, Fl. 33146
229.	04 11 11	Isabel Hernandez 5763 SW 53 Terrace Miami, Fl 33155 inhernandez@aol.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location! Sincerely, Isabel Hernandez 5763 SW 53 Terrace Miami, Fl 33155
230.	04 11 11	Luisa Arenas 527 Valencia Avenue Apt. 6 Coral Gables, Fl luisaarenas@yahoo.com		X		My name is Luisa Arenas and I am living at 527 Valencia Avenue Apt 6. I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.
231.	04 11 11	Michelle Goni		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.

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		5812 SW 34th Street Miami, FL 33155 Michelle_goni@yahoo.com				Michelle Goni 5812 SW 34th Street Miami, FL 33155
232.	04 11 11	Sebastian P. Almazan 1512 Dorado Ave. Coral Gables, Fl. 33146 calmaz@aol.com		X		I support the expansion of the Sumerset Gables at the UBC location. Sebastian P. Almazan 1512 Dorado Ave. Coral Gables, Fl. 33146
233.	04 11 11	Paola Burgos 1120 Wallace St Coral Gables Fl 33134 paoladelvallep@yahoo.com		X		Good morning this is Paola Burgos and I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Paola Burgos 1120 Wallace St Coral Gables Fl 33134
234.	04 11 11	Alberto Burgos-Tiburcio MD 1120 Wallace St Coral Gables Fl 33134 albertofellow@yahoo.com		X		Good Morning this is Alberto Burgos-Tiburcio and I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Alberto Burgos-Tiburcio MD 1120 Wallace st Coral Gables Fl 33134
235.	04 11 11	Boo Zamek boo@justaskboo.com		X		The reason I support the expansion is because like the neighbors, we (the parents and potential parents) would like to preserve the neighborhood while also enjoying the opportunity to educate our children in this wonderful community school. This kind of school is what living in a community like Coral Gables is all about! Thank you, Boo Zamek
236.	04 11 11	Carolina Menendez Cbm5@ntrs.com		X		To Whom it May Concern: Having lived in Coral Gables for 32 years and as an employee of a bank with a local presence, I am aware of the need for a charter school such as Somerset in our neighborhood. With public schools overcrowded and the cost of private school at all time highs, the residents of Coral Gables and its periphery should have more options. I grew up on Cadagua Avenue, just a couple of blocks from Coral Gables Senior High, and my husband grew up on Alhambra Circle, just blocks from St. Theresa. Although there was a bit more traffic in the morning, it was something the residents were used to and learned to live with. The same can be said for the neighborhood surrounding UBC. It is something that the residents can learn to live with, and the benefits will far outweigh the inconveniences. I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location and hope the City of Coral Gables will consider the importance of affordable, quality education in our community. Sincerely,

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						Carolina Menendez mother of 2 boys, ages 2 and 3
237.	04 11 11	Aymara Golan aegolan@bellsouth.net		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Aymara Golan aegolan@bellsouth.net
238.	04 11 11	Pablo Ferrer pabloferlu@gmail.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location
239.	04 11 11	Carolina Moreno carolferrer@gmail.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location
240.	04 11 11	Adriana B Medina 338 Majorca Ave#10 Coral Gables, FL 33134 medinaab@gmail.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location Adriana B Medina 338 Majorca Ave#10 33134-Coral Gables-FL
241.	04 11 11	Rich Simpson Simpson-rich@aramark.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Academy. I am a Coral Gables resident and I have a child that would love to have the opportunity to attend the School Thank you Rich Simpson ARAMARK Business Services Royal Caribbean Cruises
242.	04 11 11	Jessica Acosta 815 SW Red Road Coral Gables, FL 33144 Jramos02@bellsouth.net		X		To whom it may concern: I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. My daughter is almost 3 years old, and she is on the waiting list to get accepted for the 2011-2012 school year. We also have a 10 month-old daughter, whom we also hope to enroll in a couple years. My name and address: Jessica Acosta 815 SW Red Road Coral Gables, FL 33144 305-323-0588 Please help them expand so that we can have a better chance of enrolling our daughters in their school. Thank you, Jessica Acosta
243.	04 11 11	Mary Hepworth 4411 Alhambra Circle Coral Gables, FL 33146 maryhepworth@hotmail.com		X		Dear Coral Gables Planning & Zoning, City Clerk & Planning Department, My name is Mary Hepworth, I live at 4411 Alhambra Circle, Coral Gables, FL 33146. Please add my information to the public record in SUPPORT of the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location!!

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						This is an amazing school full of wonderful teachers, parents and students! I have 4 children, and one more on the way. 2 of my children currently go to Somerset Academy Gables and we are looking forward to the expansion!!! Thank you, Mary Hepworth 4411 Alhambra Circle Coral Gables, FL 33146
244.	04 11 11	Cindy Delgado cdelgado@barcardi.com		X		Please help us bring good schools to the city in order to keep our good reputation by not having overcrowded schools. Thank you. Regards, Cindy Delgado
245.	04 11 11	Martha & Randy Mckey Martha@mckeyassociates.com		X		We just wanted to reiterate our support for this wonderful educational opportunity. Sincerely, Martha & Randy McKey
246.	04 11 11	Luisa Villegas 6612 Mimosa Court Miami, FL 33143 luisavillegas@bellsouth.net		X		My name is Luisa Villegas and my address is 6612 mimosa Ct. Miami, Fl. 33143 "I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location."
247.	04 11 11	Vikki Ventura 4161 Ventura Avenue Coconut Grove, FL 33133 vventura@bilzin.com		X		To Whom It May Concern, I want to be put on record that I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Regards, Vikki Ventura 4161 Ventura Avenue Coconut Grove, FL 33133
248.	04 11 11	Hagen Ruff 4411 Alhambra Cir Coral Gables, FL hruff@chavaenergy.com		X		Dear City of Coral Gables representatives, I am writing this letter to voice my support for the reasonable expansion of Somerset Gables School at the UBC location. We can all understand the concerns of neighbors. But simply forcing our children out of Coral Gables due to the lack of sufficient schooling would be detrimental to the future of our beautiful City. The attractiveness of our City is defined by its demographic diversity and we must maintain our support for families with young children and not let the self-centered protest by a small group of angry neighbors determine our City's future. Somerset is a well managed and responsible school and a reasonable expansion won't affect the quality of life in the neighborhood at all.

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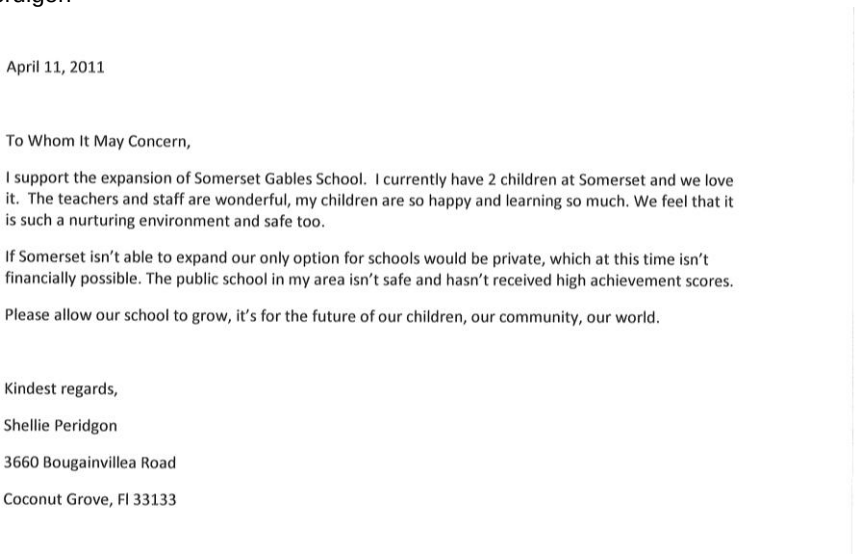
						My address: 4411 Alhambra Cir Coral Gables Best regards, Hagen Ruff
249.	04 11 11	Aymara Lopez amylopez@miami.edu		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Aymara Lopez
250.	04 11 11	Gabi Doria-Simpson gabi@caribbeanhotelandtourism.com		X		"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location." Regards, Gabi Gabi Doria-Simpson
251.	04 11 11	Shellie Perdigon 3660 Bougainvillea Road Coconut Grove, FL 33133 shellieperdigon@gmail.com		X		To Whom it May Concer, Attached please find my letter of support for the expansion of Somerset Gables School. Kindest regards, Shellie Perdigon 
252.	04 11 11	Peter Lewis 414 Majorca Ave Coral Gables, FL 33134 plewis@mail.as.miami.edu		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Peter Lewis 414 Majorca Ave

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To Whom It May Concern,

I support the expansion of Somerset Gables School. I currently have 2 children at Somerset and we love it. The teachers and staff are wonderful, my children are so happy and learning so much. We feel that it is such a nurturing environment and safe too.

If Somerset isn't able to expand our only option for schools would be private, which at this time isn't financially possible. The public school in my area isn't safe and hasn't received high achievement scores.

Please allow our school to grow, it's for the future of our children, our community, our world.

Kindest regards,

Shellie Peridgon

3660 Bougainvillea Road

Coconut Grove, Fl 33133

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						Coral Gables, FL 33134
253.	04 11 11	Theresa Santovenia 5449 SW 86th Street Miami, FL 33143 santoven@hugheshubbard.com		X		Dear Sir or Madame: I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. It is an excellent school and an asset to the community. Thank you for your consideration. Theresa Santovenia 5449 SW 86th Street Miami, FL 33143
254.	04 11 11	Julio Riquezes 128 Morningside Dr., Coral Gables, FL 33133 julioriquezes@hotmail.com		X		Dear Madame or Sir. I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Thanks, Julio Riquezes 128 Morningside Dr., Coral Gables, FL 33133 Julio J. Riquezes De Ratmiroff
255.	04 11 11	ERIC AMSLER 3232 Coral Way #1503 Coral Gables, FL 33145 eamsler@heat.com		X		"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location." Name/Address/Father of two daughters (Isabelle, 5; Sofia, 2): ERIC AMSLER 3232 Coral Way #1503 Coral Gables, FL 33145 I am writing to express my support for the expansion of student enrollment for SOMI Gables. With my oldest daughter, Isabelle, close to starting her first year of formal schooling, I have to say it has been quite hectic trying to locate the necessary ingredients my wife and I desire for our daughter's school. Level of education, quality of teachers, location, and safety. As many have found out, and see firsthand, the public schools zoned in the Gables area don't live up to the quality that is Coral Gables, and even more importantly don't actually fall in the Gables area. SOMI Gables is in the heart of the Gables – and has all the requirements of a school we as a community and as parents should want for the youth of today: Great location, safety, and quality education/teachers. The space is there to use, which is usually half the battle for city schools, and all the other concerns local residents have I'm sure SOMI Gable parents would be more than happy to compromise with, or do all they can to assure peace, if in turn it means having a better life/education for their young kids as I know I will if given the opportunity. I truly hope the decision is made in the interest of the young children who need a good start, and quickly to assure that all can be worked out in a good manner for the families

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						and the residents that live near the school. All the best, Eric Amsler
256.	04 11 11	Mariloyd Cou-Martin 16333 SW 45 Terrace Miami, FL 33185 Cou1971@hotmail.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Mariloyd Cou-Martin 16333 SW 45 Terrace Miami, FL 33185
257.	04 11 11	Rodolfo and Jocelyne Sori 4250 Salzedo Street, Ph 9 Coral Gables, FL 33146 jsori@gmail.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Rodolfo and Jocelyne Sori 4250 Salzedo Street, Ph 9 Coral Gables, FL 33146
258.	04 11 11	Alex A. Varas 4815 San Amaro Drive Coral Gables, Fl 33146 alexv@bvoil.com		X		To whom it may concern, I am a resident of Coral Gables and a strong supporter of the expansion of Somerset Academy in Coral Gables. I grew up and attended public schools in Coral Gables both at Ponce De Leon Junior High and Coral Gables Senior High Schools in the 1960's and 1970's. I have witnessed the extreme crowded conditions in these schools and the exodus of children living in Coral Gables but going to schools outside their boundaries. I believe that the Somerset School has been a great model this past year and has not caused any sort of inconvenience for our citizens but has been a great help for the students that can attend to get a quality education. Please consider and allow for the expansion of the Somerset school to further meet our children's need. Alex A. Varas 4815 San Amaro Drive Coral Gables, Fl 33146
259.	04 11 11	Colby Johnson 622 Velarde Ave Coral Gables, FL 33134 colbyjohnson@bellsouth.net		X		As a neighbor to the school and as the Father of a student in the Pre-K 4 program at Somerset Grace Academy, I am writing this letter to express my support for the school's application to expand their enrollment from the current number of 110 students. The current enrollment figures are not viable for the long term and the need for such a fine charter/public option is immediate in our community. with 1300 applications for 110 spaces- the need is undeniable. While there are a few fine public elementary schools in Coral Gables, they are currently operating at full capacity. The Somerset Grace Academy has done a spectacular job of educating my daughter over the last school year. A strict code of conduct for students and parents and respect for the community and one another. We have been very pleased with the success of the school to date. Regards, Colby Johnson

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						622 Velarde Ave Coral Gables, FL 33134
260.	04 11 11	Blaik P. Ross bross@beauchampco.com		X		To Whom it May Concern, My name is Blaik Ross. I am a parent and interested homebuyer in Coral Gables. I am also a proud member of the community through my company, Beauchamp Construction Co., Inc., which has been located and doing business in Coral Gables for the past 30 years. I feel strongly that Somerset Gables has a positive impact on the City and its existence is a significant factor in my family's consideration of purchasing a home in Coral Gables. In addition, I feel that the school helps the local economy through both job creation and stimulating surrounding businesses. Therefore, I respectfully request your support of the expansion of the Somerset Gables charter school at the UBC site. Respectfully Yours, Blaik P. Ross, Esquire
261.	04 11 11	Vanessa Travieso vtravieso@pb-santander.com		X		Dear Sir or Madam, The purpose of this email is to express my family's support for the expansion of Somersent Gables that the University Baptist Church location. We have applied to have our daughter considered for the Pre-K3 class and are hopeful that the City of Coral Gables would allow Somerset Gables to offer such a class by increasing the number fo students. The location of the school is very convenient for us but aside from that, the school's reputation and quality of education is the driving force to our continuing to hope and desire that our daughter is given the opportunity to attend Somerset Gables. We plead to the City of Coral Gables that you kindly approve the expansion of Somerset Gables to allow the families in Coral Gables and the nearby communities the opportunity of good quality education. I know that Somerset Gables, its staff, parents and students will abide with the conditions set forth to ensure the happiness of the nearby residents. Should you need to contact me, you may do so at the phone number listed below. Best regards, Vanessa Travieso
262.	04 11 11	Rodolfo Lopez Stanic + Adriana Medina 338 Majorca Ave., Apt 10 Coral Gables, FL, 33134 Rodolfo.lopez@lanautilus.com		X		Coral Gables, April, 11, 2011 Dear Madam/Sir, Having chosen Coral Gables as our resident place because of the schools and being a resident for more than 8 years in the area, I see how other places of the Miami Dade county have continue improving its schools offer tru the development of Charter Schools. We feel annoyed that the City of Coral Gables is moving very slowly in that way, and we will reflect our disconformity with our next vote in the next election, unless we see a clear support for the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Sincerely,

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						Rodolfo Lopez Stanic + Adriana Medina 338 Majorca Ave., Apt 10 Coral Gables, FL, 33134
263.	04 11 11	Alessia Zager 3721 Hibiscus Street Miami, FL 33133 Maucaramella70@yahoo.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location Alessia Zager 3721 hibiscus street Miami, FL 33133
264.	04 11 11	Rafael A. Torrens oficina@msn.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.
265.	04 11 11	Jorey S. Friedman 1019 Lisbon Street Coral Gables jfriedman@sb-architects.com		X		My name is Jorey S. Friedman and I live at 1019 Lisbon Street, Coral Gables. My 6 year-old son is currently attending the Coral Gables Preparatory Academy, but is also fully engaged at the CG Youth Center which is directly across from the Somerset Academy campus. I am therefore very familiar with the area, and have no doubt that with the proper organization and structuring of pick-up/drop-offs, it could handle an increase in traffic flow that would result from an expansion of the school. I don't think that it would be detrimental to the community or local residents in any way and am in full support of the Somerset Academy Gables expansion. Sincerely, Jorey Shoshanna Friedman
266.	04 11 11	Stephanie Anders sanders@bacardi.com		X		Hi, I am writing to express my support for the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Both of my children attend this wonderful school and I want to see them continue their education at this location through 8th grade. Thanks, Stephanie Anders
267.	04 11 11	Paola & Joseph Allegra 704 Aledo Avenue Coral Gables manzalle@hotmail.com		X		We support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Paola & Joseph Allegra 704 Aledo Avenue Coral Gables
268.	04 11 11	Laura Neiman laura@diversifiedbiologicals.com		X		To whom it may concern: I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Thanks, Laura Neiman
269.	04 11 11	Janice Montalvo 6126 SW 61 Street Miami, FL 33143 Janice_montalvo@hotmail.		X		To whom it may concern: This note is to express my support for the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.

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		com				Regards, Janice Montalvo My address is: 6126 SW 61 Street Miami, FL 33143
270.	04 11 11	Monica Benitez 3266 Allamanda St Miami, Fl. 33133 mpbnitz@aol.com		X		"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location." Monica Benitez 3266 Allamanda St Miami, Fl. 33133
271.	04 11 11	Carlos Avino 1410 Urbino Avenue Coral Gables, FL cavino@higcapital.com		X		To whom it may concern, I am writing in support of the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. I understand the needs of both parties and something must be figured out in order to have another high-quality community school in Coral Gables. My wife and I want to provide the best education possible for our two children and that was part of the premium we paid for our home. I am a resident of Coral Gables at 1410 Urbino Avenue and live right across the street from the University of Miami. There are pros and cons just like everything but I deal with traffic in the area on an everyday basis but such is life. Would the city be better off without the University because there is traffic in the surrounding areas (rhetorical question)? Would I like to make a left turn onto San Amaro when going to work in the mornings? Yes, since it saves me a couple of minutes. Instead I have to drive to Alhambra, go down 2 blocks to Certosa Avenue make a right and then head over to San Amaro. Should the city not have made these traffic improvements because it takes me and my neighbors a few more minutes to get to work in the morning? I have seen traffic circles installed, no left turns, etc. added to the area over the course of the past 5 -10 years. I am sure things can be done to remedy the traffic situation but will leave that to the experts. I understand the neighbors and the slight inconvenience to their neighborhood as there will be more cars in the area. In the grand scheme of things it's a slight inconvenience which is something everyone should keep in mind. This is not a shopping plaza or nightclub opening in their neighborhood. Our schools in Coral Gables are at capacity and the city has been presented a golden opportunity to do something about it. Please make the right choice that benefits the city and surrounding community and support the expansion of Somerset Gables. Best Regards, Carlos A. Aviñó
272.	04 11 11	Paul Zamek		X		My name is Paul Zamek and I live at 1505 Ferdinand Street, Coral Gables, Florida.

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		1505 Ferdinand Street Coral Gables, Florida Paul.zamek@gmail.com				I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the University Baptist Church location. My children attend PreK-4 and 1st grade at Somerset Gables and their academic achievement this year is beyond anything I could have imagined. • The Principal, teachers and staff are exceptional. Somerset creates a learning environment which is both nurturing and challenging at the same time. The dual language, technology rich student experience at Somerset prepares children at an early age to succeed in life. • The academic building at UBC has over 35 student ready classrooms which are not currently being utilized. Even at the full amount of students requested in the application, the facility would not be used to its capacity. • The traffic impact to the neighborhood is mitigated through a professionally developed program employing staggered pick-ups and drop offs without the need to park your vehicle. This system is currently being used at Somerset and there has been zero negative impact to the surrounding neighborhood. • Parents are held accountable to following the rules of the school through a mandatory parent/school contract. • Somerset Gables can give priority enrollment to students who live within one mile of the school making it the only true public, neighborhood school in Coral Gables. • Somerset currently has many parents who are neighbors of the school. Somerset understands their needs and is committed to being a good neighbor. • Somerset Gables will have a positive economic impact on the community creating 50 new jobs plus complimentary services associated with the school. • Somerset Gables application incorporates the future improvements to Segovia Street. • The City of Coral Gables has sought to create a charter school in the past. The parents and supporters of this school have brought this opportunity to reality. I strongly encourage the planning and zoning board to approve the application under consideration on April 27th. Sincerely, Paul Zamek
273.	04 11 11	The Puente Family Nicole, Justin, and Victoria nicoledelara@gmail.com		**X**		Dear all - It is with much hope that I send you this letter on behalf of my family. We have recently moved to Coral Gables with our 3 year old daughter and are incredibly eager to see the Somerset school expand so she has the opportunity to enroll in one of the very best schools the city has to offer. The existing parents rave about the learning experiences that the school has brought to their children since the moment it opened its doors and we very much hope to take advantage of a much needed public school education for her. We urge you to expand the enrollment at the UBC location and trust that you understand

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						the benefits it will bring to the community on an array of levels. Thank you in advance for your support! The Puente Family Nicole, Justin, and Victoria nicoledelara@gmail.com
274.	04 11 11	Natalie Tremols ntremols@aol.com		X		I support Sommerset Gables School Expansion! I support the Somerset Gables Expansion! We need schools in Coral Gables that Gables children can attend and not go outside of the City. Too many of our children have had to go to schools outside of our City in order to get the quality education we want for our children. WE NEED THE SOMERSET GABLES EXPANSION!
275.	04 11 11	Manuela Jaramillo 3613 Loquat Avenue Miami, FL 33133 mjaramillo@latinpressinc.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location Manuela Jaramillo, ext 73 3613 Loquat Avenue Miami, FL 33133
276.	04 11 11	Emmanuel Datoc Emmanuel.datoc@xerox.com		X		To whom it may concern, "I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location." Sincerely, Emmanuel Datoc
277.	04 11 11	Melissa Calixto mc@affinitymanagementservices.com		X		"I Support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location." Melissa Calixto
278.	04 11 11	Karla Grover 4600 SW 67 Ave, 145 Miami, FL 33155 kgrover@miami.edu		X		Good Afternoon, I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Thank you! Karla Grover 4600 SW 67 Ave, 145 Miami, FL 33155
279.	04 11 11	Lourdes M. Niebla 4526 SW 3rd Street Miami, FL 33134 Lourdes.niebla@mch.com			X	Name: Lourdes M. Niebla Address: 4526 SW 3rd Street Miami, FL 33134 To Whom It May Concern:

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						"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location." Thank you. Lourdes M. Niebla
280.	04 11 11	Yanelquis Ramos 3410 SW 23rd ST Miami Fl 33145 Yaner0128@aol.com				Yanelquis Ramos 3410 SW 23rd ST Miami Fl 33145 Yaner0128@aol.com To Whom It May Concern: I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Thank you for your help, Yanelquis Ramos
281.	04 11 11	Ninoska Marucci nimarcucci@gmail.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset gables at UBC location. Sincerely, Ninoska Marcucci
282.	04 11 11	Steven M. Harper 4915 San Amaro Ct. Coral Gables, FL 33146 sharper@harpermeyer.com		X		I am a Coral Gables resident and I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Steven M. Harper 4915 San Amaro Ct. Coral Gables, FL 33146
283.	04 11 11	Andres Carrillo 3645 Riviera Ct Coral Gables, FL 33134 andrescarrillochica@gmail.com		X		Andres Carrillo 3645 Riviera Ct Coral Gables, FL 33134 Dear sir / madam, I wanted to write in support of the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. My family lives three blocks away from the school and our son has been accepted, pending the expansion of the school's capacity. We would be extremely disappointed if we cannot get the position at the school due to a negative decision for the expansion. Sincerely, Andres Carrillo
284.	04 11 11	Roger A. Betancourt rabetancourt@bellsouth.net		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location to at least 500+ students. The 100+ kids who are there only occupy 6 of approximately 30 classrooms. Roger A. Betancourt
285.	04 11 11	Geoff R. Gackle geoffgackle@experttranscription.com		X		I am a first-hand witness of seeing the positive impact Somerset has had on the Gables Area. The "assumed" traffic issue has not even been a factor, and seeing the current structures

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						that they have in place for drop off and pick up, I do not see this being an issue even with the maximum expansion allowed. Currently my nephews are enrolled and their learning Has drastically improved from their previous education given at other schools, and so has their social and emotional development. The principal and faculty are top-notch. They provide a very caring and disciplined approach to their teaching. I would be extremely disappointed if this expansion were not to pass. It should serve as a model to what the bright future of our city can be! I strongly support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC Location. Geoff R. Gackle
286.	04 11 11	Victoria E. Anderson Victoria.miami@att.net		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Regards Victoria E Anderson
287.	04 11 11	Raul Herrero 1410 Ferdinand ST Coral Gables, FL 33134 Raul.miami@gmail.com		X		"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location." Raul Herrero 1410 Ferdinand ST Coral Gables, FL 33134
288.	04 11 11	Susy Fernandez-Shelton, CAM 1212 Aguila Avenue Coral Gables, Fl 33134 susyk@bellsouth.net		X		I am a strong supporter of Gables Somerset expanding in Coral Gables. I grew up in Coral Gables, live and work here. I think the opportunity for the Gables to have a charter school that is up through 8th grade is amazing. Yes, the public schools in Coral Gables are good, but Coral Gables Elementary is full, Carver Elementary is really in the Grove and Sunset is really in South Miami. I think it would also be an asset for the community, as families are going to attend local events and sign up children for after school activities in the Youth Center, which is usually pretty empty. This will inturn generate more jobs and funds for city. It will most certainly enhance community involvment and community pride. I know the neighbors are not pleased with the expansion, but everything that is for progress always gets resistance. Hopefully, they will see that it is for the betterment of Coral Gables as a whole and not simply for a few individuals as they claim. Please feel free to call me. Susy Fernandez-Shelton, CAM 1212 Aguila Avenue (Home) Coral Gables, Florida 33134
289.	04 11 11	Philip D. Floyd, MD Debbie Gerspacher Floyd 925 Cotorro Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33146		X		Dear Members of Zoning and Planning Board, My wife, Debbie Gerspacher Floyd (a lifelong Gables resident) and I (Gables resident for the last nine years) are neighbors and parents of the Somerset Grace Charter School at

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		philipfloydmd@gmail.com				UBC. We are fully in support of this school and all of the wonderful contributions it is making and will make to our community. Good schools, and an adequate supply of them, make good cities. We are the City Beautiful and trust that as you make your decisions that you will continue this tradition. Somerset helps to make our City Beautiful a City Alive and Growing. Thank you for your careful consideration. Sincerely yours, Philip D. Floyd, MD Debbie Gerspacher Floyd 925 Cotorro Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33146
290.	04 11 11	Cecilia C. Blanco ceciblanco@gmail.com		X		I am a strong supporter for this much needed school. My sister lives in Pinecrest and sits among three elementary schools in the area and her property values are higher, not lower as the long-time, kidless residents of CG would have you believe. The children of CGables are counting on you. Thank you. -- Cecilia C. Blanco
291.	04 11 11	Xavier A. Franco xfranco@gzflaw.com		X		To whom it may concern: This is to express my support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Sincerely, Xavier A. Franco
292.	04 11 11	Jane Whitmoyer 21 Maple Hill Drive Larchmont, NY 10538 jacresswell@hotmail.com		X		As an incoming resident to Coral Gables, I wholeheartedly support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. It is our number one choice for our two children. Thank you and kindest regards, Jane Whitmoyer 21 Maple Hill Drive Larchmont, NY 10538
293.	04 11 11	Jose Nodarse jnodarse@inrproperty.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location
294.	04 11 11	Nanette Davila-Epelbaum 3934 Riviera Dr. Coral Gables, FL 33134 Nanette102@gmail.com		X		To Whom It May Concern, I, Nanette Davila-Epelbaum, support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.

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						Sincerely, Nanette Davila-Epelbaum 3934 Riviera Dr. Coral Gables, FL 33134
295.	04 11 11	Lisa Rodriguez Lisa_rodriguez@ajg.com		X		Dear Public officials: I am writing to ask for your in support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation. Best, Lisa Rodriguez
296.	04 11 11	Marika de Nie Puyana Mdenie01gmail.com		X		To whom this may concern. I write to you as a parent of three kids. And find living in one of the best city's of Florida. That we are so deeply in lack of good available public schools for our kids. That the ones that are available my kids are on waiting lists. We pay so much taxes here, we deserve a good school for our kids who deserve a good education and who will be maybe running this city after our generation. You have the power. UBC has the infrastructure, teachers and students waiting to be part of a great American education. I come from Canada. We have never had problems such as not giving a good education to our kids. I know we can do it here too with your help. Isn't this what America is all about, to make things happen, you have our support as a community, now we desperately need yours to make our kids future the best they can even have. Please allow the expansion of the UBC. Most sincerely, Marika de Nie Puyana
297.	04 11 11	Ricardo & Jacky Londono 628 Aledo Avenue Coral Gables, Fl 33134 rlondono@adaag-consulting.com		X		Dear Planning-Zoning Department and City Clerk: My family and I are second generation Coral Gables residents and an “immediate neighbor” of the Somerset Gables/UBC location. Please accept this email as an indication that we are in FULL SUPPORT of the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location" We are honored and privileged to have such a quality school like Somerset Gables within walking distance from our home. Thanks,

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						Ricardo & Jacky Londono 628 Aledo Avenue Coral Gables, Fl 33134 150 Yards from Somerset Gables School at UBC
298.	04 11 11	Carlos Herrera Cherrera@		X		I am in favor on the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Regards, Carlos Herrera
299.	04 11 11	Veronica Minet & Benito Rojo 1605 Country Club Prado Coral Gables, Fl 33134 verominet@gmail.com		X		"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location." Veronica Minet & Benito Rojo 1605 Country Club Prado Coral Gables, Fl 33134
300.	04 11 11	Janetp10@hotmail.com		X		To whom it may concern, I support the expansion Somerset Coral Gables at UBC center
301.	04 11 11	Mildalys Ruiz 3435 SW 6th street Miami, FL Mildays.ruiz@t-mobile.com		X		04/11/2011 To whom it may concern: I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. My name is Mildays Ruiz. I live at 3435 SW 6th street, Miami Fl 33135 less than 2 miles away from Somerset Gables. I have a 6 year old son who currently attends kinder at The Growing Place in Coral Gables. He has been attending that school since Pre K 3. I was fortunate enough to be able to afford private school for my son up until, last year when my husband became unemployed. Paying private school this year has been a sacrifice, I do not regret this sacrifice considering my son was tested for gifted scoring an overall IQ of 142. We are proud parents and proud of the sacrifices made with our son Armani. However, now the reality and mental anguish of not knowing where my son will be attending school this coming year has set in. My neighborhood school is Aurbendale Elementary. Aurbendale does not have a gifted program. I am currently going through the unpleasant experience of registering him at the neighborhood school with hope that I may transfer him to Gables Elementary at some point next school year, which does have a gifted program. I have been informed it is not a good idea to put him in a regular class environment he will get bored, causing distraction leading to long term problems with his education. There are no Charter Schools in or around my area. Somerset Gables would be a great addition to the neighborhood allowing kids like my son Armani to maximize his education in a charter environment and curriculum allowing him to further enhance his future/education. I urge and beg the decision makers to approve the expansion of Somerset Gables allowing students with bright futures ahead of them the opportunity to reach the American dream. I will do whatever needs to be done to support and show how grateful we will be when the city of Coral Gables supports/approve the expansion of Somerset Gables. Once again, my name is Mildalys Ruiz and I do support the expansion of Somerset Gables. Thank you, Mildalys Ruiz (305-766-0412)

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						3435 SW 6th street, Miami
302.	04 11 11	Chantale Bayard-Mazzei		X		With this email please know that I fully support the expansion of the Somerset Coral Gables school. Thank you, Chantale Bayard-Mazzei
303.	04 11 11	Maria Alejandra Perez Mperez17@med.miami.edu		X		Dear City Clerk Foeman, Dear Members of the Coral Gables Planning & zoning committees, I write to you, like many parents who are vested in the growth and expansion of Somerset Academy Coral Gables, to vouch for the positive (and much needed) impact of the school in our community. I believe as many other parents that Somerset Gables brings a wealth of resources to our community with minimal impact around the UBC location, and since its inception I have been following its development and continued efforts for growth. I have two children, Brianna who is 5 and Luke who is 4. My husband and I have high hopes that they will have every possible opportunity to be part of this school. This can only happen is Somerset Gables is allowed to open spaces for more deserving children. My husband and I had always thought we would go the private school route as we were former residents of the West Miami area and we wanted to ensure that we provided our children with incredibly rich and nurturing academic settings – none of the immediate schools in our former area fit that bill. Now, as members of the greater gables area, we live just outside Somerset Gables' immediate radius, across the street from Epiphany parish, and we would love nothing but to see Somerset Gables grow and flourish and see that our children can have access to this school. Unlike the majority of other parents, however, we got handed a major curve ball – our son Luke, was diagnosed on the Autism Spectrum and has PDD (a very mild form of Autism that is very responsive to therapies – occupational, physical, Applied behavioral, and speech therapies). Since his diagnosis we have taken every possible step to ensure his success and access to all therapies – this has come at an incredible financial investment and budget allocations. We now find ourselves in a position, both fortunate and challenging, that we must shift our focus from the private schools we had considered for them, to the top quality public and charter schools the area has to offer. We truly believe Somerset Gables offers the entire package – a highly qualified team of educators, with a challenging and forward-thinking curriculum, and a wonderful family of parents supporting its every endeavor and positive stride toward community enrichment. We would love nothing more than to be a more permanent member of this enterprise. We look to you, our community leaders, to open opportunities to all the parents seeking the best opportunities for their children. Respectfully Yours, Maria Alejandra Perez
304.	04 11 11	Armando Aguilar Aaguilar37@yahoo.com		X		To whom it may concern:

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						As a parent with two small children; one that will be entering kindergarten this year and another one who will be entering the school system in a few years, I feel that is imperative that this proposal to expand Somerset be given a favorable review. If you speak to the principals of the schools in our area, they will tell you that the demand is high and there are more students in this area than the schools can currently handle. Therefore, there is a real need for a school like Somerset Gables and since the city is most likely not building any more schools in the near future, Somerset Gables should be received with open arms. Thank you for taking the time to read this email. Best regards, Concerned Parent
305.	04 11 11	Maria Fernandez 5745 SW 51 ST Miami, FL 33155 Maria.bolanos@assurant.com		X		Hi My name is Maria Fernandez and we live at: 5745 SW 51 ST Miami, FL 33155 We support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.
306.	04 11 11	Janet Perez 4515 SW 64 Ct Miami, FL 33155 Janetp10@hotmail.com		X		To whom it may concern, I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at UBC location. Thank you, Janet Perez 4515 SW 64 Ct Miami, FL 33155
307.	04 11 11	Lisa Geremia Lisa.geremia@diageo.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Please support us too!! _____ Lisa Geremia
308.	04 11 11	Janet Tamargo 12230 S.W. 104th Terrace Miami, FL 33186 jctamargo@dadeschools.net		X		Janet Tamargo 12230 S.W. 104th Terrace Miami, FL 33186 I support the expansion of somerset Gables at the UBC location.
309.	04 11 11	Carter Nance 309 Viscaya Ave. Coral Gables, Fla. 33133 Cnance@cpbgroup.com		X		To whom it may concern: I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Thank you for your consideration. Carter Nance 309 Viscaya Ave. Coral Gables, Fla. 33133
310.	04 11 11	Alain J. Yanes 341 Malaga Avenue		X		Hello I am writing this letter in support of Somerset Academy Gables. I am a resident of Coral

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		Coral Gables, FL ayanes@univison.net				Gables. My address is 341 Malaga Avenue. I have seen, first hand, what this school has done for the children that attend and for the community in general. When I first moved into the city early last year I was looking to put my daughter in the nearest public school. Due to the schools being overcrowded, the nearest school (being less than a mile away) and the second school (being a little over a mile away) could not accommodate any new enrollees. My only other option was a third school that was much further away. Because of Somerset I was able to enroll my daughter in a school three blocks away from our new home. This was the best thing that could happen to my family. Since I have multiple children I would like to have all three go to the same school and enjoy the same excellent education my oldest child is receiving. That is why I am imploring anyone who reads this e-mail to help Somerset Gables in its expansion. I cannot find anything better to accept and embrace than the education of children at an excellent school. If anyone has any questions about this e-mail please do not hesitate to contact me. It is too important an issue for my family. Thank you, Alain J. Yanes
311.	04 11 11	Victoria Colross Hucks 616 San Esteban Ave Coral Gables, FL vickyhucks@aol.com		X		To Whom it May Concern: I wholeheartedly support Somerset Gables. I have lived in Coral Gables my entire life. In fact, I was born at Doctors Hospital. Although my own children attend Saint Philips Episcopal School, my nephew attends Somerset Gables and I pick him up from school every day. The families of the children that attend Somerset Gables are truly the nicest and most respected Coral Gables families. They not only care about the school that their children go to, but they also care about how that school affects the city that they live in. Somerset Gables is having a positive impact on our community. Thank you for your consideration and support of Somerset Gables. Regards, Victoria Colross Hucks 616 San Esteban Ave
312.	04 11 11	Nurys Vidal Nurys.vidal@assurant.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location! Nurys Vidal, CPA
313.	04 11 11	Teresa M. Perez Teresa.perez@assurant.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location Thank you! Teresa M. Perez
314.	04 11 11	Siuyan Powell Siuyan.powell@assurant.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Siuyan Powell
315.	04 11 11	Gladys Sola 1212 Algeria Avenue		X		Gladys Sola 1212 Algeria Avenue

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		Coral Gables, FL. 33134 gladme@bellsouth.net				Coral Gables, FL. 33134 Phone (305)484-7604 I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Sincerely, Gladys Sola
316.	04 11 11	Isabel Pena ipena@mbfhp.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at UBC location. Isabel Peña
317.	04 11 11	Dr. Ileana Sosa 1401 SW 58 Avenue Miami, Florida 33144 Sosa720@bellsouth.net		X		Dear Sir or Madam, My name is Ileana Sosa. I am the parent of two school-age children and I am writing today in support of the expansion project at Somerset Gables at the UBC Location. Although my children have not yet been admitted to Somerset, my support exists because I am confident that Somerset Gables will provide another secondary educational option for families in the Coral Gables area, one which will focus on high standards of achievement, personal growth, and social responsibility and awareness. Furthermore, I support Somerset Gables' commitment to preparing each student for a global society by providing a small and safe learning environment, an aligned, state-approved curriculum, and encouraging strong family involvement. I look forward to having my children become students of Somerset Gables. Consequently, I believe that this innovative opportunity to expand Somerset Gables at the UBC Location will benefit the community and future students of Somerset Gables. Therefore, I respectfully ask you to carefully consider other alternatives to eliminating the expansion project and work on a resolution. Sincerely, Dr. Ileana Sosa 1401 SW 58 Avenue Miami, Florida 33144
318.	04 11 11	Ramon Carcases 8623 S.W. 113 Court Miami, FL 33173		X		Hello, This letter is to express my support for the expansion of the Somerset Academny at the UBC locaton. My name is Ramon Carcases, my addressis 8623 SW 113th Court, Miami, FL 33173. Regqrds, Ramon Carcases
319.	04 11 11	Sarah Beth Reno		X		To Whom it May Concern:

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		3035 Kirk Street Miami, FL 33133 sarah@onboard.com				I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Thank you. Sarah Beth Reno 3035 Kirk Street Miami, FL 33133 Cell Phone: (305) 495-1856
320.	04 11 11	Mason Harris 625 Puerta Ave Coral Gables, FL 33143 Mason.harris@gmail.com		X		I'm sending this email to express my support for the Somerset Gables School and its necessary growth at the UBC location. Our community is dire need of School like this. Mason Harris 625 Puerta Ave Coral Gables, FL 33143
321.	04 11 11	Grizelle Paz-harrison gharriso@mdc.edu		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables because we need more good schools in the area. Our public schools are over-crowded and our children need a good quality education. I am not a Coral Gables resident but I spend a great deal of time there and have a lot of friends that are residents. My daughter attends a pre-school in the Gables and my boys have attended the youth center for their summer camp programs. We participate in programs at the Actor's Playhouse and eat out regularly in the wonderful restaurants. So I would say we contribute a great deal to the economy of the area and would love to have the opportunity to keep my child in a school like Sommerset. Sincerely, Grizelle Paz-Harrison
322.	04 11 11	Doug Carletta 3800 Hibiscus Street Miami, FL 33133 dcarletta@bellsouth.net		X		Greetings! My name is Doug Carletta and I live at 3800 Hibiscus Street, Miami 33133. I am writing to let you know that I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Regards, Doug
323.	04 11 11	Georgina C. Serio gserio@beechercarlson.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at UBC location. Georgina C. Serio, CIC, CRM,CRIS
324.	04 11 11	Tonya Hammond 12080 SW 268 Street #30 Homestead, FL 33032 Blessedhome30@bellsouth.net		X		Hello, I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Thanks. Best Regards,

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						Tonya Hammond 12080 SW 268 Street #30 Homestead, FL 33032
325.	04 11 11	Melinda Jordan 10601 S.W. 99 Terrace Miami, FL 33176 Mkristinej22@yahoo.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Melinda Jordan 10601 sw 99 terrace Miami, FL 33176
326.	04 11 11	Gaston L. Macau gmacau@gmail.com		X		I strongly support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location." (United Baptist Church of Coral Gables.) This new charter school that opened this current school year is very important as the other public elementary schools are at full capacity and it's very difficult to get into those schools. We are in desperate need of a school of this caliber to open in this neighborhood. The city only allowed it to open for grades Pre-K3 through 2nd grade and we need city approval to have it open to FULL capacity. Some of the neighbors are against the school due to traffic and other reasons like; their kids are grown and some forgot that their kids were young once, that's why it only opened for a few grades; and again, this school is much needed in our neighborhood. Thank you in advance for your cooperation
327.	04 11 11	Elizabeth M. Bejar 9124 SW 65 Street Miami, FL 33173 bejarchammas@gmail.com		X		To Whom It May Concern: I have been a life-long resident of South Florida, and I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Thank you, Elizabeth M. Bejar 9124 SW 65 Street Miami, FL 33173
328.	04 11 11	Ana M Nardo 1507 Cordova Street Coral Gables, FL 33134 amnardo@gmail.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Ana M Nardo 1507 Cordova Street Coral Gables, FL 33134
329.	04 11 11	Anamari Valle, LMT ann@thespa-athome.com		X		To Whom It May Concern, I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at UBC location. Sincerely, Anamari Valle, LMT The Spa @ Home www.thespa-athome.com
330.	04 11 11	Juan Carlos and Annie Lopez 617 Minorca Avenue		X		To whom it may concern: My son attends Somerset Academy Coral Gables and we are absolutely in love with the

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		Coral Gables, FL 33134 anniemartinez@yahoo.com				school. Students receive an incredible education, the caliber of which is the kind you would find in the most elite private schools. We are writing you today to urge you to grant the school's application to allow its expansion at the current location at UBC. We are aware that there is a small but vocal minority that object to the school. However, we believe that the school's prescence and how it has and continues to conduct itself as a responsible stakeholder in our community will allay the fears and concerns of its opponents. As we understand it, the main objection to the school's expansion is that some are worried about a "significant traffic event" everyday at drop-off and pick up. We believe that the results of the traffic studies conducted by Somerset will show otherwise. The families and students that are part of the Somerset community are neighbors and citizen stakeholders who do not want to detrimentally affect the adjacent area. Please be assured that we would be respectful of the area surrounding the school and would avoid driving in their area to minimally impact the neighborhood. However, one can not ignore that the Coral Gables Youth Center and Coral Gables Public Library are neighbors too. The activities at these facilities create "traffic events" too- yet there presence is of no issue, even though there hours of operation are much longer. Secondly, we have heard concerns about truancy and vandalism from the students that attend or will attend the school. We would remind those raising this concern that this is a neighborhood school where most of the students live in the area. What distinguishes a charter school from a private school is that students must maintain a code of conduct- to which the parents are held responsible for as well. The children that attend the school are from good families that predominate across the City of Coral Gables. We believe this objection is the least rational of all and really a distraction. The way we have been treated by the City of Coral Gables is a great source of frustration. It is very obvious that a decision on this application has been unduly delayed. We were given assurances that this process would take 90 days at most. We are not naieve enough to think that the upcoming election has nothing to do with it. But the lack of decision making by our City leaders is baffling and dangerous to our children. There is not one speed zone sign or a traffic officer posted at or around the school. We urge you to make a decision as soon as possible. Lastly, those that object are also stating that there are "enough" schools to accomodate all the children living in Coral Gables. This position is problematic on several levels. Indeed, there are many fantastic private and parochial schools in the area- but the cost of attendance is exorbitant and rising, despite the difficult economic climate we find ourselves in. Public schools in the area are overcrowded and admittance into the school is arbitrary and has very little to do with whether you live in Coral Gables or not. Werealize that the

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						issues with the how kids are admitted into our " neighborhood" public schools is not under your jurisdiction. However, I am simply pointing out that assuming that we have enough education alternatives in the City of Coral Gables to serve all our children is myopic. Somerset Gables is very much needed in our City. We believe it would be very difficult for you to ignore the facts: the facility can comfortably hold the 735 capacity as requested in the application; the schools presence will not adversely affect the neighborhood and as neighbors, our school community will act to minimally impact the surrounding area; there are over 1300 parents, who are businessman, professionals, and citizens of this City that want this school, and who all have contacts in this city. The expansion of the school would most assuredly positively impact our neighborhoods, our children, and our businesses throughout the City. We request that you give the school's application the strongest consideration and grant its application without any further delay. Respectfully, Juan Carlos and Annie Lopez 617 Minorca Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134
331.	04 11 11	Nicole Milnthorpe 6215 SW 56th Street Davie, FL 33314 nmilnthorpe@deloitte.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Nicole Milnthorpe 6215 SW 56th Street Davie, FL 33314
332.	04 11 11	Josh Schwartz 2800 Kirk Street Miami, FL 33133 joshsdeal@gmail.com		X		Dear all, I support the expansion of Somerset Academy Coral Gables not just for the children and their parents, but for the positive effect it will have on the sociological and economic impact on Coral Gables for the future. I hope that this matter can be resolved in a timely manner. Thank you, Josh Schwartz 2800 Kirk Street Miami, FL 33133 joshsdeal@gmail.com
333.	04 11 11	Danika Mendrygal 3963 Cole Ave. Dallas, Texas 75204 Danika.mendrygal@haynesboone.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location Danika Mendrygal 3963 Cole Ave. Dallas, Texas 75204
334.	04 11 11	Cmsid28@yahoo.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at UBC location.

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335.	04 11 11	Maria Martin mmartin@mbfhp.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at UBC location.
336.	04 11 11	Cathleen Curbelo 14255 SW 39 Street Miami, FL 33175 Cathleen.curbelow@assurant.com		X		To Whom it may concern, I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Thank you, Cathleen Curbelo 14255 SW 39 Street Miami, FL 33175
337.	04 11 11	Joseph P Rodriguez 3078 Bird Avenue Coconut Grove 33133 Melodee-rodriguez33133@yahoo.com		X		I SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF SOMERSET GABLES AT UBC JOSEPH P RODRIGUEZ 3078 BIRD AVENUE COCONUT GROVE 33133
338.	04 11 11	Mercedes M. Yanes memartinez@Univision.net		X		I TOTALLY support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location! I am a resident of Coral Gables and we desperately need this school in our neighborhood. Mercedes M. Yanes
339.	04 11 11	Leonardo Martinez 1008 SW 45 Ave Miami, FL 33134 lemartinez@ncl.com		X		"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location." Leonardo Martinez 1008 SW 45 Ave Miami, FL 33134
340.	04 11 11	Roberto Alvarez-Perez effetha@bellsouth.net		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Roberto Alvarez-Pérez
341.	04 11 11	Jorge Rico jrico@mbfhp.com		X		To whom it may concern: As an owner of a business in Coral Gables for over the last 20 years I felt compelled to send you this e-mail informing you that “I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at UBC location”. Education is the cobblestone of our community. All the best, Jorge Rico
342.	04 11 11	Paola Leonetti Paola-gaia@yahoo.com		X		"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location."
343.	04 11 11	Iris Escarra 1402 Pizarro Street Coral Gables, FL Ive324@gmail.com		X		Strongly support the development of a school @624 Anastasia Avenue. The land use application should be approved to allow a much needed school in our neighborhood.

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344.	04 11 11	Javier F. Avino 740 Navarre Avenue Coral Gables, FL avinoj@gtlaw.com		X		I strongly support this application. Our City needs to incorporate more options for schools for our children. The site is ideal for the school and its proposed expansion.
345.	04 11 11	Doug Reno 3035 Kirk Street Miami, FL 33133 douglasreno@hotmail.com		X		I support the expantion of Somerset Coral Gables. Doug Reno 3035 Kirk Street Miami, FL 33133
346.	04 11 11	Cristina Menendez cmenendez@mbfhp.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at UBC location. Cristina Menendez, Controller MBF Healthcare Management, LLC 121 Alhambra Plaza, Suite 1100 Coral Gables, FL 33134
347.	04 11 11	Daniel Falcon Danfalcon1@aol.com		X		To whom it may concern; I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at UBC location. Daniel Falcon
348.	04 11 11	Gina Ralph 1505 Robbia Ave Coral Gables, FL 33146 gkralph@yahoo.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Gina Ralph 1505 Robbia Ave Coral Gables, FL 33146
349.	04 11 11	Nelson F. Hincapie 801 Brickell Key Blvd #3309 Miami, FL 33131 nhincapie@voices4.org		X		To Whom It May Concern: My name is Nelson F. Hincapie and I reside at 801 Brickell Key Blvd. #3309 Miami, FL 33131. I write this e-mail in support of the expansion of Sommerset Gables School at UBC in Coral Gables. As someone who has been at the forefront of children's issues for over 5 years, I believe that the City of Coral Gables will benefit tremendously from having Sommerset Gables expand and continue providing an excellent educational experience for the young minds who have the opportunity to attend the school. The best return on investment for a city is to have its citizens well educated. I wholeheartedly support this expansion and hope that the elected officials are as supportive as the community. Sincerely, Nelson F. Hincapie
350.	04 11 11	Virginia Londono 628 Aledo Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 vlondono@adaag-consulting.com		X		"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location." Virginia Londoño

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351.	04 11 11	Vanessa Pacheco vanypd@gmail.com		X		"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location."
352.	04 11 11	Heather & Gaston Macau – Coral Gables Residents 1720 Ferdinand Street Coral Gables, FL 33134 heathermacau@gmail.com		X		We completely support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Our neighborhood needs a school of this caliber to open to full capacity. We are aware of some of the neighbors' concerns regarding traffic and respect their concerns; however, Somerset Gables has excellent solutions to limit the impact of the traffic in the area. The current UBC location is an excellent location for the school since it is already established and can accommodate the number of students the school is requesting. Additionally, UBC is on a main road in Coral Gables, so it can handle the increased traffic concerns. Although Coral Gables has other excellent elementary schools, it is very difficult to get into those schools since they are over capacity. What this means is that even though we are Coral Gables residents, there is no guarantee that our daughter, who is currently 2 years old, will be able to get into one of those Coral Gables public schools. It is a shame that without Somerset Gables opening to full capacity, we may not be able to send our daughter to a public school in our own neighborhood. This was a reason why we almost decided not to move to the area. As a prestigious city, Coral Gables residents should have the option to send our children to an excellent public school in our own city; schools should not be a reason why not to live in a city like Coral Gables. In order to attract more business, including international business, to our downtown area, one of the main selling points is having excellent schools (ones that they can actually get into) so their employees can send their children to school in the neighborhood that they live and work. We hope that Somerset Gables is allowed to open to full capacity. The city of Coral Gables is in dire need for another quality school. Kind Regards, Heather & Gaston Macau – Coral Gables Residents 1720 Ferdinand Street Coral Gables, FL 33134
353.	04 11 11	Lisset Cascudo lissetcascudo@millares.net		X		I would like to send a quick note expressing my support for the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. I sincerely hope that it gets approved. As a parent who spent years researching affordable quality schools, I would like to say that we need as many options as possible. Sincerely, Lisset Cascudo, C.P.A.
354.	04 11 11	Estela Almanzar 8580 NW 6th Lane #104 Miami, Florida 33126		X		Dear Planning-Zoning Department and City Clerk, I am writing this email because "I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC

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		almanzarestela@gmail.com				location.". I believe that this project will definitely create some remarkable changes in students. This community needs an honored school like Somerset Gables. I know children who attend that school and their parent feel honored and privileged that their children attend Somerset Gables. Sincerely, Estela Almanzar 8580 NW 6th Lane #104 Miami, Florida 33126
355.	04 11 11	Danielle Moran Almazan 7030 SW 64 CT Miami, FL 33143 danimoran@hotmail.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Danielle Moran Almazan 7030 SW 64 CT Miami, FL 33143
356.	04 11 11	Alex Galvez Alex.galvez@cogentcec.com		X		To Whom It May Concern: I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location! I am a local resident and I can't believe that my choice for schools are limited in a city as great as Coral Gables. I already live near a school with a 700 plus enrollment, St Theresa Catholic School, and I don't see the problems that exist there. Sincerely, Alex Gálvez, CPA
357.	04 11 11	Bill White Senior Pastor University Baptist Church Coral Gables, Florida Bill.white@ubcmiami.org		X		To Whom It May Concern: I am pleased to write in support of the expansion of the Somerset Charter School at the Coral Gables location. As pastor of the University Baptist Church I am gratified we can be of service to the families of our community and help provide this opportunity to the people of our city and beyond. Sincerely, Bill White Senior Pastor University Baptist Church Coral Gables, Florida
358.	04 11 11	Jackie Bohmer Jacqueline.bohmer@yahoo.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location Thank you, Jackie Bohmer
359.	04 11 11	Mauricio Contreras mcontreras@adaag-consulting.com		X		Dear Planning-Zoning Department and City Clerk: As a parent and Coral Gables resident I would like to express my strong support of the "Expansion of Somerset Academy at Coral Gables" This project is very important to me and the community, specifically because Somerset

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						Academy is the only Miami-Dade County Public Charter School in our vicinity that provides top notch- education to our children in a safe learning environment, I believe that Somerset Gables is an integral part of our Community and that the expansion would greatly benefit our children, furthermore it's necessary so that a greater number of students in our area can have access to a quality education with high academic standards. I thank you for allowing me the opportunity to express my support to the Academy and to the Miami-Dade County Public Charter School System and their sponsors, and again I strongly recommend the City of Coral Gables Planning-Zoning Department approval of the plans for Expansion of the Somerset Academy. Sincerely, Mauricio Contreras
360.	04 11 11	Ashley J. Cueto acueto13@bellsouth.net		X		My name is Ashley Cueto, Coral Gables resident, and I am in full agreement of the expansion of Somerset Charter School (Coral Gables) at the UBC location. Thank you, Ashley J. Cueto acueto13@bellsouth.net
361.	04 11 11	Olga Marcucci 626 Coral Way #601 Coral Gables FL 33134 loremarcucci@gmail.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location Olga Marcucci 626 Coral Way #601 Coral Gables FL 33134
362.	04 11 11	Pilar Miller 11441 SW 34 Lane Miami, FL 33165 pmiller@zubiad.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location!!!!!!!! Pilar Miller 11441 SW 34 Lane Miami, FL 33165 305-487-6101
363.	04 11 11	Juan Carlos Menendez and Susana Menendez 1329 Alhambra Circle Coral Gables, FL 33134 jcmenendez@mjfconstruction.com		X		To whom it may concern: I vigorously support the expansion of Somerset. This is a need in our community. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at my home number listed below. Thank you Juan Carlos Menendez and Susana Menendez 1329 Alhambra Circle Coral Gables, Florida 33134
364.	04 11 11	Ivonne Delara Paris 1050 Caribbean Way, Miami, FL 33132 lparis@rccl.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Thank you! Ivonne Delara Paris 1050 Caribbean Way, Miami, FL 33132

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365.	04 11 11	Barry and Rossana Phillips 6830 SW 69th Avenue Miami, FL 33143 Rmphillips65@bellsouth.net		X		Dear Esteemed Leader: We would like to express our support for increasing the student body at Somerset Gables School in a manner that does not negatively impact its neighborhood. It would be prudent to expand the school in phases over time, thereby meeting the gradual growing needs and infrastructure of the Coral Gables community. Thank you in advance for your consideration regarding this very important decision. Yours Truly, Barry and Rossana Phillips 6830 SW 69th Avenue Miami, FL 33143
366.	04 11 11	Rosie Felip 6470 S.W. 17 Street Miami, FL 33155 Rfelipe33@gmail.com		X		I feel it very important to express my support of the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. My name is: Rosie Felipe My current home address is: 6470 SW 17 Street, M/F 33155 I've worked in the Gables for the past 10 years - on Alhambra and now on Alhambra West. I currently attend UBC and am very proud of this project and look forward to an amicable ending to this exhausting saga - that is well worth the energy and efforts put forth by all. Blessings, Rosie Felipe
367.	04 11 11	Alejandro Orozco alexorozcov@gmail.com		X		Dear Planning-Zoning Department and City Clerk: Please accept this email as an indication that I'm in FULL SUPPORT of the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location" Thanks, -- Alejandro Orozco
368.	04 11 11	Barbara Callado actionsod@actionsod.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. HELLO MY NAME IS BARBARA CALLADO I AM CURRENTLY RELOCATING FROM DORAL, 11315 NW 79 LANE MIAMI FLORIDA 33178, TO CORAL GABLES, 1420 GRANADA. MY CHILDREN HAVE ALL ATTENDED DORAL ACADEMY CHARTER SOME HAVE GRADUATED FORM THERE. THE SCHOOL IS RAN BY THE SAME FIRM ACADEMICA AND I HAVE HAD A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE! I WOULD LOVE FOR MY DAUGHTER AMANDA LOPEZ TO CONTINUE HER EDUCATION CLOSE TO MY NEW HOME AT SOMERSET GABLES! THANK YOU

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369.	04 11 11	Daniel Carles danielcarles@hotmail.com		X		Dear people I do strongly support this expansion and any other when it comes down to education. A great US President once said: The school is the last expenditure upon which America should be willing to economize. ~Franklin D. Roosevelt So lets make every kid count. Lets give them the chance to become better people, better citizens, better human beings. I want to end my support email with these two quotes He who opens a school door, closes a prison. ~Victor Hugo Every time you stop a school, you will have to build a jail. What you gain at one end you lose at the other. It's like feeding a dog on his own tail. It won't fatten the dog. ~Mark Twain
370.	04 11 11	Isabel Scharn 1114 Columbus Blvd Coral Gables, FL scharnfunnyfarm@yahoo.com		X		I, Isabel Scharn, resident of 1114 Columbus Blvd, Coral Gables, support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.
371.	04 11 11	Rosy Braceras Padron 1140 SW 10 St Miami, FL 33130 rosybraceras@yahoo.com		X		To whom it may concern: I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. This would be a great scholastic opportunity for the children of our community. Sincerely, Rosy Braceras Padron 1140 SW 10 St Miami, FL 33130
372.	04 11 11	Bert & Arlene Peck 7740 NW 71st Way Parkland, FL 33067 bbpeckpark@aol.com		X		We support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Bert & Arlene Peck 7740 NW 71st Way Parkland, FL 33067
373.	04 11 11	Linda Lee Thweatt 4913 Red Road Coral Gables, FL troyard@aol.com			X	From: troyard@aol.com <troyard@aol.com> To: Olazabal, Carmen Sent: Mon Apr 11 16:56:36 2011 Subject: SomersetGables/Academica at University Baptist First - I live in and pay taxes in the City of Coral Gables

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						(4913 Red Road.) Second - the proposed change in ordinance ss.163.3187, Florida Statutes from "Religious/Institutional" to "Community Services and Facilities" is very wrong. I am totally against it. This action would open many, many problems ALL over the City of Coral Gables. A very concerned City of Coral Gables citizen, Linda Lee Thweatt You need to check the residences to those in the ads and petitions for this change
374.	04 11 11	Emilio Moran 912 Messina Ave Coral Gables, FL 33134 mills@oh-wow.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location Emilio Moran 912 Messina Ave Coral Gables, FL 33134
375.	04 11 11	Lynette Spizale 7175 sw 76th Street Miami, Fl 33143 lynettespizale@yahoo.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Lynette Spizale 7175 sw 76th Street Miami, Fl 33143
376.	04 11 11	Allison Langer Photography 1526 Sarria Avenue Coral Gables, Fl 33146 Www.Allisonlanger.Com		X		i support somerset gables. it is a really great opportunity for the families in the gables who are unabel to pay for private education and who are not in the district for coral gables elementary. i really hope somerset is able to expand. with such strong and able families, so many charitable causes and community events will benefit. allison allison langer photography 1526 sarria avenue coral gables, florida 33146 305.495.4199 www.allisonlanger.com
377.	04 11 11	Luisa Alejandra Shah 8755 SW 194 Terrace Cutler Bay, FL 33157		X		In a time where the focus and support for education, due to economic reasons, has fallen down to the lowest of priorities, it is nice to know there are still some schools that want to grow and help the future of our world expand in every aspect possible. Our kids are our future, and they deserve a chance at a great school. Somerset Gables is a great school and I support its expansion at the UBC location. Please allow for this to happen. It is necessary for all of us. It will make a difference in this world. Thank you. Cordially, Luisa Alejandra Shah 8755 SW 194 Terrace

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						Cutler Bay, FL 33157 786-853-9596
378.	04 11 11	Tarra ODonovan 3030 Orange Street Coconut Grove, Fl 33133		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBS location. Tarra ODonovan 3030 orange street Coconut grove, fl 33133
379.	04 11 11	Vivian Conterio vivian@giatech.net		X		As a parent of a child at Somerset SoMi I support the expansion of Somerset Gables. I have many, many friends who live in Coral Gables and are desperate for a good school to place their kids in, within the city limits. Somerset SoMi has been a Godsend to South Miami and it's residents. My daughter is excelling and the academic excellence is way beyond our expectations. I urge you and the City Officials, to please allow the expansion of the school. You won't be disappointed. Vivian Conterio
380.	04 11 11	Melissa Figueredo 8120 Geneva Court Apt #350 Doral, FL 33166 Mfigueredo123@gmail.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Melissa Figueredo 8120 Geneva Court Apt #350 Doral, FL 33166
381.	04 11 11	Mayerlin Orozco 13952 sw 26 terr Miami, FL 33175 Mayi_8@yahoo.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Mayerlin Orozco 13952 sw 26 terr Miami, FL 33175
382.	04 11 11	Lisa DellaPenna 1 Everett Ct Marlboro, NJ 07746 Lisadellapenna@gmail.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Thank you, Lisa DellaPenna 1 Everett ct Marlboro, Nj 07746 914-774-7799 Lisadellapenna@gmail.com
383.	04 11 11	Cari Gardner carigardner@bellsouth.net		X		Dear Planning and Zoning, I am a supporter of the expansion of the charter school Somerset Gables. I live in Coral Gables very near to the location of the school. I understand there are traffic and parking concerns. However, with a good implementation and good planning, there should be minimal, if any, real problems with that. I believe that schedule staggering for drop-offs and pick-ups will be beneficial, as well as many other option that I'm sure have already been suggested.

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						I think you will find that this new school can grow gracefully in our neighborhood! Thank you for taking the time to read this! Sincerely, Parent of school-age children, Cari Gardner
384.	04 11 11	Topina Zingg 2307 South Douglas Road, Suite 500 Miami FL 33145		X		I am a mother of two on the waiting list of the school and I strongly support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Regards, -- Topina Zingg 2307 South Douglas Road, Suite 500 Miami FL 33145
385.	04 11 11	Antonio Martinez 3686 S.W. 23 Street Miami, FL 33155 Skytek02@yahoo.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location
386.	04 11 11	G. Masi 1208 Algeria Ave Coral Gables, Fl 33134 nospam.gio@gmail.com		X		"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location" G. MASI 1208 ALGERIA AVE CORAL GABLES, FL 33134 Gio nospam.gio@gmail.com
387.	04 11 11	Angie Montoya Angiem0000@gmail.com		X		I support the expansión of Somerset Gables at UBC location
388.	04 11 11	Elizabeth Lorenzo 3665 Toledo Street Coral Gables, FL 33145 Elorenzo10@gmail.com		X		Hello, I am a Parent of children that attend Somerset Gables Academy and I am thrilled with the School and Teachers. I support the expansion of Somerset Gables Academy in the UBC property. The School has shown to be responsible and courteous to all neighborhood homes and families. It is always trying to accommodate the neighborhood by having very organized traffic in and out of the school. Truly an excellent Institution and I very much wish it to expand. Please count on my support! Elizabeth Lorenzo 3665 Toledo Street Coral Gables, FL 33145 305-297-5054
389.	04 11 11	Holly Troup		X		Please enter my statement into the Public Record:

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		924 South Alhambra Circle Coral Gables, Florida 33146				I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Holly Troup 924 South Alhambra Circle Coral Gables, Florida 33146 Thank you!
390.	04 12 11	Alexis Gonzalez, Esq. 716 Mendoza Avenue Coral Gables, Fl 33134 alexis@aglawpa.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Alexis Gonzalez, Esq. 716 Mendoza Avenue Coral Gables, Fl 33134
391.	04 11 11	Dulce Stephens 3337 Laurel Oak Street Fort Lauderdale, Fl 33312 Dulcestephens@aol.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Dulce Stephens 3337 Laurel Oak Street Fort Lauderdale, Fl 33312
392.	04 11 11	Megan McCarthy Megnjes1@aol.com		X		I totally support Somerset Coral Gables!!! Somerset is an excellent school and can offer great educational programs for the children and families of Coral Gables. This school offers a great opportunity for children to learn and grow in a safe and loving environment!! I would consider it a great loss to the Coral Gables community to not allow an expansion of this great school. Megan McCarthy
393.	04 11 11	Court Scharn 114 Columbus Blvd Coral Gables, FL scharntx@yahoo.com		X		I, Court Scharn, a resident of 1114 Columbus Blvd, Coral Gables, support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location
394.	04 11 11	Kevin Mase skmase@yahoo.com		X		I am writing in support of Somerset Grace Charter School Coral Gables. I am a Florida native and a Coral Gables resident since 1969. We urgently need to expand our education choices. Urban developement like Condo's,Town Houses in and around Coral Gables has led to a population growth with no similar increases in class rooms. As a parent of a 12 and 5 year old I know the difficulty of trying to meet these challenges living in this community an educating my children. We need more class rooms. Thank You Kevin Mase
395.	04 11 11	Maria Claudia Savage 520 Brickell Key Dr., Apt. A-1702 Miami, FL 33131 mcsavage@savagelaw.net		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location Maria Claudia Savage 520 Brickell Key Dr., Apt. A-1702 Miami, FL 33131
396.	04 12 11	Olga M. Macau 1404 Ancona Avenue		X		I have been a resident of Coral Gables for the last 17 years and I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.

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		Coral Gables, Fl 33146 olgamacau@bellsouth.net				The other schools in the area are full and we need a school of this caliber in our City. My personal info: Olga M. Macau 1404 Ancona Avenue Coral Gables, Fl 33146
397.	04 12 11	Michelle Guerra 909 Santiago Street Coral Gables, FL 33134 mbguerra@bacardi.com				I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Thank you, Michelle Guerra 909 Santiago Street Coral Gables, FL 33134
398.	04 12 11	Ivette Baldaccini 1511 Alegriano Ave Coral Gables, Fl 33146 dbaldaccin@aol.com		X		As a resident of Coral Gables, I support the expansion of Somerset Gables because it will be a positive sociological and economic impact on our city"s future. Ivette Baldaccini 1511 Alegriano Ave Coral Gables, Fl 33146
399.	04 12 11	Ivette Amaro ivetteamaro@preferredtrust.com		X		As a resident of Coral Gables, I support the expansion of Somerset Gables because it will be a positive sociological and economic impact on our city"s future.
400.	04 12 11	Jennifer White (parent of Aidan and Gavin Thompson) 2910 Washington Street Miami, FL 33133 Jen_and_shawn@bellsouth.net		X		I, Jennifer White, support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. This addition to Coral Gables can fill a vital gap in the available public education options currently available to communities in the area. As economic times continue to be difficult, families need alternates to sending their children to private schools. Historically, a large portion of Coral Gables families did not consider the public school options making the population demands on the Coral Gables schools much less. We need to serve our families and make use of a facility, UBC, that can more than accomadate the needs of the Somerset Gables while meeting the needs of our community. Regards, Jennifer White (parent of Aidan and Gavin Thompson) 2910 Washington Street Miami, FL 33133
401.	04 12 11	Danielle Medolla medulla@hugheshubbard.com		X		The Somerset family of schools provides an excellent education to our children. The premise of the school is to ensure that our children succeed and the proof is in our children. My sons are students of Somerset and have not only excelled but surpassed the children in our neighborhood that are attending our A rated elementary. To not support this school is failing them educationally.
402.	04 12 11	J. Suarez City Assurance Corp. 3900 N.W. 79 Ave. Suite 602 Doral, Fl. 33166		X		I support the expansion of Sommerset Gables J. Suarez City Assurance Corp. 3900 N.W. 79 Ave.

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		jscity@bellsouth.net				Suite 602 Doral, Fl. 33166 jscity@bellsouth.net
403.	04 122 11	Joaquin Avino. 8095 sw 78 st Miami, FL javino@charterschoolhouse.com		X		My name is Joaquin Avino. My address is 8095 sw 78 st I strongly support the application of Gables Sommerset to expand at the UBC site. This represents a needed expansion of choice by the parents at a time when everyone from the President down to everyone in the community agrees that this would be an improvement over the current educational situation. This expansion would not present any negative effect on the City but would instead provide the residents of Coral Gables with much needed choice in a public school setting.
404.	04 12 11	Yvonne R. Mckercher 1701 SW 30th Avenue Miami, FL 33145 ymckercher@yahoo.com		X		I can not stress enough the need for quality public schools in our community. This school is such a terrific opportunity for so many children. We have no future if our children our not properly educated. Currently our schools in the Coral Gables area are over populated and many children are being turned away and sent to schools outside our community. This is such a wonderful opportunity in an existing facility that can accommodate so many children. Sommerset programs have had so much success and we have this opportunity in our doorstep, do not turn it away. Please help our children!!!! Yvonne R. Mckercher 1701 SW 30th Avenue Miami, FL 33145
405.	04 12 11	Adriana Quinones ealqui@yahoo.com		X		"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location."
406.	04 12 11	Alex Pertierra 13331 SW 102nd St. Miami, FL. 33186 Apertier@us.ibm.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Alex Pertierra Address: 13331 SW 102nd St. Miami, FL. 33186
407.	04 12 11	Victoria Clavijo Vctr.clvj@gmail.com		X		Good morning: I support the expansion of Somerset Coral Gables. Thanks, Ms. Clavijo
408.	04 12 11	Cristina Toussaint 1133 Alhambra Circle Coral Gables, fl 33143 cristinatoussaint@yahoo.com		X		I support Sumerset Gables at the UBC location Cristina Toussaint 1133 Alhambra Circle Coral Gables, fl 33143
409.	04 12 11	Daniel Lorenzo 3665 Toledo St. Coral Gables, FL 33134 daniel@marecruit.com		X		3665 Toledo St. Coral Gables, FL 33134 I would like to show my support in the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.

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						Thank you, Daniel Lorenzo
410.	04 12 11	Yvette Erviti-Lopez 1241 La Mancha Ave Coral Gables, FL 33134 yerviti@mercantilcb.com		X		Yvette Erviti-Lopez 1241 La Mancha Ave Coral Gables, FL 33134 "I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location."
411.	04 12 11	Andrea McWhirter 6501 S.W. 47th Street Miami, FL 33155 aamcwhirter@aol.com		X		To Whom It May Concern, I have been delighted to have my 3 year old and 6 year old at Somerset Academy Gables this school year. Not only are my children receiving a wonderful education they have had opportunity to participate in various special events through UBC and the City of Coral Gables. Having the school so close to my work and home has made it possible for me to be an active parent in the education of my children. I support a reasonable expansion of the Somerset Gables School. I believe a fair number can be agreed upon that would allow the school to serve the many families in the Coral Gables community. Sincerely, Andrea McWhirter 6501 S.W. 47th Street Miami, FL 33155
412.	04 12 11	Yvonne Nunez Dolcevita36@comcast.com		X		To whom it may concern: I am a home owner and resident of Coral Gables, and my husband is a business owner in Coral Gables. I would like it to be known that I support the expansion of Somerset Coral Gables. I have applied for my daughter because our home school is overcrowded and not high performing. Please re-consider allowing expansion of this school so that as a tax payer of Coral Gables, our children can have more choices to get a better education. Thank you, Yvonne Nunez Coral Gables, FL 33158
413.	04 12 11	Stuart Miller 11441 SW 34th Lane Miami, FL 33134 smiller@zubiad.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. I have worked in Coral Gables for 13 years. With my work schedule, I need to have my children go to schools within the Coral Gables area. This school would allow me to place my son there. Thank you for your support. Stuart Miller 11441 SW 34th Lane Miami, FL 33134

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414.	04 12 11	Barbara Fernandez nodarseb@yahoo.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Coral Gables. I think the expansion will have a positive sociological and economic impact on Coral Gables for years to come. Sincerely, Barbara Fernandez
415.	04 12 11	Virginia Ferrari 822 Medina Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 vferrari@pricesmart.com		X		"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location" Virginia Ferrari 822 Medina Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134
416.	04 12 11	Christina Fraguio Bella.gio@comcast.net		X		To Whom It May Concern, I am a lifelong Coral Gables resident & I support the growth & expansion of Gables Somerset Academy. Families like mine need the option of a charter school in Coral Gables. I called Coral Gables Elementary last year to register my children. I was informed that because it is a "School of Choice", my children would be randomly placed by the Public School System in either Coral Gables Elementary, Sunset Elementary or Carver Elementary (which is not even in Coral Gables). I was also informed that this selection is individual, making it entirely possible for my children to be placed in different schools. How impractical is that??? Part of my tax dollars go to the public schools, so I should have the option of having my children attend the local public school that is within walking distance from my apartment. Somerset Gables Academy offers me an excellent public school option within a mile from my residence. In order for this city to continue to grow & prosper, it must offer more public school options to parents of young children such as myself. Thank you for your time & attention. Christina Fraguio
417.	04 12 11	Alexander Seifert 822 Medina Ave Coral Gables, FL 33134 as@bluetradingus.com		X		"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location." Regards Alexander Seifert 822 Medina Ave Coral Gables, FL 33134
418.	04 12 11	Lisa Benefitstemp.cg@miami.edu		X		I believe that the expansion of Somerset Gables would benefit the community greatly. Please consider the expansion as many students are being left out of going to such a wonderful school. My children attend Somerset Somi and this a great school. Thank you, Lisa

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419.	04 12 11	Paul Estopiñan Paul.estopinan@gmail.com		X		I believe increasing the number of students would only enhance the community and provide an oppertunity to recoeve a phenominal education. Regards, Paul Estopiñan
420.	04 12 11	Montsy Smithies 6490 Miller Road Miami, FL 33155 montsyfrig@yahoo.com		X		To Whom It May Concern: I am writing in support of Somerset Academy at the UBC location. My name is Montsy Smithies (6490 Miller Road, Miami 33155. I am the mother of a toddler and I hope that this will be an educational option for my daughter in the next few years. Sincerely, Montsy Smithies
421.	04 12 11	Matthew Anders manders@bakersbayclub.com		X		Hi, I am writing to express my complete support for the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Both of my children attend this wonderful school and I want to see them continue their education at this location through 8th grade. In my family's eyes, this school is an asset to the neighborhood, city, community, and most importantly the next generation of leaders…THE KIDS. It is more than a place to learn; The school is a cutting-edge, pedagogically forward thinking facility whose members and teachers are dedicated to promoting a community of scholarship as well as life education. Thank you Matthew Anders
422.	04 12 11	Michele Baker Benesch 3440 Poinciana Avenue Miami, FL 33133 mbenesch@menumen.com		X		Michele Baker Benesch 3440 Poinciana Avenue Miami, FL 33133 I am of full support to expand Somerset Gables at the UBC location.
423.	04 12 11	Lilianne Jules 530 NW 45 St, Miami, FL 33127 Cemoin1@hotmail.com		X		Dear Planning-Zoning Department and City Clerk: Please accept this email as an indication that I am in FULL SUPPORT of the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location" Thank you, Lilianne Jules 530 NW 45 St, Miami, FL 33127
424.	04 12 11	Jon & Maritere Secada marisecada@secadaproductions.com		X		To Whom it May Concern: As parents with children attending Somerset SoMi, our experience with the education & atmosphere at the school has had a positive impact in both of children's education. In the process of working with the school we have gotten to know the administration & teaching staff on a day to day basis. As members of this community we can't imagine nothing other

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						than positive results out of the expansion of Somerset Coral Gables. Best Regards, Jon & Maritere Secada
425.	04 12 11	Jeff Noyes Jnoyes@cbmflorida.com		X		To whom it may concern: I support an expansion of the Somerset Gables school at the UBC location. The school, the families associated with it, and most importantly, the children that are educated there, are an asset to the community. Thank you for your consideration. Best, Jeff Noyes
426.	04 12 11	Monica Herrera 12783 SW 48th Terrace Miami, Fl 33175 Monica.herrera@assurant.com		X		To Whom it May Concern: I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Thank you, Monica Herrera 12783 SW 48th Terrace Miami, Fl 33175
427.	04 12 11	Vivian Arenado vivianq@att.net		X		To Whom It May Concern: This is to express my support on the expansion of Somerset Gables. I believe that expanding and offering an educational program to all elementary levels would be an asset to the community of Coral Gables. The staff and families that are involved in Somerset Gables are ensuring the education of our future generation. Expanding the well received program would only benefit the entire community of Coral Gables. Thank you for your attention, Vivian Arenado
428.	04 12 11	Catherine S. Gentil www.cmgtranslations.com		X		This is a great opportunity for the students in the area to receive a great education. Catherine S. Gentil www.cmgtranslations.com
429.	04 12 11	Estela Alonso 8525 SW 120th Street Miami FL 33156 Estela.alonso@assurant.com		X		Please add me to the list of supporters for the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Thank You, Estela Alonso 8525 SW 120th Street Miami FL 33156
430.	04 12 11	Victoria M. Quintana vquintana@pricesmart.com		X		To Whom It May Concern:

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						Although I am not one of the parents of this school, it has found its way into my heart. A good friend of mine has two children whom she is in the process of enrolling there. Having had my children in a Charter School for the last 3 years where I am currently located, I know the benefits that this can offer. A school of this nature has great capabilities for the community and the children who are blessed enough to attend. I know that the recent expansion of my children's Charter School has made a great impact on the way that the classes are conducted. It allows the school to keep the class count to a minimum so that the children can truly experience the art of learning in whatever they study. The smaller student count per class that this expansion will allow, gives parents the security of knowing that if their child does not understand something they will receive the individualized attention necessary in order to be able to grasp any necessary concept. Thank you for the time you took to read this and I hope that it will benefit in your decision making process. Regards, Victoria M. Quintana
431.	04 12 11	Paola Mora Paola.mora@clubmed.com		X		"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location." Paola Mora
432.	04 12 11	Lidia Gonzalez lgonzalez@guildfordassoc.com		X		I DO NOT OBJECT TO THIS APPLICATION. LIDIA GONZALEZ
433.	04 12 11	Gisela Martinez 8844 Sw 60 St Miami Fl martinezgisela@bellsouth.net		X		I support the expansion of somerset Gables at the UBC location!!! Gisela Martinez 8844 sw 60 st Miami fl
434.	04 12 11	Alex Raton araton@barcardi.com		X		I am a Coral Gables resident and proud supporter for the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Regards, Alex Raton
435.	04 12 11	Maria Cristina Alvarez-Milo 2100 S.W. 4 Avenue Miami, FL 33129 cmilo@urbandevelopmentgroup.net		X		To the members of the Planning and Zoning Board, Please be advised that I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Sincerely, Maria Cristina Alvarez-Milo 2100 S.W. 4 Avenue Miami, FL 33129
436.	04 12 11	Justo Azpiazu Justo.azpiazu@efgcapital.c		X		I as a grand parent of a student at Somerset Charter School support and endorse the expansion of the school at their present location. My wife and I long time residents of Coral

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		om				Gables believe that the city needs the school to provide the children a solid education, can not understand the opposition of individuals to good education Thank you Justo Azpiazu
437.	04 12 11	Anabel Maldonado amaldonado@materbeach.com		X		Hi, I am a Reading Coach at Mater Beach and know and value the education that our Charters can provide. I would love for friends and family members who live in the area to be able to be a part of the wonderful schools that my children can enjoy here in the beach. I know that they will do everything possible to work with the city and make this school an asset to the neighborhood. Anabel Maldonado Reading Coach Mater Beach Academy 8625 Byron Avenue
438.	04 12 11	Louis Raton 2024 SW 143 Place Miami, FL 33175 lraton@premier-bev.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Thank you, Louis Raton 2024 SW 143 Place Miami, FL 33175
439.	04 12 11	Rosanna Toribio Roxitoribio@Gmail.Com 3166 Oak Ave. Miami Fl 33133		X		I support the expansion of somerset gables UBC location My Name Is Rosanna Toribio, Roxitoribio@Gmail.Com, Address: 3166 Oak Ave. Maimi Fl 33133
440.	04 12 11	Claudia Navarro 301 Santander Ave. Coral Gables, FL 33134 clapezzia@hotmail.com		X		To whom it may concern, As a parent and resident of Coral Gables, I would like to express my strong support for the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Is time to take some effective steps to solve the problem of our overcrowded public schools in our community. It will be a shame not to use this opportunity to bring a higher level of education to our city. Once again I strongly support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Should you have any questions don't hesitate to contact me. Sincerely, Claudia Navarro 301 Santander Ave. Coral Gables, FL 33134
441.	04 12 11	Dabney Park 3920 Durango Street		X		My wife and I have a house on Durango no far from the school, and we support it totally. We have two grandchildren at Somerset Grace and we are extremely pleased with the

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		Coral Gables, FL 33134 dpark@performanceinc.com				quality of education. Many more children in Coral Gables need and deserve this opportunity. We support expansion of the school to the maximum limit of the MDCPS charter.
442.	04 12 11	Betty Park 3920 Durango Street Coral Gables, FL 33134 betty@performancereserach.com		X		Of all the things we need in Coral Gables/Miami, is good schools. And that is what Somerset of CG is – a great school. I am a retired teacher (37 yrs.), and I believe that nothing is more important than a good education. I am also a neighbor of UBC, and we need this school for our children and grandchildren. We have two grandchildren enrolled at Somerset now, and they are soaring academically, as are so many of the children there. KEEP THIS SCHOOL IN MY BACK YARD.
443.	04 12 11	Violeta Corniel 19955 S.W. 122 Court Miami, FL 33177 Traviesa004@yahoo.com		X		The Somerset Academy school has been the best that has happened to me and my family. This is my daughters 2nd year @ Somerset SoMi. She absolutely loves the school and their curriculum. They really cater to each child's need. And even though they are very strict with their policies they are very loving and they take the time to know you by name. I think the city of Coral Gables should give the school a chance and they will not regret it.
444.	04 12 11	Henry Delgado General Manager 1 Washington Ave. Miami Beach, Fl 33139 305 6732-2800 hdelgado@swrg.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location" Henry Delgado General Manager 1 Washington Ave. Miami Beach, Fl 33139 305 6732-2800 hdelgado@swrg.com
445.	04 12 11	Executive Board Somerset Gables Parents Association Paul Zamek, President Betsy Harper, Secretary Suzette Ruiz, Administrator Jeff Griese Bernie Navarro Cathy Salabarria Patty Zapater		X		To whom it may concern, We are the Somerset Gables Parents Association. A registered, non-profit corporation in the state of Florida since 2010. We support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the University Baptist Church location. On behalf of the 110 students and families currently enrolled and the hundreds on our waiting list, we respectfully request that the planning and zoning board approve the application under consideration on April 27th,. • The Somerset Gables Parents Association is a proud member of the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce since 2010. • Somerset Gables will have a positive economic impact on the community creating 50 new jobs with salaries alone of over $1.8 million. • Somerset Academy, a Florida educational institution with a 14-year record successfully operating high-performing charter schools, is the first charter school system in the nation to achieve "district" accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS-CASI) for its commitment to educational excellence and continuous improvement.

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						• Somerset Gables is a Miami-Dade County public school; charter schools do not take money away from traditional public schools; charter schools are public schools. When a child attends a charter school, state funding follows that child. • Somerset Gables offers a unique dual language curriculum in an innovative, technology-rich and nurturing environment; the school's dual language program currently offers Spanish. • The University Baptist Church campus is the ideal location for a school. It is immediately adjacent to the Youth Center and Public Library. • The academic building at UBC has over 35 student ready classrooms which are not currently being utilized. Even at the full amount of students requested in the application, the facility would not be used to its capacity. • The traffic impact to the neighborhood is mitigated through a professionally developed program employing staggered pick-ups and drop offs without the need to park your vehicle. This system is currently being used at Somerset Gables and there has been zero negative impact to the surrounding neighborhood. • Segovia Street with its future improvements has the capacity to handle the distribution of traffic associated with Somerset Gables. Confirmed by the Richard Garcia & Associates professional traffic analysis. • Somerset Gables currently has many parents who are neighbors of the school. Somerset understands their needs and is committed to being a good neighbor. • The Somerset Gables Parents Association meets regularly with the Coral Gables Neighborhood School Alliance to insure the needs of the surrounding neighbors are being heard and expectations met. • Parents are held accountable to following the rules of the school through a mandatory parent/school contract. • Somerset Gables has an initial enrollment period for students who live within one mile of the school making it the only true public, neighborhood school in Coral Gables. This will give families who live within one mile of the school the first opportunity to attend Somerset Gables. No other public school in Coral Gables has the ability to provide this opportunity. • Somerset Gables is an engaged member of the community; toy drive benefiting Miami Children's Hospital, Coral Gables Farmers Market and Arbor Day Celebration are just a few of the events the school has participated in this year. Parents and residents of Coral Gables have brought this opportunity to you through their hard work and dedication to this city. We need this school in the City of Coral Gables, we need it to continue at the University Baptist Church campus. We are your neighbors! Sincerely, Executive Board Somerset Gables Parents Association Paul Zamek, President

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						Betsy Harper, Secretary Suzette Ruiz, Administrator Jeff Griese Bernie Navarro Cathy Salabarria Patty Zapater
446.	04 12 11	María Fernández Gómez, Esq. Mfgomez@mac.com		X		"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location." María Fernández Gómez, Esq.
447.	04 12 11	Mercedes C. Avino 8095 S.W. 78th Street Miami,Fla. 33143 mercyavino@aol.com		X		Mercedes C. Avino 8095 S.W. 78th Street Miami,Fla. 33143 I support the expansion of Summerset Gables at the UBC location.
448.	04 12 11	Adrianne Corzo 2539 S Bayshore Drive Apt. 422 Coconut Grove, FL 33133 adriannecorzo@bellsouth.net		X		As a former Coral Gables resident and former student of two elementary schools in Coral Gables, I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. I am a firm believer in the importance of education, and feel strongly a/b the positive impact Somerset Gables will continue to have on the CG community. Thank you, Adrianne Corzo 2539 S Bayshore Drive Apt. 422 Coconut Grove, FL 33133

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Planning and Zoning Board and City Commission Public Hearing Comments

Proposed Somerset Grace Academy Charter School - Change in Land Use, Conditional Use and Site Plan Review Applications - 624 Anastasia Avenue (University Baptist Church), Coral Gables, Florida

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449.	04 13 11	Lyssett Montiel-Lleonart 6275 SW 34 Street, Miami, FL 33155 Lyssett.montiel@gmail.com		X		Ladies and Gentlemen: As we know, there is always room for improvement in education... and, in this case, the 'room' (space) should be given to Somerset Gables, at the UBC location. As a concerned parent who knows the importance of providing the best environment for the highest academic endeavors and achievement, I believe that Somerset Gables is the best school to occupy that location, and I feel strongly that the community (the children, parents, residents) will all benefit greatly from the decision to allow the school to move forward and grow in the manner they've requested. We would greatly appreciate your consideration, support, and assistance in this regard. Sincerely, Lyssett Montiel-Lleonart 6275 SW 34 Street, Miami, FL 33155
450.	04 13 11	Jenny Esquijarosa 3416 SW 17 ST Miami, Fl 33145 jesquijarosa@eventuslive.com				"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location." Jenny Esquijarosa 3416 SW 17 ST Miami, Fl 33145
451.	04 13 11	Belkis Carames-Mitchell 4542 SW 144 Avenue Miami, FL 33175 Bayviewloanservicing.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Belkis Carames-Mitchell 4542 SW 144 Avenue Miami, FL 33175
452.	04 13 11	Isabel Scharn 1114 Columbus Blvd Coral Gables, FL Isabel.scharn.ic.fbi.gov		X		I, Isabel Scharn, residing at 1114 Columbus Blvd, Coral Gables, support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.
453.	04 13 11	Alexandra Corzo-Raton 2410 Madrid Street Coral Gables, FL 33134 sandy@alistevents.net		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Alexandra Corzo-Raton 2410 Madrid Street Coral Gables, Florida 33134
454.	04 13 11	Maite Lierandi 20121 SW 79 Ave. Cutler Bay, FL 33189 mbllerandi@aol.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Address: 20121 SW 79 Ave., Cutler Bay, FL 33189 e-mail:mbllerandi@aol.com
455.	04 13 11	Kristin Nicole Quintas		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.

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		350 S Miami Ave #710 Miami, FL 33130 Kiki1220@gmail.com				-- Kristin Nicole Quintas 350 S Miami Ave #710 Miami, FL 33130
456.	04 13 11	Douglas Scott 4102 Alhambra Circle Coral Gables, FL 33134 miamilight@gmail.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Best, Douglas Scott 4102 Alhambra Circle Coral Gables, FL 33134
457.	04 13 11	Clarisa Stollenwerck 323 Malaga Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 Clarisa27@aol.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Clarisa Stollenwerck 323 Malaga Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134
458.	04 13 11	Zelena Rivera 411 Anastasia Ave., Coral Gables zelenar@gmail.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Regards, Zelena Rivera 411 Anastasia Ave., Coral Gables
459.	04 13 11	mmoore@arangomoorelaw.com		X		I support Somers Gables.
460.	04 13 11	Catheryn Celaya Kccelaya1982@mac.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location Thank you, Catheryn Celaya
461.	04 13 11	Lisette Garcia Lg776@bellsouth.net		X		I am writing in SUPPORT of the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. I am a parent of a five year old in prek 4 and I know first hand the difficulty behind finding a good school for your child. Unfortunately public schools are extremely difficult to get into considering that the good ones are all selecting students based on lotteries. I believe that the City of Coral Gables can greatly benefit from a school like Somerset. Thanks Lisette Delgado
462.	04 13 11	Cindy Pavicic 541 Anastasia Ave Apt #2 Coral Gables, FL 33134 cindyp@marecruit.com		X		Good Morning! I would like to show my support in the expansion of Somerset Gables at UBC location. Kindest regards, Cindy 541 Anastasia Ave Apt #2 Coral Gables, FL 33134
463.	04 13 11	Cristina Lucientes Cristina.lucientes@intelsat.		X		As a Coral Gables resident, I support the expansion of the Somerset Gables UBC Campus – we need more options for our children in Coral Gables. I have friends who have been

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		com				lucky enough to get their children into Somerset S. Miami and they are very pleased with the school. Sincerely, Cristina Lucientes
464.	04 13 11	Vivian and Roger Torres 1560 Trevino Ave Coral Gables, FL torresviv@hotmail.com		X		We support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Our city is in need of a good choice of school like this one. This is about the future of Coral Gables and the future of our children. Please HELP Somerset Gables. Thanks, Vivian and Roger Torres 1560 Trevino Ave Coral Gables.
465.	04 13 11	Kiran Epuri 10248 NW 57 St Doral, FL 33178 kepuri@yahoo.com		X		To whomever it is concerned, I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location Regards Kiran Epuri 10248 NW 57 St Doral, FL 33178
466.	04 13 11	Loretta Marcucci loremarcucci@gmail.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location Loretta Marcucci
467.	04 13 11	Annie Lopez 3417 SW 15th Street Miami, FL 33145 anniec@marecruit.com		X		Good Morning! I would like to show my support in the expansion of Somerset Gables at UBC location. Kindest regards, Annie Lopez 3417 SW 15th Street Miami, FL 33145
468.	04 13 11	Pete Quintas Ace Home Decor petequintas@yahoo.com		X		Good morning both of my grandsons attend Somerset Academy Gables. I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at UBC location. Good education for the future children who will be the future of our country is the best investment made during our difficult times our country economics times is going through. Sincerely, Pete Quintas Ace Home Decor Cell:786-543-6374

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469.	04 13 11	Maritza Duenas Maritza_duenas@msn.com		X		From: maritza_duenas@msn.com To: wfoeman@coralgables.com; jmendez@coralgables.com Subject: Date: Wed, 13 Apr 2011 06:37:48 -0700 I support the expansion of Somerset Coral Gables at the UBC location.
470.	04 13 11	Lorena Vicente Adult Life & Student Ministry Assistant UBC Miami lorena.vicente@ubcmiami.org		X		I STRONGLY support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Thank you, Lorena Vicente Adult Life & Student Ministry Assistant UBC Miami • 305-448-4425 xt. 248 lorena.vicente@ubcmiami.org http://www.ubcmiami.org
471.	04 13 11	Scott & Jen Berger 3413 Monegro St Coral Gables, FL 33134		X		Dear Public Representatives, We are a family living in Coral Gables and our son attends Somerset Gables. We have another son that we hope can also attend when the expansion is approved. I am also a business owner and support business coming to the Gables, however with only limited Public School options, and very expensive Private Schools, how can this city grow and prosper further? Is the opinion by the opposition that traffic will increase? Riviera is in a neighborhood and has traffic, this is the case with all Schools, please be aware the the true positives of this school expansion, far outweigh the negatives. Scott & Jen Berger 3413 Monegro St Coral Gables, FL 33134
472.	04 13 11	Javier Salazar 930 Paradiso Ave Coral Gables, FL 33146 JSalazar@venlogis.com		X		To whom it may concern: As a Gables resident and tax payer, I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Regards, Javier Salazar 930 Paradiso Ave Coral Gables, FL 33146 Email: JSalazar@venlogis.com
473.	04 13 11	Gail Doherty 20740 SW 89th Path Miami, FL 33189 carluvergirl@yahoo.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Gail Doherty 20740 SW 89th Path Miami, FL 33189 Ph. 786-573-0463

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						carluvergirl@yahoo.com
474.[1]	04 13 11	Gina de la Rosa ginadelarosa@gmail.com		X		Greetings! I am currently a Coral Gables resident, a parent, and an active participant of all activities throughout the community. I have a 6 and 4 year old. My 6 year old is currently attending Somerset Gables. I would like to briefly share my personal experience regarding the hardships and process of school admissions with my son last year. I would also like to express my admiration and gratitude for Somerset Gables, and how clearly there is a need to expand the school. Last year, my son who at the time was 5 years old, was ready to go into Kindergarten. One of the elements my husband and I knew about living in Coral Gables, was that we would find great schools. After touring all the schools we were interested in, we applied to 3 private schools. We also applied to Coral Gables Elementary which for our family, was our neighborhood school. In February/March we learned that the private schools we had applied to, our son was placed on the waiting list. In April, which is when Coral Gables was accepting applications, we learned approximately in June that our son did not get into Coral Gables Elementary. At that point in time, I entered into panic mode because I had no idea if there was a school out there for my son and family. When I learned about Somerset Gables, I thought, wow what a fabulous school. What possibilities would I have that my son would be admitted. Fortunately, after going through some trials and tribulations Somerset was able to open and we were one of the lucky few to be admitted. I am so grateful that we had this opportunity. Finally, I was able to show my son where his school and community is. Somerset Gables has not only been a rewarding experience for my son, but for our family as well. We have huge admiration of our principal Mrs. Suzette Ruiz and the administration for having the ability to have a school running in 2 weeks! Our families understand what it is to have a community with harmony and we as citizens take pride in that. The school has been active throughout the community from donating toys to the Miami Children's Hospital Foundation, Bake Sale at the Farmer's Market, events for our senior citizens at UBC, and many other fun events. Moreover, I would like to have this same joyous experience for my younger son who will be up for kindergarten beginning next year. I now find myself facing the same situation I was in last year. I am not alone in this situation. There are numerous of families who have been, and currently are in the same position that I have been. It is clear that there is a need specially with the number of applicants who are anxiously waiting to hear if they are one of the lucky ones to be admitted in. We as citizens understand there is a process and are willing to work towards a positive outcome for our neighbors, families, and citizens.

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						Best Regards, Gina de la Rosa
475.	04 13 11	Charles Steinhardt 831 Pizarro Street Coral Gables, FL 33134 css@zentechhelp.com		X		Hi My names is Charles Steinhardt and have been a resident of Coral Gables for 30 years and went to all Coral Gables public schools from elementary through high school. Attached is a photo of my beautiful daughter who loves Somerset Gables Academy and is typical of the wonderfully behaved children that attend that school. Please help support us. I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Charles Steinhardt 831 Pizarro Street Coral Gables, FL 33134
476.	04 13 11	Nicole Freixas nmfreixas@gmail.com		X		Hello, I am a resident of Coral Gables and have lived in this area for 37 years. I understand the concerns of all the residents in our community. None the less I strongly support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location in order to provide all of our children with the best education options possible. Sincerely, Nicole Freixas nmfreixas@gmail.com
477.	04 13 11	Maritza Cuebas 8335 SW 44 Street Miami Florida 33135 mcuebas@bacardi.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. This will give more opportunities to the parents to have affordable education. Maritza Cuebas 8335 SW 44 Street Miami Florida 33135
478.	04 13 11	Elizabeth Valdes (305) 297-9050 evaldes1018@gmail.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Thank you, Elizabeth Valdes evaldes1018@gmail.com
479.	04 13 11	Jaclyn Quintas Jackie401@hotmail.com		X		Good morning, I am writing this e-mail in support of the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. I believe that this school is an asset to the community and one that many parents, residents & neighbors are in favor of.

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						Kindest regards, Jaclyn Quintas
480.	04 13 11	Jessica Irizarry Jessica.irizarry@gmail.com		X		We need more good schools for our kids! Jessica Irizarry
481.	04 13 11	Melissa Krinzman mkrinzman@venturearchitects.com		X		I believe that Somerset Gables is an important part of maintaining a vibrant Gables community. Melissa Krinzman
482.	04 13 11	Christine Lopez 10430 sw 54 st Miami, FL 33165 christinelopez@hotmail.com		X		To whom it may concern; "I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Thank you, Christine Lopez 10430 sw 54 st Miami, FL 33165 305-804-4443
483.	04 13 11	Catalina Perez cat@inkberries.com		X		Thank you for for reviewing the following letter, As a parent with a child currently at a Somerset school, I cannot stress how beneficial {academically strong} these schools are as well as very nurturing to our kids. Any neighbourhood with a Somerset Academy in it is blessed. I am sure that there can be a compromise between the City of Coral Gables, Somerset and the neighbours surrounding the school that would work harmoniously for all involved and for benefit of our children. Thank you for considering the expansion of number of students at Somerset Gables, With much appreciation, Catalina Perez
484.	04 13 11	Xavier Gonzalez 5260 SW 6th Street Coral Gables, FL 33134 Xeg1332@aol.com		X		As the parent of a young child living near the Somerset Gables location, I am very much in support of the expansion of the school. I hope that someday in the near future my one-year-old son, Lucas, will have the opportunity to attend this wonderful school with many other children in our community. Regards, Xavier Gonzalez 5260 SW 6th Street Coral Gables, FL 33134
485.	04 13 11	Kimberly Flores kflores@hfflp.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Thank you, Kimberly Flores

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						Coral Gables Resident & Proud Parent of School Aged Children
486.	04 13 11	Renata Bell/Jonathan Bell 1713 Cortez Street CG, 33134 renatabene@aol.com		X		Dear City of Coral Gables - My family would like, through this letter, to say that we support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. We are new in the neighborhood and have two kids and are very aware of the acute need for additional sources of excellent education. As it is, the space is available and unused and it is a shame to not utilize every opportunity to allow our kids to have access to the type of education that Somerset offers. Sincerely, Renata Bell/Jonathan Bell 1713 Cortez Street CG, 33134
487.	04 13 11	Victor Leon 3232 Coral Way, # 1810 Miami, FL 33145 Victor.leon@fox.com		X		Dear Members of the City of Coral Gables, "I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location." Thanks, Victor Leon 3232 Coral Way, # 1810 Miami, FL 33145
488.	04 13 11	Martha Castillo mecastillo@dadeschools.net		X		"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location." Martha Castillo Kindergarten Teacher Somerset Gables
489.	04 13 11	Stuart P. Kirby and Maria Kirby 1110 Madrid Street Coral Gables FL 33134 medinakirby@yahoo.com		X		To Whom It May Concern; As a new resident to Coral Gables of nearly 4 years now, one of the deciding factors my family and I made when chosing to live in Coral Gables over other communities such as Coconut Grove or Weston to name but a few, was the decent level of public education that was afforded its residents. Realizing that the present public education offering in Coral Gables has far exceeded the present capacity, I have great concern over my children, and for that matter, any child receiving a quality education within a system that seems overcrowded. The expansion of Somerset Academy would be most welcomed by parents in Coral Gables such as my wife and I, who strongly believe that the advent of a charter school within the Coral Gables community would only enhance the existing educational opportunities for our youth, while simultaneously driving down the over-burdened and over-taxed present educational framework for delivering a quality learning experience.

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						Moreover, the challenges that many residents have based their decisions upon - against allowing Somerset to expand Somerset Gables - are either unfounded or altogether avoidable through smart civic planning and orchestration. While I welcome a debate on the issues so everyone's voice can be heard, I think it important to consider the overarching positive benefits associated with allowing Somerset to establish a quality educational offering in Coral Gables and realizing that those benefits far outweigh the negatives. If there is an opportunity for my wife and I to more fully express our support in favor of extending the capacity of a Somerset charter school in Coral Gables, don't hesitate to contact myself or my wife. Best, Stuart P. Kirby and Maria Kirby 1110 Madrid Street Coral Gables FL 33134
490.	04 13 11	Maria Trontz 808 Brickell Key Drive, Unit 1205 Miami, FL 33131 raltormpb@aol.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Maria Trontz 808 Brickell Key Drive, Unit 1205 Miami, FL 33131
491.	04 13 11	Michelle Vires 240 Sarto Ave Coral Gables, FL 33134 Viresm24@hotmail.com		X		Hello, I am a resident of Coral Gables in support of the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Currently, my family is in a predicament because we have been zoned out of the the Sunset/Coral Gables Elementary/Carter district. Instead, my son is supposed to go to Frances Tucker Elementary, which is absolutely unacceptable! Instead, I drive all the way to Kendall, by the JCC, to take my son to a charter school there! Many of the young families in my neighborhood are in the same situation, so they send their children to schools in other communities (private or charter) because we need more quality schools here! If I were able to put my son in Somerset Gables, I could walk my son to school and utilize the programs at the Youth Center, thereby making Coral Gables a community for my family. Currently, I spend more time elsewhere, and wonder why I even live here anymore. Thank you, Michelle Vires 240 Sarto Ave Coral Gables, FL 33134
492.	04 13 11	Jose Sosa and Marisa Arrechea 55 Merrick Way Apt 740 Coral Gables, FL 33134 tony@sosascope.com		X		"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location." Jose Sosa 55 Merrick Way Apt 740 Coral Gables, FL 33134 Marisa Arrechea 55 Merrick Way Apt 740 Coral Gables, FL 33134
493.	04 13 11	Farrah Marin-Serralta fmarinserralta@ymail.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Charter School in Coral Gables.

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						Farrah Marin-Serralta
494.	04 13 11	Carolina Suarez csuarez@terremark.com		X		All, This email is in support of the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Thank you, Carolina E. Suarez
495.	04 13 11	Marita Lazarusml222@yahoo.com		X		I support the expansion of sommerset gables academy
496.	04 13 11	Francisco Sibauste 4739 San Amaro Drive fcsibauste@yahoo.com		X		Dear City of Coral Gables Authorities, My name is Francisco Sibauste and I have lived at 4739 San Amaro Drive for over 10+ years. I want to express my support for Somerst Gables at the UBC location! Appreciating your consideration, Francisco Sibauste "I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location."
497.	04 13 11	Fila Martinez 918 Sorolla Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 filamartinez@yahoo.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Fila Martinez 918 Sorolla Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134
498.	04 13 11	Javier F. Aviñó 740 Navarre Avenue Coral Gables, Florida 33134 avinoj@gtlaw.com		X		Dear Honorable Members of the City Commission and Planning Board: I write in support of Somerset Gables Charter School located at the University Baptist Church Property at 624 Anastasia Avenue. As a homeowner in the City Beautiful, it is of utmost importance to me and my family that the City strive for excellence in the services and amenities provided to its residents. To that end, education is one of the main factors for quality of life. Our children are the future of the community and a strong foundation is what is needed for this community to prosper. There is no doubt that Somerset is just that, a beacon of excellence and yet another shining example of what makes Coral Gables, "The City Beautiful", and the envy of the surrounding community. I am keenly aware of the issues presented by both the neighbors and proponents of the school. While, I understand and empathize with neighbors who feel that this is an intrusion into their neighborhood, I do not agree with this position from a land use and zoning perspective. This property is perfect for a Charter School. There is a huge need for additional schools, which is identified in the City's Comprehensive Plan. The school is just a few blocks from Coral Gables High School, across from the Youth Center and on a main thoroughfare. Furthermore, the neighborhood is in a mixed setting of single family homes, multi-family homes as well as community centers including a Public Library.

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						In addition, this is an existing facility that has the capacity for well over the proposed number of students, there is no proposed addition to the facility to accommodate the number of students. The school's traffic study addresses any potential impacts to the neighbors, and will result in the school having staggered arrival and dismissal times. There is no doubt that full cooperation of not just the school but the parents will be required, but this is no different than any other school operation. In the short time the school has operated, we have demonstrated our commitment to the community, giving back in many ways. We hope this is just the beginning and that we can grow to achieve our greatest potential. We ask for your support to make this a reality. Sincerely, Javier F. Aviñó 740 Navarre Avenue Coral Gables, Florida 33134
499.	04 13 11	Catherine Salabarria 832 Malaga Avenue Coral Gables, FL cathy@imsappraisals.com		X		I am a close neighbor and a current parent at Somerset Gables. I fully support the expansion of this school at the UBC location. I have two boys and walking them to school is priceless!! Thank you for your consideration!! Catherine Salabarria 832 Malaga Avenue Coral Gables, FL
500.	04 13 11	Dora Whitney 418 NE 26 street Miami, FL 33137 dwhitney@adaag-consulting.com		X		Name: Dora Whitney Address: 418 NE 26th St, Miami, FL 33137 I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.
501.	04 13 11	Gonzalo Tamayo & w/Valeria Mejia vmejia@adaag-consulting.com		X		Dear Planning-Zoning Department and City Clerk, Our family is part of the waiting list for the Somerset Gables School (UBC Location), we love the school program and location. These are some of the reasons why we are in Full Support of the expansion project for the school. Thanks, Gonzalo Tamayo & w/Valeria Mejia
502.	04 13 11	Dennis & Marlene Daley 1304 Capri Street dennisdaley@bellsouth.net		X		I am writing in support of expanding the Somerset Charter School in Coral Gables. As a long-time resident of Coral Gables, I feel Coral Gables is in need of expanded school choices to include a top-caliber charter school choice. I presently pay for private school and it is a tough financial choice for us, and we have applied to Somerset Gables but not been accepted to date. I urge you to expand the Somerset Gables school to help many

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						middle-class parents such as myself have additional choices for public / charter education. As a final note, almost every community from Homestead to North Miami have excellent charter school choices, and I would hope that a superb community like Coral Gables could find a way to allow this charter school to stay viable. Dennis & Marlene Daley 1304 Capri Street
503.	04 13 11	Carla Wilson carloux@gmail.com		X		"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location." Carla Wilson Addresses: 888 S Douglas Rd #203 Coral Gables, FL 33134 and 1014 GranadaBlvd Coral Gables, FL 33134 and 911 East Ponce de Leon Blvd #1604 Coral Gables, FL 33134 -- Carla Wilson carloux@gmail.com
504.	04 13 11	Stella Azpiazu stellaazpiazu@yahoo.com		X		As a long time resident of the Gables, I moved into 2420 Madrid st in 1954. As I child I was surrounded by two schools ST Phillips a block away, and St Theresa school and church half a block away. In the years that I lived in such area,I never remember ever being bothered by school surroundings. School and church had active traffic and I on the contrary since access to these schools was on foot or on bike, we loved the fact that our neighborhood was full of kids and this mainly do to the school access.I will never understand why there is such a negative attitude towards Sumerset expansion. The U of M is in a residential area, are there also complaints because of its location?. I strongly support the school expansion.
505.	04 13 11	Christina Boullon Coral Gables, FL 33134 christyg@1011@aol.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Christina Boullon Coral Gables, FL 33134
506.	04 13 11	Jessica M. McNelley 7820 SW 51 Ave Miami, FL 33143 jmontes@teksystems.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Jessica M. McNelley 7820 SW 51 Ave Miami, FL 33143
507.	04 13 11	Mirtha Mirthareyes1@aol.com		X		I support the expansion of Summerset Gables at the UCB location .
508.	04 13 11	Heather Flynn		X		I am a resident of Coral Gables and o support the expansion of Somerset Coral Gables

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		Hflyn001@fiu.edu				Heather Flynn
509.	04 13 11	Heather Poobear7799@aol.com		X		I am a resident of Coral Gables and I support the expansion of Somerset Coral Gables
510.	04 13 11	Aileen Ortega, Esq. 150 Alhambra Circle Suite 950 Coral Gables, Florida 33134 aileen@lolaw.net			X	From: "Aileen Ortega" <aileen@lolaw.net> Date: April 13, 2011 5:03:06 PM GMT-04:00 To: <colazabal@coralgables.com>, <eriel@coralgables.com>, <coejack@bellsouth.net>, <jeffreyf@flanagan-williard.com>, <reception@beharfont.com>, <jsalman@c3ts.com>, <ebi@bellsouth.net>, <patkeon@aol.com> Subject: Opposition to Zoning Change Dear All, I am a Coral Gables resident and am opposed to the Somerset zoning change. Somerset = substandard facilities for non-Coral Gables residents for the enrichment of Zulueta. Thank you, Aileen Ortega, Esq. 150 Alhambra Circle, Suite 950 Coral Gables, Florida 33134 (305) 476-8701; (305) 476-8721; aileen@lolaw.net
511.	04 13 11	Anthony Lopez 612 Catalonia Avenue alopez@metrotrafficschool.com			X	From: "alopez@metrotrafficschool.com" <alopez@metrotrafficschool.com> Date: April 13, 2011 5:08:58 PM GMT-04:00 To: "eriel@coralgables.com" <eriel@coralgables.com> Subject: UBC I live at 612 Catalonia Ave and I am opposed to the opening of a 700+ charter school at the UBC location. My kids attended UBC for pre-school and we were pound to have such a great pre-school in the neighborhood, but we do not want a 700+ k-8 school overtaking our neighborhood. There is a big difference between children in pre-school and 8th graders. Moreover, there is an even bigger difference between the traffic associated with a small pre-school and that of a school of over 700 students. That's not even taking into account the cars of the teacher and staff to operate such a large school. As it is Segovia Street already has too many cars and too many speeders. My last and most important point is when we purchased our home in 2002, there was not a large school at the UBC location or we would have looked elsewhere for a home to purchase. Please do not change the rules after the fact. Thank you Anthony LOpez
512.	04 13 11	Veronika Dosseva 3163 Indiana Street Miami, FL 33133		X		Dear Sirs, My name is Veronika Dosseva and my husband's name is Grisha Nikolov. We are parents

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		vdosseva@alphanet.org				of a three years old girl. My husband and I, find Somerset Academy to be a great school with long lasting traditions, caring and dedicated teachers that provides an equitable high quality education for our children; therefore we support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Sincerely, Veronika Dosseva 3163 Indiana Street Miami, FL 33133
513.	04 13 11	Jeniset Utreras 3090 S.W. 19 Street Miami, FL 33145 Jeniset487@gmail.com		X		I SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF SOMERSETGABLES AT THE UBC LOCATION. MY NAME IS JENISET UTRERAS AND MY ADDRESS IS 3090 SW 19 ST MIAMI, FL 33145.
514.	04 13 11	Analidis Ochoa-Bendaña a-ochoa@u.northwestern.edu		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. -- Analidis Ochoa-Bendaña Northwestern University Weinberg School of Arts and Sciences 2010
515.	04 13 11	Stacey Gonzalez 716 Mendoza Avenue Coral Gables, Fl 33134 Stacey35703@aol.com		X		"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location." Stacey Gonzalez 716 Mendoza Avenue Coral Gables, Fl 33134
516.	04 13 11	Julie and Seaga Cortizas 5736 San Vicente street Coral Gables, FL Julieas1@vzw.blackberry.net		X		My name is Julie ann Seaga Cortizas. 5736 San Vicente street Coral Gables Fl 33146 and I support coral gables somi.
517.	04 13 11	Teresa Perez 7300 SW 128th Street Miami, FL 33156 dakkysmom@yahoo.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location Teresa Perez 7300 SW 128th Street Miami, FL 33156
518.	04 13 11	Christa Gurka 3039 Orange Street 33133 christagurka@aol.com		X		To whom it may concern, I am writing to express my support for the expansion of Somerset Academy Gables at its current location at UBC in Coral Gables. The school has proven to be a wonderful learning environment for our children. The highly skilled teachers and staff provide the type of learning environment that our children need. The principle has also proven to be a positive influence and role model for our youth. I believe the benefits that the expansion of the school will provide the families of our local

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						community will far outweigh any concerns the surrounding neighbors may have. If you drive by that location at any given time during the week you cannot even tell there is a school located there. The parents, students, teachers and staff all respect the surrounding neighborhood and would not do anything to jeopardize the beautiful and friendly neighborhood in which it is located. We hope you will support the expansion of the school in some capacity so that we can properly educate and motivate todays children in an effort to secure a strong and stable future. Thank you for your time, Sincerely, Christa Gurka 3039 Orange Street 33133
519.	04 13 11	Fransel Llerena 15370 SW 13 Terrace Miami, FL 33194302667@dadeschools.net		X		To Whom it May Concern, I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. It is a great asset to the community and neighbors! Warmest Regards, Fransel Llerena 15370 SW 13 Terrace Miami, FL 33194
520.	04 13 11	Cristina Herrero 1410 Ferdinand Street, Coral Gables, FL 33134 cristinaherrero@gmail.com		X		I STRONGLY support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Cristina Herrero 1410 Ferdinand Street, Coral Gables, FL 33134 305-490-4308
521.	04 13 11	Gregory Koger Gregory.koger@gmail.com			X	From: Gregory Koger <gregory.koger@gmail.com> Date: April 13, 2011 9:56:04 PM GMT-04:00 To: colazabal@coralgables.com, eriel@coralgables.com, coejack@bellsouth.net, jeffreyf@flanagan-williard.com, reception@beharfont.com, jsalman@c3ts.com, ebi@bellsouth.net, patkeon@aol.com Subject: University Baptist Church zoning decision Dear members of the Coral Gables zoning board, I am writing as a Coral Gables resident to express my opposition to any change to the zoning status of the University Baptist Church. UBC has long been a valued part of the community in its current state, and I expect that any change that would expand the charter school would have a devastating effect on the Coral Gables community. Sincerely,

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						Gregory Koger Associate Professor of Political Science University of Miami www.as.miami.edu/personal/gkoger
522.	04 13 11	Mirella Garcia 2030 South Douglas Road apt 521 Miami Fl 33134 Mirella_17@hotmail.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Mirella Garcia 2030 South Douglas Road apt 521 Miami Fl 33134 3058783317
523.	04 13 11	Marisa Hawayek 55 Merrick Way unit 736, Coral Gables, FL 33134 mhawayek@aol.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location Marisa Hawayek 786-290-9779 55 Merrick Way unit 736, Coral Gables, FL 33134
524.	04 13 11	Dimiris & Panagiota Maratos 3257 Riviera Drive dimi@noveltymiami.corp			X	It is a disgrace to dilute a nice neighborhood area with chaos from a school with more than 110 students. Coral Gables has a tradition in maintaining an organized & well kept neighborhood. Do no prostitute it.
525.	04 14 11	Dr. & Mrs. Enrique J. Canton 313 Candia Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 ecanton@bellsouth.net			X	Changing the zoning to accommodate a school for over 700 students is an outrageous thing to do. Our property value will go down. The traffic in our neighborhood will be horrible. We know of the connections that exist between the Somerset people and the City of Coral Gables. I hope the City respect our neighborhoods and do not allow this change to occur. We'll be watching!

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						CITY OF CORAL GABLES PLANNING DEPARTMENT 2011 APR 13 PM 3:24 I would like to add the following for your consideration: It is not true that we bought our homes in Coral Gables because we wanted public schools near by, as if this was a factor to consider before purchasing a home. The change in zoning UBC to accommodate over 700 school children (without counting all the employees, maintenance workers, etc.) will destroy the neighborhood around the area. It's very easy for the owner of Sommerset to put a school for profit not in his own neighborhood, the same as others who do not live around the school. The couple who wrote a letter in Neighbors last week, live a block and a half east of Le Jeune Rd. Not the same as if the school would be across the street or two blocks from their home. They will not be affected by the increased in traffic, etc. Their homes would not suffer any devaluation. UBC does not have the facility to incorporate any sports or physical education to be provided for these students, unless they plan to use the grounds at the Youth Center, invading and disrupting a City-owned facility for C.G. residents that enjoy it. It will also generate more traffic problems if they have to cross the street for 700 plus students all day long. Will UBC change its name if Sommerset Academy takes over the property? No problem here from separation of Church and State? I currently live half a block east of Le Jeune Rd. on Candia Ave. We suffer the traffic congestion, cars parked on Candia waiting for students from Coral Gables High, empty cans and bottles thrown in our driveways and sidewalks. Before moving here, we used to live half a block from UBC, on Anastasia Ave. I am telling you, we know what we are saying. Please consider seriously not to let this happen. It will destroy the neighborhood and with it, a piece of our lovely city. Sincerely yours, Dr. & Mrs. Enrique J Canton 313 Candia Ave Coral Gables, Fl 33134
526.	04 14 11	Mariana Espino 650 Coral Way #304 Coral Gables, FL 33134 Mariana.espino@gmail.com			X	I have been a resident of Coral Gables for more than 20 years – 720 Anastasia & 2805 Segovia – and I am firmly OPPOSED to school of 700+ children in RESIDENTIAL neighborhood. I am also afraid of the future, today they want the big school, and tomorrow they might want another "big" facility.
527.	04 14 11	Adalis Pena Garcia 3131 Segovia Street Coral Gables, FL 33134			X	As a resident of Coral Gables for over 20 years, I purchased my property relying on the Restrictive Covenant that governs the University Baptist Church site and our City's reputation for enforcing its zoning laws and protecting residents. Changing zoning at the University Baptist church site would be detrimental to all that relied on the exsisting zoning and wold set a dangerous precedent. Additionally, the practical effect of significantly increasing nose and traffic would have a catastrophic impact on a major thouroughfare and Coral Gables as a whole. As a resident, a voter and someone who loves this City, I urge

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						you to vote against all the proposed changes.
528.	04 14 11	Iliana Bayona 5561 sw 64 place Miami FL 33155 bayonai@bellsouth.net		X		Please, my name is Iliana Bayona . My address is 5561 sw 64 place . Miami FL 33155 - I want & need the school for my 12 year old son . thanks Ily.
529.	04 14 11	Ernesto and Beatriz Guerra 3665 Toledo Street Coral Gables, Fl 33134 eguerra@mdwinsurance.com		X		We support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. We believe there is a need and the general impact on the neighborhood will be positive. Ernesto and Beatriz Guerra 3665 Toledo Street Coral Gables, Fl 33134
530.	04 14 11	Lourdes Lameran & Family 825 Madrid Street Coral Gables, FL 33134 1120 Cordova Street, Coral Gables, FL 33134 lulilameran@gmail.com		X		To Whom It May Concern: Please accept this email as a request to allow Somerset Academy to expand in Coral Gables. I was born in Coral Gables, and have had the pleasure of living in this beautiful city all 39 years of my life. I was fortunate enough to attend school in Coral Gables, and also below to a parish in Coral Gables. Somerset Academy offers children today, the opportunity to receive an excellent education in a city where its inhabitants are decent and ethical persons. My children do not even attend Somerset,as there was no room available at the time I went to register them. I want my children to receive the type of education that i received, surrounded by the type of people that i was surrounded by, and who today are still friends of mine, do business with me, and have children who are friends with mine. Please allow this wonderful school to expand in our beautiful community and to enrich the lives of so many children who are being robbed of a good education. Sincerely, Lourdes Lameran & Family 825 Madrid Street Coral Gables, FL 33134 1120 Cordova Street, Coral Gables, FL 33134 305-302-5686
531.	04 14 11	Eduardo Riusech Riusechpa1@aol.com		X		I SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF SOMERSET GABLES AT THE UBC LOCATION. EDUARDO RIUSECH, ESQ.
532.	04 14 11	lraton@comcast.net		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.
533.	04 14 11	Edleen Morera 8400 SW 70 Street Miami, FL 33143 edleen@alluniformwear.com		X		To City of Coral Gables, As a parent and business owner I understand the importance and value of good education in our community. I have done business with several charter schools throughout and recognize the outstanding work they do with our youth and students. Due to the overcrowding of our public school system, I believe there is a definite need for more charter schools. Therefore, I wholeheartedly support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.

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						I trust you will do what is in the best interest of the education of our students. Sincerely, Edleen Morera 8400 SW 70 Street Miami, FL 33143
534.	04 14 11	Sandra Lozowicki Lozowicki3@att.net		X		Hello, I am writing in support of Somerset Academy Coral Gables. Our 7 y/o daughter attend a public school for one month. The aggression at the school lead me to search for another school. I found SoMi Somerset and my daughter has blossomed emotionally and academically. Her studies are that of a gifted program. I believe in the Somerset Academy curriculum and think every child should have an opportunity to benefit from their teachings. Sandra Smile & The World Smiles with You
535.	04 14 11	Enrique J. Suarez Bksuarez1@bellsouth.net		X		To whom it may concern, I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Sincerely, Enrique J. Suarez
536.	04 14 11	Miriam Lara 2295 SW 64 ave Miami, Fl 33155 drlara@bellsouth.net		X		Miriam Lara 2295 SW 64 ave Miami, Fl 33155 "I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location."
537.	04 14 11	Luis Sandoval 626 Coral Way Apt 601B Coral Gables, FL 33134 Luis.sandoval@macys.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Luis Sandoval 626 Coral Way Apt 601B Coral Gables, FL 33134
538.	04 14 11	Claudia Dotson 15025 SW 140th Ct. Miami, FL 33186 claudiadotson@comcast.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Claudia Dotson 15025 SW 140th Ct. Miami, FL 33186 Thanks!
539.	04 14 11	Sudamys Alfonso 3362 NW 1 St, 103 Plantation, FL 33325 sudamys@yahoo.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Sudamys Alfonso 3362 NW 1 St, 103 Plantation, FL 33325

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						754-223-7984 Thank you and God Bless you, Sudamys
540.	04 14 11	Juan L. Brandt 2501 SW 37th Avenue PH-4 Miami, FL 33133 jlbrandt@gmail.com		X		As an area resident I support this expansion and want the opportunity for my daughters to attend this school. Juan L. Brandt 2501 SW 37th Avenue PH-4 Miami, FL 33133 305-432-4911
541.	04 14 11	Katherine Hoehn Miami, FL 33173 305-271-4127ladybugk@yahoo.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Coral Gables. Kind regards, Katherine Hoehn Miami, FL 33173 305-271-4127
542.	04 14 11	Laura C Tapia 1544 Murcia Ave. Coral Gables lctapia@me.com		X		From: "Laura C. Tapia" <lctapia@me.com> Date: April 14, 2011 5:05:40 PM GMT-04:00 To: "somersetcharterschoolcoments@coralgables.com" <somersetcharterschoolcoments@coralgables.com> Subject: I support Somerset expansion at UBC location Laura C Tapia, 1544 Murcia Ave., Coral Gables
543.	04 14 11	Sonia Blair 2920 Segovia Street Miami, FL 33134 soniamblair@yahoo.com			X	Gentlemen: Please open attachment. Thank you. SONIA M. BLAIR Resident

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						City of Coral Gables Courtesy Public Hearing Notice Comment Form Applicant: Somerset Grace — School of Coral Gables Change in Land Use, Conditional Use and Site Plan Review 624 Anastasia Avenue(University Baptist Church) Date: I, or We, 4-13-2011 Mailing address: I, Sonia M. Blair Email: 2920 Segovia Street, Coral Gables FL 33134 Please provide: Soniamblair@yahoo.com any applicable comments below (attach additional pages as necessary): D Have no comment, or D Do not object to this application, or o Do here by object. I, SONIA M BLAIR the owner of 2920 Segovia Street, Coral Gables, FL 33134 do hereby strongly object to the changing of zoning from religious zoning to conditional use which would give the Somerset Charter School the right to have a maximum of 735 students. The change in land use would give a very broad use to a parcel that has a religious zoning. This is strictly a residential neighborhood and must not be changed to a commercial zoning which will change the character of the neighborhood. If the church allows a maximum of 735 students, it will create a tremendous traffic problem. There are plenty of other schools in Coral Gables and outlying areas that can accommodate the overflow of students that want to come to University Baptist Church for schooling. Further, there will be construction on Segovia St. changing a four lane highway to a two lane highway which will also create more traffic problems and accidents. It is my opinion that with a change of zoning from a strictly residential neighborhood to a commercial zoning, it will immediately lower the value of all of the homes of this street and adjacent areas. When I purchased this home in 1989, this was a very quiet Gables residential neighborhood, and it should remain as such!. We residents pay exhorbitant taxes to enjoy our peace of mind and security and we want to keep it that way.
544.	04 14 11	Miriam Azan 5757 Collins Ave Miami Beach, FL 33140 Miriam.azan@gmail.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Miriam Azan 5757 Collins Ave Miami Beach, FL 33140
545.	04 14 11	Keidy Agudo Ehret 650 Coral Way #206		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location

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		Coral Gables, FL 33134 kdnana@aol.com				Keidy Agudo Ehret 650 Coral Way #206 Coral Gables, FL 33134 Thank you
546.	04 14 11	Carlota Agudo 650 Coral Way #104 Coral Gables, Fl 33134 carlotax@aol.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Carlota Agudo 650 Coral Way #104 Coral Gables, Fl 33134
547.	04 14 11	Anamaria Garcia Anagarcia365@aol.com		X		Planning and Zoning Board, The Garcia Family strongly supports the expansion of Somerset Coral Gables. Somerset has brought such an amazing academic and personal experience to our 5 year old boy. We are 100% satisfied with our decision made two years ago to be a part of an incredible family. The Miami-Dade community needs more schools like Somerset. Regards, Anamaria Garcia
548.	04 14 11	Alex and Erika Dominguez edesautu@live.com		X		To whom it may concern: As a proud parent of a Somerset student we would like to express our support for the expansion of Somerset Coral Gables at UBC. Our son's experience and ours as a family has been truly wonderful and would only love for other families to be able to experience the same opportunity that we have been afforded. Sincerely, Alex and Erika Dominguez
549.	04 14 11	Chris McKenney c.mckenney@mobifusion.com		X		We support the expansion of Somerset Gables at UBC. Cheers, Chris McKenney
550.	04 14 11	Mara Rodriguez-Mena 2505 Granada Blvd. Coral Gables, Fl 33134 mararmena@gmail.com		X		To Whom It May Concern, Attached please find my letter of support for Somerset Gables. This is a wonderful school which is not only educating children but building COMMUNITY in Coral Gables. I am a Somerset supporter, neighbor, and parent. I care about my community and my neighbors and I feel we need more school options. Yes, we do have WONDERFUL schools "already in the Gables" but they have waiting lists and even if we live close to Coral Gables Elementary it does not mean it is our homeschool and that our children automatically get accepted. I applied to Coral Gables Elementary in the past and my daughter did not get in and ended up at Carver Elementary. Coral Gables is 5 minutes from my home whereas Carver is 12 minutes away. My daughter's name has been on a waiting list at West Lab all

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						year! Why does this have to be the case? Why are we under the School of Choice/ Controlled Choice Option? Why is acceptance/application process to schools in Coral Gables not determined by boundary and proximity? Somerset Gables offers an option to this issue. Allowing us, Coral Gables residents, to have a community school near or home. Please bring this issue to a timely resolution. Have consideration and compassion for the children and parents of this community. I would like the content of this e-mail to be part of the public record. Thank You, Mara Rodriguez-Mena 2505 Granada Blvd. Coral Gables, Florida 33134

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NEIGHBORS

CORAL GABLES
Neighborhood School Alliance

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

We want to thank everyone who attended the recent informational meeting about Somerset Gables, held at University Baptist Church. We appreciated the honest and fair dialogue. As a neighbor, supporter of the school, and member of the newly-formed Coral Gables Neighborhood School Alliance, I want to communicate on behalf of the new Alliance why Somerset Gables is so important to our community, as well as share some facts that may still be unclear.

For those neighbors who took the opportunity to tour University Baptist's facilities, I am sure you will agree that space is more than adequate to meet the needs of the proposed student body.

The total number of students Somerset Gables seeks for the proposed K-8 public charter school, inclusive of the already-open pre-school, is 735 students. There were some who thought the number exceeded 1,000, but that is not accurate.

As members of the Alliance, we are also neighbors and certainly want the area minimally impacted. As the most discussed topic at the meeting was traffic, one of the speakers did convey that a traffic study was conducted by a seasoned traffic engineering firm with significant educational facilities experience.

The study found that University Baptist's facilities can accommodate up to 735 students arriving and dismissing in two and three shifts, respectively. This mean that cars will not affect the adjacent streets during the school's drop off and pick up times.

It was also apparent at the meeting that many of the parents who wish to enroll their children at Somerset Gables – should approval for additional students be realized from the City of Coral Gables – plan to walk to the school.

As charter schools are allowed to limit enrollment to students residing within a reasonable distance of a school, a vast majority of Somerset Gables students would live minutes from the facility. This not only further mitigates traffic, but lends itself to a true neighborhood school, much like we all yearn for.

We desire the best public school education for our children. Many of us with school age children moved to or remain in Coral Gables for that reason. Unfortunately, the two closest public elementary schools in our neighborhood – Coral Gables Elementary and Sunset Elementary – are beyond full capacity. An additional public elementary school in our community, especially one with such a stellar reputation, is an absolute need.

We encourage Coral Gables residents and those interested in learning more about Somerset Gables to visit the school's website (www.somersetgables.com). Should you have any questions or are interested in joining the Coral Gables Neighborhood School Alliance, please email us at gablesalliance@gmail.com.

We thank you for your interest in public education.

Sincerely,

Mara Rodriguez-Mena
Coral Gables Neighborhood School Alliance

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551.	04 14 11	Sarah Danger 1507 Capri Street Coral Gables Fl 33134 dangers@bellsouth.net		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Sarah Danger 1507 Capri Street Coral Gables Fl 33134
552.	04 14 11	Scott Gurka 3039 Orange Street Miami, FL 33133 sgurka@teaminc.net		X		Dear Sir or Madam: I am writing in support of the expansion of Somerset Academy Gables. The administration, faculty, parents and students all understand and respect the position of those opposed to this expansion and have worked hard to develop a plan that will ease the tension on the surrounding neighborhood. In its preliminary year, Somerset Gables has not only been a fantastic educational institution for our children, but it has been an exemplary member of the community. In addition to providing a warm, caring, nurturing environment for our children to learn, the administration and faculty instill in our children the importance of being a responsible neighbor which is on display daily as the students are dropped off and picked up from school. In a time where education has become increasingly more important as we fight to maintain our country's status as a world leader, the access to quality schools is decreasing. I believe we would be doing our community a disservice if we do not allow more children to experience the quality education offered at Somerset Gables that will prepare them for high school and college. The principal and her staff have proven to be good role models for our children and leaders in the community. I am confident if given the chance, Somerset Gables will grow responsibly and be a tremendous asset to Coral Gables. Thank you for your consideration and understanding. Sincerely, Scott Gurka 3039 Orange Street Miami, FL 33133
553.	04 15 11	Bobbie Fetherston 3231 SW 20th Street Coral Gables, FL 33145 bfetherston@bellsouth.net		X		We support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. We believe that it is important to have a charter school option in Coral Gables, especially since the current lottery system makes it so difficult to get into the school of choice. Additionally, it is important for us to have a curriculum that has focus on the arts as well as different approaches to teaching and education, and smaller classes with more emphasis on preparation for higher education. Bobbie Fetherston 3231 SW 20th Street Coral Gables, FL 33145 bfetherston@bellsouth.net

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554.	04 15 11	Graziella P. Martinez 531 San Juan Dr. Coral Gables, Fl 33143 ayimart@bellsouth.net		X		Graziella P. Martinez 531 San Juan Dr. Coral Gables, Fl 33143 "I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location."
555.	04 15 11	Javier and Cristina Martinez 642 Valencia Ave #206 C.G., FL 33134 mjavierxx@gmail.com		X		With respect to the purposed expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location, we support this action! It is important to understand that the school is part of the community. If you reject the expansion, in essence you are reject the opportunities that the Somerset Charter School provides to our children of Coral Gables. This is the point I believe is missed in all this. Yes, there will be an increase of traffic at certain times of the day around the school. Yes, it may inconvenience some neighbors around the area of the school. But at the end of the day, this is a progressive educational system that will provide a solid foundation for our children in Coral Gables. To our understanding, the traffic studies have been completed and the expansion plans have met the guidelines set by the city and fire department as to capacity. So, if the only thing holding back the expansion is the possible inconvenience of some residents, then the decision must be made on the greater good of the community. Again, we support the expansion and hope that a common sense decision can be made for the benefit of our children in Coral Gables. Thank you, Javier and Cristina Martinez 642 Valencia Ave #206 C.G., FL 33134
556.	04 15 11	Sylvie Cuesta sunshinesyl@tmo.blackberry.net		X		To Whom It May Concern, I am writing in support of the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. I have been a Gables resident for over 15 years and now have two small children, one who is already in preschool. I could not believe what I learned recently that I needed to enter a selected lottery in order to get my children into our local public elementary school. I live within a mile of the Somerset Gables location and recognize the dire need there is for another elementary school for our neighborhood children. I have heard wonderful things about the education at Somerset Gables, and it is my first choice for a school if the expansion is granted. I strongly urge you to consider the needs of our local Gables residents and the children who live in this area. Sincerely, Sylvie Cuesta
557.	04 15 11	Cielo Salazar 709 Majorca Avenue		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location

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		Coral Gables, Fl 33134 Cielito_salazar@yahoo.com				Cielo Salazar 709 Majorca Avenue Coral Gables, Fl 33134
558.	04 15 11	Vernon Ubico 2630 SW 79 ave Miami, FL 33155 Vernonu@Bellsouth.net		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Vernon Ubico 2630 SW 79 ave Miami, FL 33155 Direct (305) 323-4269 Fax. (786) 513-0971 Vernonu@Bellsouth.net
559.	04 15 11	Marion Anson 6490 Sw 82 Street Miami , Fl 33143 monianson@gmail.com		X		With this email I like to support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Sincerely Marion Anson Name : Marion Anson 6490 Sw 82 Street Miami , Fl 33143
560.	04 15 11	Andrew and Megan grovepalmers@gmail.com		X		Dear City of Coral Cables, We are in support of the expansion of Somerset Gables at University Baptist Church. We feel there aren't enough good schools and many are overcrowded. We would love another choice for or children. Thanks, Andrew and Megan
561.	04 15 11	Lorrie Balding Lorrie.balding@iamgrp.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location Lorrie Balding
562.	04 15 11	Fares Chamoun 1228 Alhambra circle Coral gables, Fla 33134 frank@casmiami.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Allowing Somerset to expand will bring about the additional supply of school slots needed in the area and help parents put their children in more affordable schools . I understand some residence will be inconvenienced by the traffic, but the benefit is far greater to the overall community. Thanks for considering my opinion. Fares Chamoun 1228 Alhambra circle Coral gables, Fla 33134
563.	04 15 11	Steve and Robin Juhasz 724 Alhambra Circle, CG 33134 juhaszs@hotmail.com		X		Dear All: Steve and Robin Juhasz support the Somerset charter school in Coral Gables. Our address is 724 Alhambra Circle, CG 33134

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						Sincerely, Steve and Robin Juhasz
564.	04 15 11	Anne Hernandez 1110 Coral Way Coral Gables, FL 33134 sebjul@bellsouth.net		X		I am in favor of the school expansion at UBC. Anne Hernandez 1110 Coral Way Coral Gables, FL 33134
565.	04 15 11	Jackie Gatto 11498-Z SW 109 Road Miami, FL 33176 jgatto@bellsouth.net		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. I believe the expansion can be realized in a manner that is agreeable to both the school and the surrounding neighborhoods. Thank you, Jackie Gatto 11498-Z SW 109 Road Miami, FL 33176
566.	04 15 11	Lance Balding 2929 SW 57 CT Miami FL 33155 lancebalding@gmail.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Lance Balding 2929 SW 57 CT Miami FL 33155
567.	04 15 11	Maria Luz & Andres Zarate 600 Biltmore Way, Apt. 912 Coral Gables 33134 Lulu_reca@yahoo.com		X		Dear Sirs, I support the expansion of the Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Thank you! Maria Luz & Andres Zarate 600 Biltmore Way, Apt. 912 Coral Gables 33134
568.	04 15 11	Daniela Musio 6770 Sw 59 str Miami, Fl 33134 dmusio@bellsouth.net		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Daniela Musio 6770 Sw 59 str Miami, Fl 33134
569.	04 15 11	Carolina Fernandez 5763 sw 65 ave S. Miami, FL 33143 carolina@isurebrokers.com		X		To whom it may concern, I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Best Regards, Carolina Fernandez 5763 sw 65 ave S. Miami, FL 33143
570.	04 15 11	Antonello Pasci 6770 Sw 59 Street		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.

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		Miami, Fl 33143 Pascia00@msn.com				Antonello Pasci 6770 Sw 59 Street Miami, Fl 33143
571.	04 15 11	Ainadi Tirado Marichal 2409 NW 30 ST MIAMI FL 33142 E-MAIL: bibibelleza@yahoo.com		X		Yo Ainad Tirado estoy completamente de acuerdo y : I SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF SOMERSET GABLES AT THE UBC LOCATION . sinceramente AINADI TIRADO .. Ainadi Tirado Marichal 2409 NW 30 ST MIAMI FL 33142 E-MAIL: bibibelleza@yahoo.com
572.	04 15 11	Adriana Cortes 3645 Riviera Ct Coral Gables, FL 33134 lapofa@yahoo.com		X		Adriana Cortes 3645 Riviera Ct Coral Gables, FL 33134 Dear sir / madam, I wanted to write in support of the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. We have two children, one about to start at Somerset if the expansion is approved, and are making the decision to stay in Coral Gables or move depending on the school choices. Restricting the expansion would create a big incentive for us to leave Coral Gables and we are sure there are many families that feel the same way. Regards, Adriana M Cortes
573.	04 15 11	Isabel Gonzalez Isabel.mejia@dhl.com		X		Hello, My name is Isabel Gonzalez, I reside at 4851 Trillo Avenue, Coral gables, FL 33146 "I FULLY support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location." Thank you & regards, Isabel Gonzalez
574.	04 15 11	Alberto A. Mora, P.E. 12554 SW 125 Terrace Miami, Fl. 33186 amora@shiskin.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. I am a parent and I am very happy and impressed with the school. It is an asset to any community. Sincerely, Alberto A. Mora, P.E. Project Manager Schwebke-Shiskin & Associates, Inc. Home address 12554 SW 125 Terrace Miami, Fl. 33186
575.	04 15 11	Maria Grode Gurdiel		X		Dear Sir:

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		118 Zamora Ave #301 Coral Gables ,Fl, 33134 mariaisaelbh@yahoo.com				I just want to make a statement saying that my family supports the expansion of Somerset Gables . We find that unfortunately there is not sufficient schools in the area, and the few ones we have have a waiting list for years to come. My husband and i pay taxes and we do not have a school in the area for our daughter or our neighbors. Thanks for your support and we hope we get and opportunity to expand this great school soon. Sincerely, Maria Grode Gurdiel 118 Zamora Ave #301 Coral Gables ,Fl, 33134
576.	04 15 11	Carlos Lastres 8141 S.W. 62 Court Miami, FL 33143 clastres@carloslastres.com		X		Please note that I Carlos A. Lastres support Somerset Charter School and do not oppose to the continuation and growth of this school in Coral Gables, Florida. My mailing address is 8141 SW 62nd Court, Miami, FL 33143 and email address is clastres@carloslastres.com
577.	04 15 11	Mary Aymerich mmaymerich@gmail.com		X		Please accept this written note supporting the expansion of Somerset Coral Gables. My son is in his 2nd year at Somerset SoMi and we love it!! Having another such high quality school in our area would be a tremendous asset to the community, its families and most importantly...the children!!! Please allow this school to expand!! Cordially, Mary Aymerich
578.	04 15 11	Carlos & Mariana Carta 715 Anastasia Avenue mecarta@comcast.net			X	The zoning designation being requested by Somerset Charter School and UBC has no place in a residential neighborhood. It will set a dangerous precedent to allow this zoning here. Many other land owners will want to rezone their properties in residential neighborhoods to 'community facility' for their own gain at the risk of the home owners property values. This request must be denied to protect the beautiful residential neighborhoods in Coral Gables. Mariana Espino Carta
579.	04 15 11	Burton and Monique Rosenberg 904 Anastasia Avenue Coral Gables, FL Burt.rosenberg@gmail.com			X	See attached.

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Proposed Somerset Grace Academy Charter School Public Hearing Comments

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						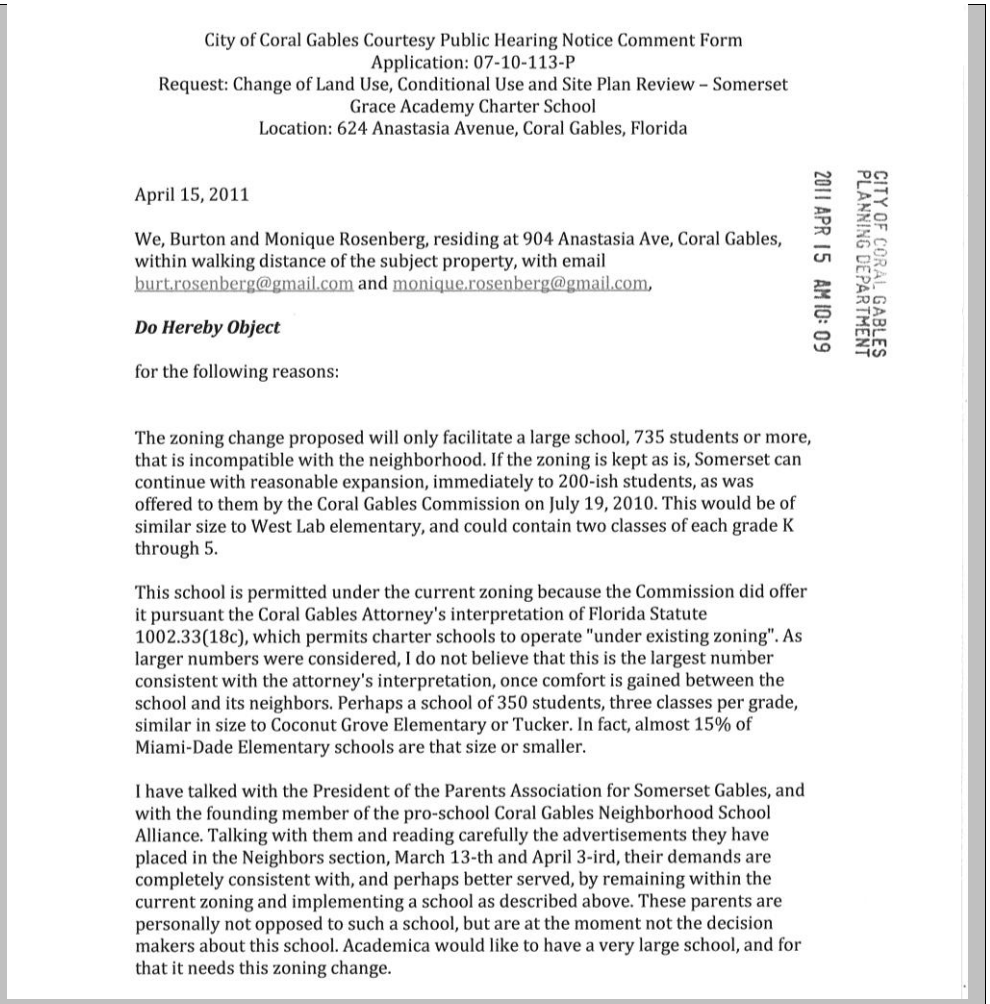

City of Coral Gables Courtesy Public Hearing Notice Comment Form
Application: 07-10-113-P
Request: Change of Land Use, Conditional Use and Site Plan Review – Somerset Grace Academy Charter School
Location: 624 Anastasia Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida

CITY OF CORAL GABLES
PLANNING DEPARTMENT
2011 APR 15 AM 10:09

April 15, 2011

We, Burton and Monique Rosenberg, residing at 904 Anastasia Ave, Coral Gables, within walking distance of the subject property, with email burt.rosenberg@gmail.com and monique.rosenberg@gmail.com,

Do Hereby Object

for the following reasons:

The zoning change proposed will only facilitate a large school, 735 students or more, that is incompatible with the neighborhood. If the zoning is kept as is, Somerset can continue with reasonable expansion, immediately to 200-ish students, as was offered to them by the Coral Gables Commission on July 19, 2010. This would be of similar size to West Lab elementary, and could contain two classes of each grade K through 5.

This school is permitted under the current zoning because the Commission did offer it pursuant the Coral Gables Attorney's interpretation of Florida Statute 1002.33(18c), which permits charter schools to operate "under existing zoning". As larger numbers were considered, I do not believe that this is the largest number consistent with the attorney's interpretation, once comfort is gained between the school and its neighbors. Perhaps a school of 350 students, three classes per grade, similar in size to Coconut Grove Elementary or Tucker. In fact, almost 15% of Miami-Dade Elementary schools are that size or smaller.

I have talked with the President of the Parents Association for Somerset Gables, and with the founding member of the pro-school Coral Gables Neighborhood School Alliance. Talking with them and reading carefully the advertisements they have placed in the Neighbors section, March 13-th and April 3-ird, their demands are completely consistent with, and perhaps better served, by remaining within the current zoning and implementing a school as described above. These parents are personally not opposed to such a school, but are at the moment not the decision makers about this school. Academica would like to have a very large school, and for that it needs this zoning change.

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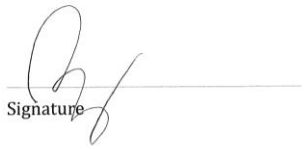
						Academica has claimed the school cannot be financially viable at 200-odd students. I have spoken with the Principal of the school, Ms. Ruiz, and she has confirmed that the school, at 110 students, is currently running in the black, and that increased numbers is a matter of being increasingly in the black. This would be a matter of public knowledge, as school budgets are public documents. It is true that a larger school will provide a higher spending level and therefore an even better school than Somerset Gables currently is. However it is not now nor has ever been a matter of not being able to operate. I support the parents in the quest for this school, but the school and the zoning are different matters. The zoning being considered is a gift only to Academica. Please recommend that the zoning remain, so that neighbors and parents can get together, without the interference of outside interests, and see if both our needs can addressed. We need a good school, and we need a good neighborhood. I think we can do this if there were proper focus on neighborhoods and education. Your decision can provide that focus.  Signature
580.	04 15 11	Michelle Tejera 14271 SW 18 ST Miami, FL 33175 m.tejera@ymail.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location Michelle Tejera 14271 SW 18 ST Miami, FL 33175
581.	04 15 11	Maitee Fernandez 1216 Cordova Street Coral Gables, Fl 33134 conteleconmia@aol.com		X		"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location." MAITEE FERNANDEZ 1216 CORDOVA STREET CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA 33134 E-MAIL: CONTELECONMIA@AOL.COM

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582.	04 15 11	(78 letters of support)		X		

Law Firm

LAURA L. RUSSO, ESQ., LLC
Gables International Plaza
2655 Le Jeune Road
Suite: PH 2-B
Coral Gables, Florida 33134-5837

CITY OF CORAL GABLES
PLANNING DEPARTMENT
2011 APR 15 AM 10:58

Telephone: 305-476-8300
Telefax: 305-476-8383

laura@laurarussolaw.com

Via Hand Delivery

April 15, 2011

Ms. Jill Menendez
The City of Coral Gables
427 Biltmore Way
Coral Gables, Florida 33134

Re: Somerset – Zoning
Our File No.: 10L-111

Dear Ms. Menendez:

I am pleased to deliver 78 letters of support for the Somerset Academy Grace Charter School.

Should you have any questions or if I may be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to call.

Thank you,

Laura L. Russo

LLR/jp
enclosures

ATTACHED ARE THE 78 LETTERS OF SUPPORT SUBMITTED WITH THE ABOVE LETTER.

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Application(s):	Change in Land Use, Conditional Use and Site Plan Review
Property:	624 Anastasia Avenue(University Baptist Church)

Date: 4/5/, 2011

I, or We, PABLO PELAEZ & CHARLENE PELAEZ

Mailing address: 6203 SW 42 ST. MIAMI, FL. 33155

Email PABLOPELAEZ12 @ GMAIL.COM

Please provide any applicable comments below (attach additional pages as necessary):

☐ Have no comment, or

☑ Do not object to this application, or

☐ Do hereby object.

WE FEEL VERY STRONGLY THAT SOMERSET CORAL GABLES SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO EXPAND! IF A CITY'S GOVERNING BODY IS COMMITTED TO PROTECTING THE GREATER GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY, THEN THIS EXPANSION SHOULD BE APPROVED. SCG HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT THEY ARE A COMMITTED NEIGHBOR & THEY SHOULD BE VIEWED AS A PARTNER IN BETTERING THIS COMMUNITY.

Pablo Pelaez
(Signature)

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Date: April 9, 2011

I, or We, Nilda R. Pedrosa

Mailing address: 4901 Alhambra Circle, Coral Gables, FL 33146

Email _____@_____

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Nilda Pedrosa

(Signature)

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Date: April 9, 2011

I, or We, Lisette Del Rio Rodriguez

Mailing address: 1606 Alhambra Circle Coral Gables, 33134

Email _____@_____

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Date: 4/11, 2011

I, or We, Carlos Tamargo / Kim Bango

Mailing address: 9720 SW 73 Ave / Miami, Fl 33156

Email CKtamargo @ yahoo.com

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Date: 4/11, 2011

I, or We, Carlos Tamargo / Kim Bango

Mailing address: 9720 SW 93 Ave

Email CKtamargo @ yahoo.com

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Date: 4/27, 2011

I, or We, Julie Davis Arenson

Mailing address: 5785 SW 72 St Miami, FL 33155

Email Julie.arenson@gmail.com

Please provide any applicable comments below (attach additional pages as necessary):

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We love the concept that the Somerset has brought to the area. It's a great school and a wonderful addition to the community.

(Signature)

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Date: 4-7, 2011

I, or We, Miriam Olivera

Mailing address: 450 Coral Way #5 C.G.

Email [illegible]@[illegible]

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I am for of this school

(Signature)

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Date: 4/6, 2011

I, or We, Joseph Penza + Carrie Herzog Penza,

Mailing address: 920 Tangier St, Coral Gables, FL. 33134

Email drcarrieherzog@gmail.com
penz2e@gmail.com

Please provide any applicable comments below (attach additional pages as necessary):

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Carrie Herzog Penza
(Signature)

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Date: 4/6/11, 2011

I, or We, Patricia & Joseph Zupater

Mailing address: 1515 Trilo Ave

Email Pattyeim@aol.com

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This community needs a place such as somerset Charter School because it brings family's together to a wholesome place, such as Coral Gables. It allows the children and their families to consider spending time and money in around this community. Needless to say the experience they'll ~~Lear~~ get in the classroom. The education at this somerset Charter is something that should be recognized and commended.

(Signature)

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Date: 4/6, 2011

I, or We, Renee Zamek

Mailing address: 1515 Ferdinand St.

Email Roo@justasickboo.com

Please provide any applicable comments below (attach additional pages as necessary):

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I am very much in favor of this change as it is beneficial to everyone involved - our city, our kids, neighbors - thank you!

(Signature)

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Date: 1/6, 2011

I, or We, PAUL ZAMEK

Mailing address: 35 FERDINAND ST CORAL GABLES FL 33134

Email PZAMEK@BELLSOUTH.NET

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I am 100% in favor of this move to land use. This is the ideal location for the Academy and upon visiting this location will allow for the children to walk.

(Signature)

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Date: 4/5, 2011

I, or We, Mr & Mrs. Ralph

Mailing address: 1505 Robbin Ave. Coral Gables, FL 33146

Email JCralph.01@Yahoo.com

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Mary Ellen Tracy

(Signature)

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I, or We, Mary Ellen + James Tracy

Mailing address: 1540 Miller Rd Coral Gables FL 33146

Email met305@aol

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Date: 4/6/11, 2011

I, or We, Richard Roosa

Mailing address: 1505 Consolata Ave

Email ~~Richard~~ Rikard @ Adu-PA.COM

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I, or We, Christa and Scott Gorka

Mailing address: 3039 Orange Street

Email christagorka@aol.com

Please provide any applicable comments below (attach additional pages as necessary):

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☐ Do hereby object.

We feel strongly that the addition of Somerset Graces to the Coral Gables Community will be an asset to the city. In these times where quality education is in such great need the school will provide the children of the community an opportunity to learn in a positive and enriching environment.

(Signature)

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Date: _____, 2011

I, or We, _____

Mailing address: _____

Email _____@_____

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Date: 4/8/, 2011

I, or We, Joel Lawrence

Mailing address: 1000 Sw 69 Terrace Miami FL 33156

Email jelawrence@dadeschools.net

Please provide any applicable comments below (attach additional pages as necessary):

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Joel Lawrence
(Signature)

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Date: April 9, 11, 2011

I, or We, Maria del C Palacio

Mailing address: 710 Zamora Ave Coral Gables FL 33134

Email mariapalacio@bellsouth.com

Please provide any applicable comments below (attach additional pages as necessary):

☐ Have no comment, or

☐ Do not object to this application, or

☐ Do hereby object.

I support Somerset Grace in Coral Gables. I support the expansion to K-8 for the benefit of my children. I have visited Coral Gables Elementary & Carver Elementary, and decided that my son's education was in better hands at Somerset Grace. To date, Somerset has proved this to be the right decision for my child.

(Signature)

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Date: 1-9, 2011

I, or We, Monica Palacio & David Pike

Mailing address: 717 Zamora Ave Coral Gables, FL 33134

Email mpalacio@yahoo.com

Please provide any applicable comments below (attach additional pages as necessary):

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☐ Do not object to this application, or

☐ Do hereby object.

Somerset represents the sort of fine public service that makes Coral Gables an exceptional city in which to live and raise a family. Its expansion could be enhancing the entire community. All objections presented base on the vague maybes and might happens, without any substance, yet the advantages are unmentioned.

(Signature)

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Date: April 10, 2011

I, or We, Paula Burgos

Mailing address: 1120 Wilkie st. Coral Gables, FL 33134

Email paladelwilly @ yahoo.com

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I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.

Paula Burgos

(Signature)

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I, or We, Alberto Burgos Linares MD

Mailing address: 1120 Wallace St, Coral Gables, FL 33134

Email albertoflcsw@yahoo.com

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I, or We, Isabel Pena

Mailing address: 600 Sevilla Avenue, Coral Gables, FL 33134

Email irena@mbfhp.com @

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I, or We, Conrad/Carie Atkins

Mailing address: 40 Sevilla Ave, Coral Gables, FL 33134

Email _____@_____

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I, or We, Bernardo Romero

Mailing address: 928 Escobar Ave, Coral Gables, FL 33134

Email escobar928@hotmail.com

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I, or We, Elizabeth and Daniel Lorenzo

Mailing address: 3665 Toledo Street, Coral Gables, Fl 33134

Email elorenzo10@gmail.com

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I, or We, Michelle Guerra & Steve Perez

Mailing address: 909 Santiago Street Coral Gables FL. 33134

Email mbg01@hotmail.com

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I, or We, Angie Llera

Mailing address: 1525 Tonia Ave

Email _____@_____

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Date: 4-6-, 2011

I, or We, Miriam + Rafael Palomino

Mailing address: 4419 SW 14th street, Miami FL 33134

Email mimi.cossio@hmacad.com

Please provide any applicable comments below (attach additional pages as necessary):

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We live on Segovia/49th and our daughter is a student at Somerset Gables We love the school we love that it is in our area and we look forward to it growing along with our child.

(Signature)

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I, or We, Alexander y Alexandra Raton

Mailing address: 2410 Madrid Street, Coral Gables, FL 33134

Email ratonalex @ bellsouth.net

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We are in full support of the change in land use.

(Signature)

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Date: 4/12, 2011

I, or We, Victoria C Burt Hucks

Mailing address: 1611 San Esteban Ave

Email vickyhucks@aol.com

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Victoria C Hucks
(Signature)

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Date: 4/16, 2011

I, or We, Elizabeth + Steve Draper

Mailing address: 4915 San Amaro Ct

Email betsydraper@hotmail.com

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Date: April 12, 2011

I, or We, Michelle Tejera

Mailing address: 14271 S.W. 18 ST Miami, FL 33175

Email M.Tejera @ Ymail.com

Please provide any applicable comments below (attach additional pages as necessary):

☐ Have no comment, or

☑ Do not object to this application, or

☐ Do hereby object.

I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.

M. Tejera
(Signature)

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Date: 4/5, 2011

I, or We, Kay & Greg Gackle

Mailing address: 1010 Santander Ave

Email kaykrom@yahoo.com & greggackle@me.com

Please provide any applicable comments below (attach additional pages as necessary):

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☑ Do not object to this application, or

☐ Do hereby object.

We hope that Somerset is expand & be an available option for children whose parents are desiring a public school. We are hoping that all is done to ensure that this application goes through. We are living in Coral Gables residents. We have lived in Coral Gables for 9 years & have been very blessed by this school & the opportunity it brings.

Thank you!

Kathryn & Gackle
(Signature)

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Date: _____, 2011

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Mailing address: _____

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I, or We, Samiramis Diaz

Mailing address: 102 Camilo Ave. Coral Gables, FL 33134

Email samiramis.art@gmail.com

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I, or We, Ali Hooshmand

Mailing address: 323 Navarre Ave #201 Coral Gables, FL 33134

Email ahooshmand@comcast.com

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Date: 4.5, 2011

I, or We, Tahereh Armakan

Mailing address: 233 Vizcaya Ave Coral Gables, FL 33134

Email Mybliss mamar@gmail.com

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Date: April 7th, 2011

I, or We, Jaclyn Quintas

Mailing address: 20756 SW 89 Path Cutler Bay FL 33189

Email jquintas@dadeschools.net

Please provide any applicable comments below (attach additional pages as necessary):

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☑ Do not object to this application, or

☐ Do hereby object.

I am a parent & an employee at Somerset Gables. I am extremely privileged that my children have the amazing opportunity to attend the school they love. Their teachers & everything about the school is setting the very best education. As an employee of the school I see first hand how the other parents & students are as happy as we are. I also speak with countless parents that are not as fortunate as we are & their would like to enroll their child at our school. I hear their stories on a daily basis about how all the other schools in the area are overcrowded & private schools are too expensive. We all deserve the opportunity to enroll our children at a school of choice & our choice is Somerset Gables! Many thanks, Jaclyn

(Signature)

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Date: _____, 2011

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Mailing address: _____

Email _____@_____

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Date: 4/8, 2011

I, or We, Rodney Flor

Mailing address: 624 Ingra

Email kinke 305 @ [illegible]

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Date: 4-8, 2011

I, or We, _____

Mailing address: _____

Email _____@_____

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Date: 4-14, 2011

I, or We, Fransel Llerena

Mailing address: 15310 SW 13 Terrace, Miami, FL 33194

Email fllerena@dadeschools.net

Please provide any applicable comments below (attach additional pages as necessary):

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I fully support Somerset Baptist! It is an asset to the community, especially the children!

(Signature)

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Date: 4/8, 2011

I, or We, Scott & Jennifer BERGER

Mailing address: 3415 Monegro St Coral Gables, FL 33134

Email Scott@MDResearch.com @

Please provide any applicable comments below (attach additional pages as necessary):

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We are so fortunate to have had the opportunity to send our child to Somerset Gables without this charter School option we have considered relocating to a public School District in Broward where we have an option besides private and costly Schools Please give others the opportunity to experience this wonderful Schools as the opposition are few in numbers and their case is not forward thinking and a detriment to Gables Residents -

(Signature)

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I, or We, Christa and Scott Gurka

Mailing address: 3039 Orange St.

Email Sgurka@teamunc.net

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WE ARE STRONG ADVOCATES FOR THE EXPANSION OF SOMERSET GABLES. THE SCHOOL IS AN ASSET TO OUR CHILDREN AND OUR COMMUNITY.

(Signature)

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Date: April 16, 2011

I, or We, Juan Carlos and Annie López

Mailing address: 617 Minorca Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134

Email ghenghisjuan@gmail.com
anniemartinez@yahoo.com

Please provide any applicable comments below (attach additional pages as necessary):

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Somerset Academy Coral Gables is a much needed educational institution that provides an excellent educational opportunity to this City's children. Denying this application would be detrimental not only to the 1,000+ applicants anxiously awaiting approval of the application it has filed with this City, but will have negative impacts on the future of this City's citizens and businesses.

Annie Martinez-López
(Signature)

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Date: April 6, 2011

I, or We, Sergio & Allison Manas

Mailing address: 4550 SW 15th St. Miami, FL 33134

Email allisonmanas@bellsouth.net

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☐ Do hereby object.

We strongly support Somerset Gables. This school year has been an amazing experience. We are so lucky to be a part of this community and we hope to see Somerset Gables grow. Another wonderful educational institution can only make Coral Gables even better. It will also alleviate the overcrowding our public schools are experiencing.

(Signature)

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Date: April 6, 2011

I, or We, S. Everett Wilson

Mailing address: 1014 Granada Blvd

Email ~~e[illegible]~~ everettwilson @ aol.com

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I, or We, Carla Pages Wilson

Mailing address: 911 East Ponce de Leon #1604

Email markus@gmail.com

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Carla Wilson
(Signature)

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I, or We, Carla + Everett Wilson

Mailing address: 888 S. Douglas Rd. #203

Email carlaux @ gmail.com

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Carla Wilson
(Signature)

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Date: APRIL 7, 2011

I, or We, Colby + Jennifer Johnson

Mailing address: 622 Vecchio Ave

Email Colby Johnson @ BellSouth.net

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Strongly Support the Application

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Date: April 7, 2011

I, or We, CARLOTA Agudo & ERNESTINA Rivera

Mailing address: 650 CORAL WAY #104, CORALGABLES, FL 33134

Email CARLOTAY @ AOL. COM

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☐ Do hereby object.

I do NOT HAVE SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN BUT I THINK HAVING A SCHOOL LIKE SOMERSET GABLES IS AN ASSET TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD & THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES. I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF THE SOMERSET GABLES SCHOOL.

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Date: April 6, 2011

I, or We, Javier & Karyl Argamasilla

Mailing address: 499 Coral Way Coral Gables, Fl. 33134

Email Karilili@aol.com @ Jargamas@aol.com

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As a parent and neighbor of Somerset Academy Gables, I/We cannot emphasize what a great thing it has been to have this caliber school in our own backyard. We have been searching for an institution such as S. Gables, but unfortunately until now, it was only something that existed in our dreams. The school is a strong addition to our community and I am fortunate to have it so close by. We truly believe that property values will rise from families wanting to move nearby. The school's impact has only been a positive one. The traffic studies speak for themselves. The only way for the school to thrive is to be permitted the additional amount of students. The other C of public schools are overcrowded and have long waiting lists. Please consider the children who love their school and education.

(Signature)

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Date: 4.7, 2011

I, or We, Stanley & Keidy Ehret

Mailing address: 650 Coral Way #206, Coral Gables 33134

Email Kdnana@aol.com

Please provide any applicable comments below (attach additional pages as necessary):

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A neighbor who happily approves, supports Somerset Gables expansion

(Signature)

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Date: 4/12, 2011

I, or We, Heather + Ed Harvey

Mailing address: 5301 Swanson Ave, Miami 33133

Email heather@wharvised.com

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Heather Harvey
(Signature)

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Date: April 13, 2011

I, or We, Martha Castillo

Mailing address: 11351 SW 93 Ct Miami FL 33176

Email mcastillo@dadeschools.net

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I support the expansion of Somerset Grades at this location.

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Date: 10 APRIL, 2011

I, or We, DAVID B MITCHELL

Mailing address: 5700 Sabal Sr. Coral Gables 33146

Email MITCHELLESQ @ AOL.COM

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Date: 4-11-11, 2011

I, or We, DEBORAH SIMMS

Mailing address: 3400 SEVILLE ST C.G. FL 33134

Email Deb.simms@aol.com @

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I support the expansion of Somerset Grace Charter School of Coral Gables

Deb Bea Simms
(Signature)

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Date: 4th, 2011

I, or We, [illegible]

Mailing address: [illegible]

Email [illegible]@[illegible]

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Date: April 5th, 2011

I, or We, Benjamin Vides

Mailing address: 2433 Inland Hound Trail Coral Gables 33134

Email chris.vides@gmail

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I support Somerset Grace

(Signature)

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Date: April 5, 2011

I, or We, Christina Vides

Mailing address: 2430 Indian Mound Trail Coral Gables 33134

Email chrisavides@gmail.com

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I Christina Vides support the expansion of Somerset Coral Gables. Our community is in need of another school and my family is one of the 1500 families in need.

(Signature)

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Date: 4/5, 2011

I, or We, Roger & Maria Eugenia Betancourt

Mailing address: 712 Navarre Ave, Coral Gables, FL 33134

Email mebetancourt@bellsouth.net

Please provide any applicable comments below (attach additional pages as necessary):

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We support the much needed expansion of the [illegible] to accommodate some of the 1500 families that desire [illegible] school.

(Signature)

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Date: _____, 2011

I, or We, _____

Mailing address: _____

Email _____@_____

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Date: 4/05, 2011

I, or We, Robin and Steve Julius

Mailing address: 724 Alhambra CIR CG. 33134

Email robnramirez@yahoo.com

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We support this expansion

(Signature)

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Date: April 5, 2011

I, or We, Raul - Lora Lastra

Mailing address: 2209 Segovia Cir. Coral Gables, FL 33134

Email loralastra@comcast.net

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We absolutely support the expansion of the school. We think Coral Gables needs another public school option and we look forward to sending our two children there

Lora Lastra
(Signature)

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Mailing address: _____

Email _____@_____

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Date: Apr 11, 2011

I, or We, [illegible]

Mailing address: [illegible]

Email [illegible]@[illegible]

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Date: April 6, 2011

I, or We, [illegible]

Mailing address: [illegible]

Email [illegible]@[illegible]

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Date: April 11, 2011

I, or We, Pierre Cardona

Mailing address: 465 Arvida Pkwy Coral Gables FL 33146

Email dpierrecardona@hotmail.com

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Date: April 8, 2011

I, or We, [illegible]

Mailing address: [illegible]

Email [illegible]@[illegible]

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Date: _____, 2011

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Mailing address: _____

Email _____@_____

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Date: April 11, 2011

I, or We, Shirley Fontela

Mailing address: [illegible]

Email [illegible]@[illegible].com

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I support this expansion of [illegible]

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Date: _____, 2011

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Mailing address: _____

Email _____@_____

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Date: April 1, 2011

I, or We, Donna Mae Miller

Mailing address: P.O. Box 331911 Miami FL 33233-5

Email [illegible]@

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I support the expansion of this school

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Date: April 11, 2011

I, or We, Marsy & John Bell

Mailing address: 4814 N W 111th Ct. Doral, FL. 33178

Email Marsy.Bell@gmail.com

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☐ Do hereby object.

We have each been members of UBC for over 20 years and are in full support of the Somerset Grace Charter School and its need to expand. Any institution that provides quality education is an asset to any community. I can not think of a better way to use wonderful facility as is used, than to educate the future leaders and decision makers for our state. We hope that the school will be able to continue to build upon the excellent foundation it has laid this year with all their students.

Marsy John Bell
(Signature)

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Date: 4/6, 2011

I, or We, [illegible]

Mailing address: [illegible]

Email [illegible]@[illegible]

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	Date Received	Name and Address	No comment	No objection	Object	Comments (Verbatim)
659.	04 15 11	Lourdes R. Avino 740 Navarre Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 Lourdesavino.esq.@gmail.com		X		To all those concerned, I am a parent, neighbor and avid supporter for the further expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC. I could not fully explain the experience we have had at Somerset Gables this past year. We have had the wonderful opportunity to participate in several events such as Farmer's Market, a holiday toy drive at Miami Children's hospital, and story time with the senior citizens that participate at the UBC, just to name a few. These experiences have enriched our family and have made us feel even more commited to this City. The school has provided my son with an amazing education and loving environment that has surpassed all expectations. As a part of this community and this school I ask that you consider the further expansion of Somerset Gables. Thank you, Lourdes R. Avino 740 Navarre Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134
660.	04 15 11	Cecilia Vazquez Cvasquez30@hotmail.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Thanks, Sincerely Cecilia Vazquez Spanish Lecturer Modern Language Department University of Miami (305) 284-9312
661.	04 15 11	Ed & Elvira Santamaria 47 San Sebastian Avenue Ecfs7775@hotmail.com		X		We are writing this letter to convey our strong support for the Somerset charter school expansion. We simply believe that a greater academic presence in the City is in the best interests of the community. Why? Because the public educational options of the community are limited and its needs are not met. For example, there are families living in proximity to Coral Gables Elementary that must send their children to a farther school outside the city limits. It seems nonsensical, but it's true. Please consider that inequity when you frame this issue. Much has been made of the impact of an expansion on the surrounding neighborhood. Granted, there will be more traffic in the area, but, consider that the school's location on a major thoroughfare will significantly mitigate this impact, as I am sure traffic studies will show. Some folks on the other side of this issue are handing out flyers calling the proposed expansion a mega school that will bring about unbridled development and sound the deathknell for our City. Really? With all the other problems the City has, we are demonizing the needed expansion of a primary educational facility?

1 Comments are duplicate comments provided to various parties.

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						As taxpayers and members of the community, we ask that you consider these points in your decision. It is only with your work that a reasonable outcome that balances the needs of the community with the conditions of the surrounding neighborhood can be achieved. Sincerely Ed & Elvira Santamaria 47 San Sebastian Avenue
662.	04 15 11	Susie Blanco 2131 SW 82 pl Miami, fl 33155 susieblanco@aol.com		X		Susie Blanco 2131 SW 82 pl Miami, fl 33155 I support the expansion of Somerset in coral gables
663.	04 15 11	Ingrid Deutsch ingriddeutsch@gmail.com 4782 Temple Drive Delray Beach, FL 33445		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Thank you Ingrid Deutsch ingriddeutsch@gmail.com 4782 Temple Drive Delray Beach, FL 33445
664.	04 15 11	Rafael and Ana Penalver 800 S. Greenway Drive Coral Gables, FL 33134 rafaelpenalver@aol.com		X		We strongly support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Please pass our support for this project to the mayor, the commissioners and the city manager. Thank you. Rafael and Ana Penalver 800 S. Greenway Drive Coral Gables, FL
665.	04 15 11	Mark Kelling 6760 SW 68th Ter South Miami, FL 33143 makelling@yahoo.com		X		I support expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Mark Kelling 6760 SW 68th Ter South Miami, FL 33143

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666.	04 15 11	(101 letters of support)		X		

Law Firm
LAURA L. RUSSO, ESQ., LLC
Gables International Plaza
2655 Le Jeune Road
Suite: PH 2-B
Coral Gables, Florida 33134-5837

CITY OF CORAL GABLES
PLANNING DEPARTMENT
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Telephone: 305-476-8300
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laura@laurarussolaw.com

Via Hand Delivery

April 15, 2011

Ms. Jill Menendez
Planning Department
The City of Coral Gables
427 Biltmore Way
Coral Gables, Florida 33134

Re: Somerset – Zoning
Our File No.: 10L-111

Dear Ms. Menendez:

We are pleased to deliver 101 letters of support for the Somerset Academy Grace Charter School.

Should you have any questions or if I may be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to call.

Thank you,

Jessy Pineda

Jessy Pineda
Assistant to Laura L. Russo, Esq.

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ATTACHED ARE THE 101 LETTERS OF SUPPORT SUBMITTED WITH THE ABOVE LETTER.

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I, or We, JENNIFER HUGHSAM

Mailing address: 712 MAJORCA AVENUE, CORAL GABLES

Email jenhughsam@yahoo.com

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Date: 4/13/11, 2011

I, or We, Otilia Rodriguez.

Mailing address: 11238 SW 1st Street. Miami, Fl 33174

Email _____@_____

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Otilia Rodriguez.
(Signature)

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Date: 4/13/11, 2011

I, or We, Carlos Rodriguez

Mailing address: 11238 SW 1st Street, Miami, Fl 33174

Email _____@_____

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Date: 4/13/11, 2011

I, or We, Elia Rubio.

Mailing address: 6300 Caballero Blvd. C. Gables, Fl 33146

Email _____@_____

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Elia Rubio
(Signature)

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Date: 4/15, 2011

I, or We, Yvette Valdés-González

Mailing address: 401 Garlenda Avenue, Coral Gables, FL 33146

Email tvimagen65@yahoo.com

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Yvette Valdés-González
(Signature)

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Date: 4/15, 2011

I, or We, Albert González

Mailing address: 401 Garlenda Avenue, Coral Gables, FL 33146

Email gonzalez2163@gmail.com

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I, or We, Chelcea Dominguez

Mailing address: 1800 NW 24th Ave. #907 Mia, FL 33125

Email chelcea1@gmail.com

Please provide any applicable comments below (attach additional pages as necessary):

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I support the Somerset Gables School.

(Signature)

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I, or We, Nicola Rousseau

Mailing address: 1521 Aqua Ave

Email Nicolarousseau @Bellsouth.net

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I Fully support Somerset academy Coral Gables and the expansion of the School

(Signature)

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I, or We, Cristina Travieso

Mailing address: 8301 SW 80 Terrace Miami Fl 33143

Email cmtravieso @ bellsouth.net

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We support the expansion of Somerset Coral Gables to provide growth and other opportunity for education in the community. Expansion is needed for the growth of the community and to provide quality education for the children in the community.

(Signature)

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I, or We, Otto Travieso

Mailing address: 8201 SW 80 Terrace Miami Fl 33143

Email otto @ easywaymortgage.com

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I support the expansion of Somerset Coral Gables for the betterment of the community.

(Signature)

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I, or We, Ricardo Arce

Mailing address: 12144 SW 122 Pass

Email Tag773@usa.net

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I support the expansion of Somerset Coral Gables.

(Signature)

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I, or We, VERÓNICA DÍAZ

Mailing address: 12144 SW 122 PASS MIAMI, FL. 33186

Email MVERO2 @ USA. NET

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I SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF SOMERSET CORAL GABLES.

(Signature)

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I, or We, Michelle Curbelo

Mailing address: 6245 S.W. 85 Ave

Email mpr222 @ email.com

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☐ Do hereby object.

I support the expansion of Somerset Coral Gables.

Michelle Curbelo
(Signature)

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I, or We, Roberto Curbelo

Mailing address: 6245 SW 85 Ave.

Email _____@_____

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Date: 4/10/, 2011

I, or We, Josh Schoeckert z

Mailing address: 2800 Kirk Street, Miami, FL 33133

Email Joshsdeal @gmail.com

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I fully support the expansion of Somerset Coral Gables

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Date: 4/14, 2011

I, or We, Angela Calderon

Mailing address: 5820 SW 48 st

Email angcald12[redacted]@hotmail.com

Please provide any applicable comments below (attach additional pages as necessary):

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☐ Do hereby object.

My experience with somi has been a very Positive one, and I fully support the expansion of Sommerset Coral Gables as it will only have a positive impact for the City. Thank You

(Signature)

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I, or We, Sandra Lozowicki

Mailing address: 7601 SW 175 St., Palmetto Bay, FL 33157

Email _____@_____

Please provide any applicable comments below (attach additional pages as necessary):

☐ Have no comment, or

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☐ Do hereby object.

We support Somerset Coral Gables. Our child has greatly benefited from the program of Somerset Academy. We believe every child should have an opportunity to learn from their teachings.

Thank you.

(Signature)

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I, or We, Joe Lozowicki

Mailing address: 7601 SW 175 ST, Palmetto Bay FL 33157

Email _____@_____

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We Support Somerset Coral Gables. Our child has benefited from the teachings/curriculum of Somerset Academy. We believe every child should have an opportunity to learn from their great programs.

Thank you.

(Signature)

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I, or We, Jerry Calderon

Mailing address: 5820 SW 48 St Miami Fl 33155

Email _____@_____

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The expansion of Somerset Coral Gables will be a grate aSet to the Community and I fully Suport it.

(Signature)

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I, or We, Mary Aymerich

Mailing address: 6440 SW 83rd ST, Miami, FL 33143

Email mmaymerich@gmail.com

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Date: 4-14-, 2011

I, or We, ADRIAN AYMERICH

Mailing address: 6440 SW 83rd STREET, MIAMI, FL 33143

Email AAYMERICH JR @ STARSALESCO.COM

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I, or We, Ysabel M. Aymerich

Mailing address: 410 Amalfi Ave, Coral Gables, FL 33146

Email momaym@aol.com

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Date: 4/15, 2011

I, or We, Javier I. Cabarrocas

Mailing address: 8301 SW 62 Ave.

Email Cabarock 5 @ aol. com

Please provide any applicable comments below (attach additional pages as necessary):

☐ Have no comment, or

☑ Do not object to this application, or

☐ Do hereby object.

I, Javier Cabarrocas, support the expansion of Somerset Coral Gables.

Thank You.

(Signature)

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Date: 4/12, 2011

I, or We, Karen MYERS-Schwartz

Mailing address: 2800 Kirk Street

Email KMYERSSchwartz @ gmail.com

Please provide any applicable comments below (attach additional pages as necessary):

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I Fully Support the expansion of Somerset Coral Gables. It's time we start thinking more about our children and their education. We need more good schools!

(Signature)

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Date: 4/12, 2011

I, or We, Vivian Noy-Cabarrocas

Mailing address: 8851 SW 62 Ave

Email vnoy67@dadeschools.net

Please provide any applicable comments below (attach additional pages as necessary):

☐ Have no comment, or

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☐ Do hereby object.

I, Vivian Noy Cabarrocas, support the expansion of Somerset Grice Charter school of Coral Gables. Somerset has proven to be an exceptional school for my family. I know it will benefit the Coral Gibles Community.

Sincerely,

Vivian Noy-Cabarrocas
(Signature)

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Date: 04/15, 2011

I, or We, Angela Lara

Mailing address: 2150 SW 16 ave. apt 206

Email angelalara@hotmail.com.

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"I support the expansion of Semerset Coral Gables".

Angela M. Larabor B.
(Signature)

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Date: 04/15, 2011

I, or We, Carlos Dulcey

Mailing address: 2150 SW 16 ave apt 206

Email odulcey@yahoo.com.

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I support the expansion of Semerset Coral Gables.

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Date: 9-15, 2011

I, or We, Sara Herrera & Sandeep Dhaliwal

Mailing address: 4034 Bonita Ave. Coconut Grove, FL 33133

Email saraaherrera@gmail.com

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☐ Do hereby object.

We am in full support of the opening & expansion of Somerset Coral Gables. I know a lot of parents that have their kids there and they are extremely happy with the school. We certainly need more good schools around our area.

Sara A Herrera
(Signature)

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Date: 14 April, 2011

I, or We, Ana Cristina & Robert Cieto

Mailing address: 600 Southern Avenue Coral Gables FL 33143

Email anicieto @ me com

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Date: 4-12, 2011

I, or We, Joanne Mora

Mailing address: 1800 SW 25 ST Apt 2306 Miami FL 33133

Email NOLESHK @ HOTMAIL.COM

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Fully support the expansion of Somerset Gables. Our community needs more schools.

Joanne Mora
(Signature)

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Date: 4/14, 2011

I, or We, Dora M. Alonso

Mailing address: 6120 SW 26th St., Miami, FL 33155

Email d-aguilarca @bellsouth.net

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Dora M. Alonso
(Signature)

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Date: 4/14, 2011

I, or We, Daniel Alonso

Mailing address: 6120 SW 126th St., Miami, FL 33155

Email danny@macmillanoil.com

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Date: 4-15, 2011

I, or We, I

Mailing address: 919 SW. 24TH ROAD MIAMI FL 33129

Email perthaalonso@yahoo.com

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Date: 4-14-11, 2011

I, or We, Terri Wellen

Mailing address: 6111 SW 80th St

Email terriwellen@bellsouth.net

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I support the expansion of Somerset Gables

Terri Wellen
(Signature)

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Date: April 13, 2011

I, or We, Jeannelia Liu

Mailing address: 1411 Siena Avenue, Coral Gables, FL. 33146

Email JLiu@BURNSMCD.com@

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Support that Somerset Gables be expanded to accommodate more than 110 studies.

Jeannelia Liu
(Signature)

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Date: 4/15, 2011

I, or We, BOB LIU

Mailing address: BOBLIU1@BELLSOUTH.NET

Email 1411 SIENA AVE, CG, 33146@

Please provide any applicable comments below (attach additional pages as necessary):

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☐ Do hereby object.

I SUPPORT THE SCHOOL EXPANSION.
A GOOD GABLES SCHOOL IS NEEDED
IN THIS CITY.

(Signature)

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Date: April 15, 2011

I, or We, ANGEL FERRER

Mailing address: 7175 SW 76th St. Miami, FL 33143

Email aferrer42@bellsouth.net

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I am in support of the expasion of Somi Coral Gables.

(Signature)

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Date: April 12, 2011

I, or We, Beatriz Aguero Morejon

Mailing address: 7040 SW 24 Street #109, Miami, FL 33155

Email beckya @ bellsouth.net

Please provide any applicable comments below (attach additional pages as necessary):

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☒ Do not object to this application, or

☐ Do hereby object.

I grew up in the Gables and lived there for 25 years. I ended up going to school in Sweet water because of the limited options of schools in Coral Gables. I believe that Somerset Gables will be an excellent addition to a neighborhood who so desperately needs this kind of higher academic school.

Beatriz A. Morejon
(Signature)

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I, or We, Jose Morejon

Mailing address: 7040 SW 24 Street #109, Miami, FL 33155

Email melkor @ bellsouth.net

Please provide any applicable comments below (attach additional pages as necessary):

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X _____
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I, or We, Luisana Hung Salazar

Mailing address: 13262 SW 142 Terrace Miami FL 33186

Email luisanahungsalazar@me.com

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I think It will be a great adition for the community.

Signature

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I, or We, Liliana Villanueva

Mailing address: 640 Reinante Ave. Coral Gables FL 33156

Email liliana@mockandroll.com

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Please let the school add more kids. The school will bring such benefits for our community not only now but in the future.

Liliana Villanueva.
(Signature)

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I, or We, Megan McCarthy

Mailing address: 6715 SW 51 Street, Miami, FL. 33155

Email megnjes1 @ aol.com

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Somerset Academy is an excellent academic program that the residents and children of Coral Gables could definitely benefit from!!!

Megan McCarthy Megan McCarthy
(Signature)

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I, or We, Julio Fuentes

Mailing address: 6715 SW 51 Street, Miami, FL. 33155

Email julio731@aol.com

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Julio Fuentes
(Signature)

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I, or We, Barbara Fernandez

Mailing address: 8440 SW 36 Street, Miami, FL 33155

Email nodarseb @ yahoo.com

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I think that Somerset Grace Charter School of Coral Gables will have a positive sociological and economic impact on Coral Gables for years to come.

(Signature)

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I, or We, WILLIAM RIVERON

Mailing address: 5815 SW 27 ST, MIAMI FL 33155

Email giovagg @ msn.com

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William Riveron
(Signature)

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I, or We, GIOVANNA GUZMAN

Mailing address: 5815 SW 27 ST, MIAMI FL 33155

Email giovannaguzman @ live.com

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I, or We, Maria Aguero

Mailing address: 6575 SW 27 St Miami FL 33155

Email marialaguerocolon@yahoo.com

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I feel that somerset schools have an extremely reputable history of serving students, schools, and communities and Somerset Grace Charter School of Coral Gables should be allowed to increase the number of students served and grades added to the school.

Maria L. Aguero
(Signature)

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I, or We, Charlie Colon

Mailing address: 6575 SW 27 St Miami FL 33155

Email charlie@gourmetbycharlie.com

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I feel that the addition of more students to Somerset Grace Charter School would be extremely beneficial to the parents, students, schools, and residents of Coral Gables.

Charlie Colon
(Signature)

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I, or We, Theresa de la Rosa

Mailing address: 5949 SW 72 St.

Email Rosasfour @ AOL.com.

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Due to major flaws in the traditional Public School systems, Charter schools are badly needed to provide a good solid education by competent fresh teachers. This type of teaching is not by burnt out tenured individuals but by professional who care to make a difference in the lives of our children.

(Signature)

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Date: 4/13, 2011

I, or We, Lourdes Parker

Mailing address: 411 SW 29 Ct #4B Miami FL 33135

Email parkerlulu@hotmail.com@

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I support the expansion of CORAL GABLES Somerset.

(Signature)

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I, or We, Edward Parker

Mailing address: 411 sw 29 Ct #4B Miami FL 33135

Email edwardjparker@gmail.com

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I support the expansion of Somerset Gables.

Edward Parker
(Signature)

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I, or We, Nancy Valdés

Mailing address: 2498 SW 17 Ave #4103 33145

Email tianany@yahoo.com

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I fully support expanding Somerset Gables

Nancy Valdés
(Signature)

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Date: 4/10, 2011

I, or We, Marc Buchwald

Mailing address: 6375 SW 102 St. Miami Fl. 33156

Email wibeted@aol.com @

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I am in support of coral gables Somerset expanding. Great opportunity for all children who live in our area.

(Signature)

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I, or We, Glenn Dahl

Mailing address: 600 Biltmore Way Apt. 806 Coral Gables FL.

Email _____@_____

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I live in the area and do not mind the expansion of Somerset Academy. Our Grandchildren attend the one in S. Miami.

(Signature)

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Date: 4/13/11, 2011

I, or We, Becky Buchwald

Mailing address: 6375 SW 102 St Miami Fl. 33156

Email MBuch5273@aol.com@

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I support the expansion of Somerset Gables. I believe Somerset is a wonderful learning place for children, and feel that everybody should have this opportunity.

(Signature)

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I, or We, Lynette Spizale

Mailing address: 7175 SW 76th St. Miami 33143

Email lynettespizale@yahoo.com

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The expansion of Somerset Gables will be an asset to the Coral Gables community.

(Signature)

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I, or We, Eric and Virginia Fernandez

Mailing address: 7135 SW 76 Street, Miami, Fl. 33143

Email vlfernandez13@bellsouth.net

Please provide any applicable comments below (attach additional pages as necessary):

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My husband and I support the expansion of Somerset Gables. Our son is currently a student at Somerset Smi and I am so pleased with the school, teachers and administration. The school is amazing. I truly feel that with the expansion of Somerset Gables it will be an asset to the surrounding areas.

(Signature)

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Date: April 13, 2011

I, or We, Dena Wellman

Mailing address: 6231 S.W. 58th Street South Miami, Fl. 33143

Email denawellman@gmail.com

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Somerset Academy is an exceptional school with a comprehensive educational program that can benefit the children/families within our community. This school is an asset to the city of Coral Gables, and should be granted the opportunity to expand.

(Signature)

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Date: APRIL 13, 2011

I, or We, MANNY AVILES

Mailing address: 10106 SW 77 COURT MIAMI, FL 33156

Email MAVILES1020 @ GMAIL.COM

Please provide any applicable comments below (attach additional pages as necessary):

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I HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY HAPPY WITH SOMERSET ACADEMY SOMI. MY DAUGHTER ENJOYS GOING TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY AND THE TEACHERS AND STAFF HAVE BEEN A DELIGHT TO WORK WITH. I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF SOMERSET ACADEMY CORAL GABLES.

(Signature)

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I, or We, Christine Chavez

Mailing address: 16104 SW 44 Lane Miami, FL 33185

Email CChavez@dadeschools.net

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Christina Chavez
(Signature)

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I, or We, Juan Chavez, Jr.

Mailing address: 11104 SW 144 Lane Miami, FL 33186

Email Juan@Jchinsurancegroup.com

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I, or We, We, Adolfo and Michelle Miñoso

Mailing address: 5819 SW 34 St. Miami, FL 33155

Email mminoso @ olla.org

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The citizens of the Gables should have the choice to send their children to a school such as Somerset. The school provides an excellent educational environment while providing a small community feeling. It is my hope that my neighbors be afforded this opportunity at the Gables location.

Michelle A. Miñoso

(Signature)

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I, or We, Lisa Abreu

Mailing address: 5150 Tamiami St #106 Coral Gables, FL 33144

Email [illegible]@hotmail.com

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I support the continued and future growth of Somerset Academy Coral Gables. This will bring a community, center and provide an excellent educational opportunity for our children

Lisa Abreu
(Signature)

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I, or We, Vivian Conterio

Mailing address: 6160 SW 63 Avenue

Email vivian @ giatech.net

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I support Somerset Gables expansion plan and urge to to change the zoning.

Vivian Conterio

(Signature)

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I, or We, Gregory Conterio

Mailing address: 6160 SW 63 Avenue

Email greg @ giatech.net

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Date: 9/12, 2011

I, or We, Rosy Barroso

Mailing address: 6101 SW 44 terr Miami, FL 33155

Email Rosybarroso@gmail.com

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I am the mother of a child that attends Somerset SoMi and think that expanding the Somerset Coralgables school would be a blessing for the children of our city. SoMi has a high level of education but maintains a loving environment. These are the kinds of schools that our ~~your~~ future leaders need. Somerset is a wonderfully company that completely exceeded my expectations. Thankful SoMi

(Signature)

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I, or We, Magaly A. Menendez

Mailing address: 5831 SW 87 Ave

Email magmen27@yahoo.com @

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I think Somerset Gables will provide the community with an exemplary education. This is an accredited form of education at its best.

(Signature)

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Date: 04/ 11, 2011

I, or We, ERnesto Divo

Mailing address: ~~ED~~ 5941 SW 79 CT MIAMI, FL 33143

Email EDIVO@AOL.coM@

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I support the expansion of Somerset Coral Gables!!!

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(Signature)

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I, or We, MARISOL BOSCHETTI

Mailing address: 5941 SW 79 CT MIAMI, FL 33143

Email MBOSCHETTI @ AOL.COM

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I support the expansion of Somerset Coral Gables.

Marisol Boschetti
(Signature)

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I, or We, Marcia & Forrest Lee.

Mailing address: 1300 Cabana Row Blvd Coral Gables FL 33146

Email Marcialee@mytelus.com

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Marcia Lee
(Signature)

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I, or We, Carlos P Gonzalez

Mailing address: 6[illegible] Cotton Wood Blvd Coral Gables FL 3314[illegible]

Email [illegible]@[illegible].com

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☐ Do hereby object.

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I, or We, Wilda N. Garcia

Mailing address: 1063 SW 78 ct. Miami, FL 33144

Email mngarcia@[illegible].com

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Wilda N. Garcia
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I, or We, Kellie Henley

Mailing address: 3523 N Bayhomes Drive

Email Kmhenley@gmail.com

Please provide any applicable comments below (attach additional pages as necessary):

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Our kids are our future, Somerset Academy is an excellent public option for many families. Somerset schools act professionally. The number of applicants proves the community support!! The neighborhood has many youth oriented events at the Youth Center and the impact on traffic is minimal. Segovia is huge! The school rush or drop off and pick up is 10 minutes!!

Kellie Henley

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I, or We, Marcelo Fernandes

Mailing address: 3623 N. Bayshores Dr.

Email marcelo @ oxforduniversal.com

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Somerset Academy does an excellent job with their schools. They provide a public option at a quality on par with private schools. This is why there are so many applicants!! They have operated as partners to neighborhoods in their existing schools! Our kids deserve this option!

(Signature)

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I, or We, Luis and Vivian Arenado

Mailing address: 7301 sw 79th Street Miami 33143

Email vivianq@att.net

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I, or We, Ingrid Gaetan

Mailing address: 5711 SW 81 ST

Email Ingrid.gaetan23@aol.com

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Please allow the expansion of Somerset Academy, Coral Gables as a 3rd privat (South Miami). I am very pleased to be a part of this community. There are many children that wants attend but will don't have this opportunity.

Thank you.

Ingrid Gaetan
(Signature)

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I, or We, J. Michael Quijano

Mailing address: 5785 SW 30th Street, Miami, FL 33155

Email quijano25@rocketmail.com

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I believe the City of Coral Gables should be doing a disservice to their community by not allowing this expansion.

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I, or We, Beatriz Quijano

Mailing address: 5765 SW 20th Street, Miami, FL 33155

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I, or We, Paul Estopinan

Mailing address: 6790 SW 67 Street South Miami, FL 33143

Email paul.estopinan@gmail.com

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I believe it would provide a great opportunity for kids to receive a phenomenal education.

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I, or We, Dana Estopinan

Mailing address: 6790 SW 67 Street

Email dana.estopinan@gmail.com

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I believe it would only enhance the community, and provide a great opportunity for kids to recieve a phenomenal education.

Dana Estopinan
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I, or We, TONY MARTINEZ

Mailing address: 5930 SW 41ST STREET MIAMI FL 33155

Email TONY @ THESHULEGROUP.NET

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I, or We, DAMARIS MARTINEZ

Mailing address: 5932 SW 41ST STREET MIAMI, FL 33155

Email DMARIS@GMAIL.COM

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I, or We, Kevin + Sandra Mase

Mailing address: 1414 Alegriano Ave. Coral Gables, FL.

Email SKMASE@Yahoo.com @

Please provide any applicable comments below (attach additional pages as necessary):

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We urgently need to expand educational choices here in Coral Gables. I am a graduate of Coral Gables Elementary and Coral Gables High school. These are fine schools but due to the expansion of Condo's and urban development in Coral Gables and surrounding neighborhoods the school system has not keep up with the population growth.

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I, or We, Cari Gardner

Mailing address: 725 Zamora Ave. Coral Gables FL 33134

Email carigardner @ bellsouth.net

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Cari Gardner
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I, or We, Victor Trillo

Mailing address: 725 Zamora Ave, C.G, FL 33134

Email vtrillo@yahoo.com

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I, or We, Adriana Quiñones

Mailing address: 10003 SW 112 st. Miami, FL 33176

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A. Quiñones
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I, or We, Denise Narvaez

Mailing address: 100 NW. 63 Ave. Miami, FL 33126

Email DisneyDreamer @ bellsouth.net

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I support the expansion of Somerset Coral Gables.

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I, or We, Yarisie Sueo

Mailing address: 7420 SW 132 St. Pinecrest, FL 33156

Email yarisic @ gmail.com

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Yarisie Sueo
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I, or We, Francisco Arisso

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Email frank@rainaway.net

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I, or We, Luisa Pinilla

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I, or We, Alany Cruz

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Email alanycruz@dadeschools.net

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I, or We, Jasser Narvaez

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I, or We, Adilia Lugo

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I, or We, Angel Castellanos

Mailing address: [illegible]

Email angelangelcastellanos@gmail.com

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I, or We, Lyssett Montiel-Lleonart

Mailing address: 6275 SW 34 Street, Miami, FL 33155

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I support the expansion of Somerset Gables. The Somerset family of schools provides the best education for our children, and they are also responsible neighbors who only wish to contribute to the wonderful development of the children of this community.

Please help make this very positive contribution a larger reality - we definitely need more great schools!

Thank you!

Lyssett Montiel

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I, or We, Ruben Lleonart

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766.	04 18 11	Calese Thompson-Enriquez calesete@yaho.com		X		I am writing in support of Somerset at UBC expanding. My 4th child is in Kindergarten at Somerset and I am overjoyed at her progress. The growth of this school will benefit so many,including her older sibilings. Thank you, Calese Thompson-Enriquez
767.	04 18 11	Jenny Jimenez jenjimenezramos@gmail.com		X		I STRONGLY support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Please allow more students at this school. This will be great for the city of Coral Gables. Jenny Jimenez
768.	04 18 11	Burt Rosenberg Burt.rosenberg@gmail.com			X	City of Coral Gables Courtesy Public Hearing Notice Comment Form Application: 07-10-113-P Request: Change of Land Use, Conditional Use and Site Plan Review – Somerset Grace Academy Charter School Location: 624 Anastasia Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida April 15, 2011 We, Burton and Monique Rosenberg, residing at 904 Anastasia Ave, Coral Gables, within walking distance of the subject property, with email burt.rosenberg@gmail.com and monique.rosenberg@gmail.com, Do Hereby Object for the following reasons: The zoning change proposed will only serve to facilitate a large school, 735 students or more, that is incompatible with the neighborhood. If the zoning is kept as is, Somerset can continue with reasonable expansion, immediately to about 200 students, as was offered to them by the Coral Gables Commission on July 19, 2010. This would be of similar size to West Lab elementary, and could contain two classes of each grade K through 5. This school is permitted under the current zoning because the Commission did offer it pursuant the Coral Gables Attorney's interpretation of Florida Statute 1002.33(18)(c), which permits charter schools to operate "under existing zoning". As larger numbers were considered, I do not believe that this is the largest number consistent with the attorney's interpretation, once comfort is gained between the school and its neighbors. Perhaps a school of 350 students, three classes per grade, similar in size to Coconut Grove Elementary or Tucker. In fact, almost 15% of Miami-Dade Elementary schools are that size or smaller. I have talked with the President of the Parents Association for Somerset Gables, and with the founding member of the pro-school Coral Gables Neighborhood School Alliance. Talking with them and reading carefully the advertisements they have placed in the Neighbors section, March 13-th and April 3-ird, their demands are completely consistent with, and perhaps better served, by remaining within the current zoning and implementing

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						a school as described above. These parents are personally not opposed to such a school, but are at the moment not the decision makers about this school. Academica would like to have a very large school, and for that it needs this zoning change. I understand that the K through 8 is a popular format, and therefore I understand that this might pose a real compromise for some parents. It is not an argument for or against this format, only that such schools tend to be large. Somerset seems to prefer about 1,200 students in their academies, and I have no doubt that if the zoning were changed, Academica will insist on ultimately a school of this size at the UBC property, and will bring lawsuits under 1002.33(18)(c) as it did previously to achieve this aim. A school of this size is enormous: it would be larger than over 97% of all elementary schools in Miami-Dade. Academica has claimed the school cannot be financially viable at 200-odd students. I have spoken with the Principal of the school, Ms. Ruiz, and she has confirmed that the school, at 110 students, is currently running in the black, and that increased numbers is a matter of being increasingly in the black. This would be a matter of public knowledge, as school budgets are public documents. It is true that a larger school will provide a higher spending level and therefore an even better school than Somerset Gables currently is. However it is not now nor has ever been a matter of not being able to operate. I support the parents in the quest for this school, but the school and the zoning are different matters. The zoning being considered is a gift only to Academica. Please recommend that the zoning remain, so that neighbors and parents can get together, without the interference of outside interests, and see if both our needs can addressed. We need a good school, and we need a good neighborhood. I think we can do this if there were proper focus on neighborhoods and education. Your decision can provide that focus.
769.	04 18 11	Miriam Guanche and Ernesto Castaneda 5211 Granada Blvd. Coral Gables, FL 33146 miriamg@miamipta.com		**X**		To Whom It may concern: This letter is to voice our support for the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. We have 2 young daughters (2 and 6 months) and are new residents of Coral Gables. Somerset Gables is our first choice for the future schooling of our children. If there is any way we can offer further support, please count on us. Miriam Guanche and Ernesto Castaneda 5211 Granada Blvd. Coral Gables, FL 33146
770.	04 18 11	Vanessa Pacheco vanypd@gmail.com		**X**		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.
771.	04 18 11	Arleen Vasconcelos stressri@gmail.com		**X**		"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location."
772.	04 18 11	Cristina Cabrea crisnemicabrera@gmail.co		**X**		To Whom It May Concern:

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		m				I would like to take this opportunity to pledge my support for the expansion of Somerset Academy Gables at University Baptist Church (UBC). As a member of the Somerset Gables instructional staff, I feel that the vision and mission of academic excellence fostered throughout our program will empower our students' to become life long learners and an asset to their community; the City of Coral Gables. Join us, in our efforts, to establish a legacy of academic excellence within your city...our city...Coral Gables! I thank you in advance for your support and consideration when pledging your vote to support the expansion of Somerset Academy Gables at UBC. Sincerely, Cristina Cabrera Lead Teacher Somerset Academy Gables 624 Anastasia Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134
773.	04 18 11	Lora & Raul Lastra 2209 Segovia Circle Coral Gables, FL 33134 loralastra@comcast.com		X		To Whom It May Concern, I am writing to express my support of the proposed expansion of the Sommerset Gables charter school. My family has lived in Coral Gables for the last 15 years and my husband has his office on Aragon Ave. Our home is located near the school and well within walking distance. I believe having a charter school in Coral Gables is so beneficial to everyone, especially the children. They are the future of our community and they deserve the best education possible. The advantages and flexibility a Charter School has over traditional public schools is undeniable. The City of Coral Gables needs to do this for our children. If the school expansion is approved I will apply for my two young children to apply. Sincerely, Lora & Raul Lastra 2209 Segovia Circle Coral Gables, FL 33134 (305) 903-2271
774.	04 18 11	David and Cecily Wernick ceciwernick@gmail.com		X		Please allow Somerset to expand in Coral Gables. Thank you, David and Cecily Wernick
775.	04 18 11	Victoria Larrauri 615 Madeira Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 viarrauri@yahoo.com		X		Good morning. I am the parent of two school-age children and am very interested in sending them to Somerset Gables. I am writing this email in support of the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information.

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						Regards, Victoria Larrauri 615 Madeira Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134
776.	04 18 11	Louan Zagarino 731 Anastasia louanzag@aol.com			X	From: Louanzag@aol.com To: eriel@coralgables.com, coejack@bellsouth.net, jeffreyf@flanagan-williard.com, reception@beharfont.com, jsalman@c3ts.com, ebi@bellsouth.net, patkeon@aol.com BCC: alfulks@earthlink.net, sandra@muradolaw.com, albert@mkt-focus.com Sent: 4/16/2011 12:42:12 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time Subj: Zoning Board Meeting Dear Mr. Riel and Zoning Board Members. Concerning the ad that Somerset Academy Gables had in the Miami Herald on Sunday, April 10, 2011 stating "We are your neighbors" I conducted a public records check on all 165 names who signed the Somerset letter, and could only confirm that 53 were Coral Gables Residents. That is 32% of the signers. So, I assume from this number that they are not our neighbors but only want to come to school in Coral Gables. We the taxpayers and true neighbors feel this is an invasion. Thank you for considering these facts. Very sincerely, Louan Zagarino 731 Anastasia, 305-447-2293 louanzag@aol.com
777.	04 18 11	Orlando and Maggie Fernandez 3701 Riviera Drive Coral Gables, FL 33134			X	I consider that the traffic in this area between Coral Gables High & the enlargement of this school will be too much for the neighborhood.
778.	04 18 11	Karyl & Javier Argamasilla 499 Coral Way Coral Gables, Florida 33134 kagamasilla@bilzin.com		X		From: Karyl Argamasilla Sent: Friday, April 15, 2011 4:03 PM To: 'jmenendez@coralgables.com'; 'wfoeman@coralgables.com'; 'somersetcharterschoolcomments@coralgables.com' Cc: Karyl Argamasilla; jargamas@aol.com Subject: Somerset Gables Ladies and Gentlemen: Our family strongly supports the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. My son currently attends PreK4 at Somerset Gables and we are also neighbors of the school. I have a younger daughter who I hope will one day attend Somerset Gables if the expansion is granted. Right now there is no space for her to attend the school with her brother.

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						As a Coral Gables resident for the past 30+ years and now as a neighbor to Somerset Gables, I am thrilled to have a top-notch alternative for our already overcrowded Coral Gables school system. I know what it is like to live right next to a school as I lived one block away from St. Theresa School where I attended from K-8. Most of my neighbors had their kids enrolled at St. Theresa and it was part of our community, which is what Somerset Gables should and will be to this one. Our family has chosen to live in Coral Gables for many reasons, one of which is the proximity to very good local public schools. I decided to enroll our son in the public school system and was shocked to hear that the other Coral Gables schools were at capacity with a long waiting list. I was advised that even if my son was chosen from the "lottery" system, he still would not be guaranteed a spot in my neighborhood elementary school. That is completely unacceptable. Our family is very adamant about our children receiving a strong education and that is what Somerset Gables provides. They have embraced my son and are providing him with a core foundation for academics. All of the teachers know my son by name and are committed to his success. As you can see from the number of applicants, there is a clear need for another k-8 school in this area. I know parents who have a deep interest in the future plans of the school but are scared to apply in fear that the school will not be approved for expansion. I personally have lost a significant amount of money in deposits and tuition at other private schools because of the need to apply to these schools in case Somerset Gables does not expand. As history will show, there were many projects in Coral Gables that met resistance from neighbors, but once approved, have thrived and provided another reason for others to move to our Beautiful City. The traffic studies submitted by Somerset Gables demonstrate that our school can quadruple and still not cause an issue to our neighbors. I for one never have to wait in the drop off/pickup line because of how well it is run. The parents at Somerset Gables are very cognizant of the neighbors and we follow the strict drop off/pick up/parking rules for this reason. Somerset Gables and the parents of students at the school are committed to work with the City of Coral Gables to find an amicable solution to this issue in a timely fashion. Time is of the essence. One must remember that at the end of the day, the ones who will be most affected by this are the students at Somerset Gables because they will miss out on an opportunity of a stellar education, and who wants to deny a child their right to academics? Somerset Gables is an incredible addition to our community. I respectively request that you grant the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.

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						Karyl & Javier Argamasilla 499 Coral Way Coral Gables, Florida 33134
779.	04 18 11	Virginia Oliveira 5858 SW 68th St. Miami, Fl 33143 virginia@peak360fitness.com		X		From: Virginia Oliveira [virginia@peak360fitness.com] Sent: Mon 4/18/2011 7:32 PM To: 'somersetcharterschoolcomments@coralgables.com' Cc: 'wfoeman@coralgables.com' Subject: School I support the expansion of Somerset Coral Gables, I feel that this can only benefit the community, it has in South Miami and will do so in Coral Gables -- Best in Health, Virginia R. Oliveira IMPACT, INFLUENCE, AND EMPOWER Peak 360 Fitness Athletic Performance www.peak360fitness.com 5858 SW 68th St. Miami, Fl 33143
780.	04 18 11	Sandra Allen 4061 Ventura Ave. Miami, FL sanpallen@gmail.com		X		From: Sandra Allen [sanpallen@gmail.com] Sent: Mon 4/18/2011 8:19 PM To: 'jmenendez@coralgables.com'; 'wfoeman@coralgables.com' Cc: 'somersetcharterschoolcomments@coralgables.com' Subject: Somerset Gables Expansion Request Gentlemen and respected members of the Coral Gables City Commission. I would like to take a few moments of your time to voice my support for the requested expansion of the student body of the Somerset Gables Charter School at University Baptist Church. I can well understand the concerns of those who live in proximity to the school but I believe the school's planners have come up with satisfactory management of traffic plans to effectively deal with traffic issues. What I believe is of great concern is the issue of quality education for our children, a matter which seems to be getting far too little support from government these days. Quality education is essential to the future of this great country. Without it, more and more job opportunities will be surrendered to those with better educations coming from other countries and our sons and daughters will draw the short straws. Somerset Schools have a proven track record of high standards and quality education

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						and I believe it would benefit and reflect positively on the City of Coral Gables to support the school and it's expansion to it's requested size. The support the school has received so far from it's student's parents as well as those seeking to have their children attend is evidence of the importance a quality education to all those concerned, as it should be to your fine city. We respectfully request your support in this most important matter, bearing in mind that it can only benefit the city in the long run as more and more professionals arrive and need to find quality education opportunities for their children. Bart and Sandra Allen 4061 Ventura Av. Miami, Fl.
781.	04 18 11	Mark Smith 810 Milan Ave. Coral Gables, FL 33134 smittypsyd@aol.com		**X**		From: smittypsyd@aol.com Sent: Mon 4/18/2011 8:45 PM To: 'jmenendez@coralgables.com'; 'somersetcharterschoolcomments@coralgables.com' Subject: I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Thank you. Mark Smith, Psy.D. 810 Milan Ave. Coral Gables, FL 33134 304-446-6763
782.	04 18 11	Michelle A. Estlund 147 Sevilla Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 (305)448-0077 and 733 Camilo Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 (305) 569-6445 mestlund@estlundlaw.com			**X**	From: mestlund@estlundlaw.com Sent: Mon 4/18/2011 9:41 PM To: 'jmenendez@coralgables.com'; 'wfoeman@coralgables.com'; 'somersetcharterschoolcomments@coralgables.com' Subject: Opposition to Somerset Gables expansion Please see the attached letter in opposition to the Somerset Gables expansion request. I am requesting that this letter be placed in the public record for the hearing scheduled for April 27, 2011. Thank you. - Michelle Estlund Michelle A. Estlund, P.A. 147 Sevilla Avenue

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						Coral Gables, FL 33134 (305)448-0077 fax (305) 442-0444 mestlund@estlundlaw.com ---------- Date: April 15, 2011 I am a resident and homeowner in Coral Gables. I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed expansion of Somerset Gables. Over the past year, many have spoken very eloquently about the negative repercussions of a 735 student body on the surrounding neighborhood and the entire City of Coral Gables. Several issues bear repeating: • A change in zoning from "Religious/Institutional" to "Community Services and Facilities" will set a precedent for other churches and temples to request a similar change in order to increase their revenue stream and property value as well as open endless possibilities for future commercial development on these designated properties. • The inability of Somerset's business model to fit within City's long-standing plan does not mandate nor necessitate a change in the City's plan. Rather, just like any other business or educational facility, Somerset must either modify its business model or seek a site which is more suitable for its model. • A 1968 Restrictive Covenant was signed by UBC and the City, declaring that the property would not be leased or used in violation of any ordinances of the City; that part of the property shall not be leased separately from the rest; and that the covenants shall run with the land and be binding upon the trustees and their successors. A covenant is a promise between the City and UBC, and is not to be breached. • Despite Somerset's representations to the contrary, the proposed traffic patterns will greatly increase traffic in a quiet residential neighborhood. At a recent town hall meeting held at UBC, a police officer from a neighboring city cited his concern based upon professional experience and stressed that traffic during the extended morning and afternoon pick up will present a hardship to this neighborhood. He even suggested that the traffic could be alleviated by building a 6 floor parking garage. • We are not opposed to the charter school, just a school of that size in that small of a space in our residential neighborhood. At the City Commission meeting last spring, the City offered Somerset Academy a compromise number of 210 students. We stand in agreement with that option and feel that it is the maximum number the site and neighborhood can support. Somerset rejected the offer since this number does not

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						accommodate their business model. How does this justify a change in the master plan of the City? It seems they should also be flexible or look for a new site. If the city really does need an additional school of this size, then careful planning must be made to accommodate the students – find a space where there can be a field, a library, in a section of town that is more appropriate. • While the focus is the 735 students, what about the number of staff members it will take to support a school this size? Our estimate is that it will add at least another 75 people (teachers, janitors, aides, office staff) driving to the site – where will they park? During Sunday morning during church services, church members are consistently parking along Cardena and on Riviera Drive directly under the No Parking signs - sometimes on private property because there are few options. • The hours of operation of the building also pose a problem for the community and would necessarily be contrary Ordinance 2252, which restricts the hours of operation from 8:30 a.m. and 2:10 p.m. If Somerset is like any other school, activity will be constant. There will be afterschool programs, as well as night time open houses and events for parents. Again, my position is AGAINST the request to amend the Coral Gables Comprehensive Plan. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN. I love Coral Gables and this beautiful section of the city for what it IS. A school of this size is not appropriate for the surrounding neighborhood and neither is an amendment to our city's comprehensive plan that is intended for private gain. Michelle A. Estlund 733 Camilo Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 (305) 569-6445
783.	04 19 11	Laura Smith 7340 SW 61st Court Miami, FL 33143 lds@greenesmithlaw.com		**X**		From: Laura Smith [lds@greenesmithlaw.com] Sent: Tue 4/19/2011 9:20 AM To: 'somersetcharterschoolcomments@coralgables.com' Subject: Somerset Gables Expansion I am fervently in support of the expansion of the Somerset Gables location at the University Baptist Church. Please consider this in your decision regarding expansion. Best regards, Laura Davis Smith Board Certified Specialist in Marital & Family Law Greene Smith & Associates, P.A. 7340 SW 61st Court Miami, FL 33143 T: 786 268 2553 F: 786 268 2556

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784.	04 19 11	Laura Smith 7340 SW 61st Court Miami, FL 33143 lds@greenesmithlaw.com		X		From: Laura Smith [lds@greenesmithlaw.com] Sent: Tue 4/19/2011 9:26 AM To: 'jmenendez@coralgables.com' Subject: Expansion of Somerset Gables I write today to express my fervent support of the expansion of Somerset Gables Charter School at the University Baptist Church location. I am happy to share my thoughts with you more completely, should you wish to contact me. The school is wonderful, my son is benefitting greatly from the amazing teachers and curriculum and technology as well as the class size. He is doing far better at Somerset than he was at GW Carver which was the school he was placed into (despite our ranking of it as third choice). The school is full of caring and dedicated teachers and staff, and the nurturing environment is one where the children thrive. Coral Gables needs this school. Coral Gables elementary is overcrowded; Sunset is impossible to get into; and Carver is simply not what it used to be, and not a soul is trying to make it better. The people at Somerset are putting the children first, where they belong. Thank you! Laura Davis Smith
785.	04 19 11	Carlos Estrada 175 N.W. 1st Ave. - 26th Floor Miami, FL 33128 CarlosE@miamidade.gov		X		From: Estrada, Carlos (COC) [CarlosE@miamidade.gov] Sent: Tue 4/19/2011 2:47 PM To: 'wfoeman@coralgables.com'; 'somersetcharterschoolcomments@coralgables.com' Subject: Somerset Gables As a resident of Coral Gables living within close proximity to the proposed school (424 Candia Ave.), I would be in favor of the opening of such a school to serve our community. My child attends Somerset Somi and I have already submitted an application to the proposed school due to its proximity to my home. I have heard complaints from the neighbors regarding the school being close to the Youth Center and the Coral Gables Library. I cannot think of anything better for a child than to be involved in any of those two settings. Can you think of anything healthier than that? Furthermore, in lieu of the proposed budget cuts facing our public schools for the next 4 years, it is imperative that the charter school option be available in our city. Our local elementary schools are at or over capacity. I recently saw the Coral Gables Preparatory Academy announcing applications for lottery in the Neighbors section of the Miami Herald. The idea of having an elementary school open in a commercial area is flawed. There is no school in the city that meets the criteria; they are all located in residential locations. I believe its time that the City of Coral Gables opens up a new school to serve its citizens. We have the opportunity now and we should take advantage. Carlos Estrada Computer Services Manager Miami-Dade Clerk of Courts 175 N.W. 1st Ave. - 26th Floor

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						Miami, FL 33128 Email: CARLOSE@MIAMIDADE.GOV
786.	04 19 11	Dena Wellman denawellman@gmail.com		X		From: Dena Wellman [denawellman@gmail.com] Sent: Tue 4/19/2011 2:46 PM To: 'somersetcharterschoolcomments@coralgables.com' Subject: Support for Somerset Academy This message serves to express my support in the expansion of Somerset Academy in Coral Gables. Somerset offers an invaluable educational experience to the children within our community. Sincerely, Dena Wellman
787.	04 19 11	caritoschmidt@yahoo.com		X		From: caritoschmidt@yahoo.com Sent: Tue 4/19/2011 2:56 PM To: 'somersetcharterschoolcomments@coralgables.com' Subject: School I support the expansion of Somerset Coral Gables because it gives the people in the neighborhood more school options and opportunities for the kids to have a great education.
788.	04 19 11	Sabrina and Cesar Sogbe 4300 SW 61st Ave Miami, FL 33155		X		From: Sogbe, Sabrina [ssogbe@law.miami.edu] Sent: Tue 4/19/2011 3:06 PM To: 'somersetcharterschoolcomments@coralgables.com' Subject: Hearing Survey
789.	04 19 11	Martha Brieva marthab@procomcorp.com		X		From: Martha Brieva [marthab@procomcorp.com] Sent: Tue 4/19/2011 3:07 PM To: 'somersetcharterschoolcomments@coralgables.com' Subject: Regarding the Somerset Academy in the Gables To Whom It may concern: I think it's a great idea for us to have Somerset Academy in the Gables. This is the first year Of my son attending the Somi Somerset Academy and it's the best school/education around! I wish that we would have a school with teachers of this magnitude in the Gables and that my son and other kids in the area can attend. Sincerely, Martha Brieva
790.	04 19 11	Marivi Diaz-Santiago marivi_santiago@bellsouth.net		X		From: Marivi Santiago [marivi_santiago@bellsouth.net] Sent: Tue 4/19/2011 5:44 PM To: 'somersetcharterschoolcomments@coralgables.com' Subject: YOU HAVE MY SUPPORT!!!!!!

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						Marivi Diaz-Santiago Lic. Realtor Realty Investments Corp. Office: 305 271 1111 Cell: 305 788 6471 Fax: 305 271 2222 email: marivi_santiago@bellsouth.net
791.	04 19 11	Cristina cmtravieso@bellsouth.net		**X**		From: Cristina [cmtravieso@bellsouth.net] Sent: Tue 4/19/2011 9:20 PM To: 'somersetcharterschoolcomments@coralgables.com' Subject: Somerset Gables We support Somerset Gables for the growing needs of the community. We support the expansion.
792.	04 19 11	Mindy Hamersmith minda541@aol.com		**X**		From: Mindy Hamersmith [minda541@aol.com] Sent: Tue 4/19/2011 9:29 PM To: 'jmenendez@coralgables.com'; 'wfoeman@coralgables.com'; 'somersetcharterschoolcomments@coralgables.com' Subject: Somerset Gables Supporter To whom it May Concern ~ **I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location."** Please help our children with your support of this wonderful educational opportunity. Thank you for your consideration..... Sincerely yours, Minda Hamersmith, a concerned Coral Gables resident
793.	04 20 11	Alexandra Corzo-Raton 2410 Madrid Street Coral Gables, Florida 33134		**X**		From: Alexandra Corzo-Raton [sandy@alistevents.net] Sent: Wed 4/20/2011 8:50 AM To: 'jmenendez@coralgables.com'; 'wfoeman@coralgables.com'; 'somersetcharterschoolcomments@coralgables.com' Subject: In support of Somerset Gables expansion To whom it may concern, We want everyone to know that it is also is a huge priority for us to maintain the integrity of the Coral Gables neighborhood and to create the minimum amount of impact on our fellow neighbors as possible. On a personal note, I can also assure you that having had the opportunity to put Julian at Somerset Academy Gables has been the best move I could have made for him this point in his life where he has met an incredible group of teachers and friends. He has taken a huge leap in learning skills including English, Spanish, Math, Reading, Art, Sports and more. It is no doubt that every day is a productive learning experience for him and one which we hope to continue. As parents, we are all ecstatic to be part of this school and hope it will be around as an option for your children and grandchildren in the years to come.

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						Thank you, Alexandra Corzo-Raton 2410 Madrid Street Coral Gables, Florida 33134
794.	04 20 11	Kelly Linaje kellylinaje@gmail.com		**X**		From: Kelly Linaje [kellylinaje@gmail.com] Sent: Wed 4/20/2011 9:39 AM To: 'wfoeman@coralgables.com'; 'somersetcharterschoolcomments@coralgables.com' Subject: Somerset Academy Gables Good morning, I am writing to show my support of the expansion of Somerset Academy Coral Gables. i believe that the expansion of this school would be a huge benefit to the residents of Coral Gables. Somerset has a long history of success and excellence. The residents of Coral Gables deserve the opportunity to attend this well-established institution. Somerset completes the already excellent line-up of public schools in the city. Please allow the expansion of Somerset. Thank you, Kelly Linaje
795.	04 20 11	Barbara Valdes 2911 Village Green Drive Miami, FL 33175 bvaldes17@gmail.com				I think we need more schools like Somerset Charter. For higher education with amazing teachers and staff to better service our community.
796.	04 20 11	mpbutterfly73@aol.com		**X**[1]		From: mpbutterfly73@aol.com Sent: Wed 4/20/2011 2:49 PM To: 'jmenendez@coralgables.com';'somersetcharterschoolcomments@coralgables.com' Subject: I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location
797.	04 20 11	(15 letters of support)		**X**		From: Laura Russo [Laura@laurarussolaw.com] Sent: Wed 4/20/2011 4:56 PM To: 'sbolyard@coralgables.com' Cc: jessy@laurarussolaw.com Subject: Somerset Attached are letters of support for adding to the record. Thanks, Laura ATTACHED ARE THE 15 LETTERS OF SUPPORT SUBMITTED WITH THE ABOVE EMAIL.

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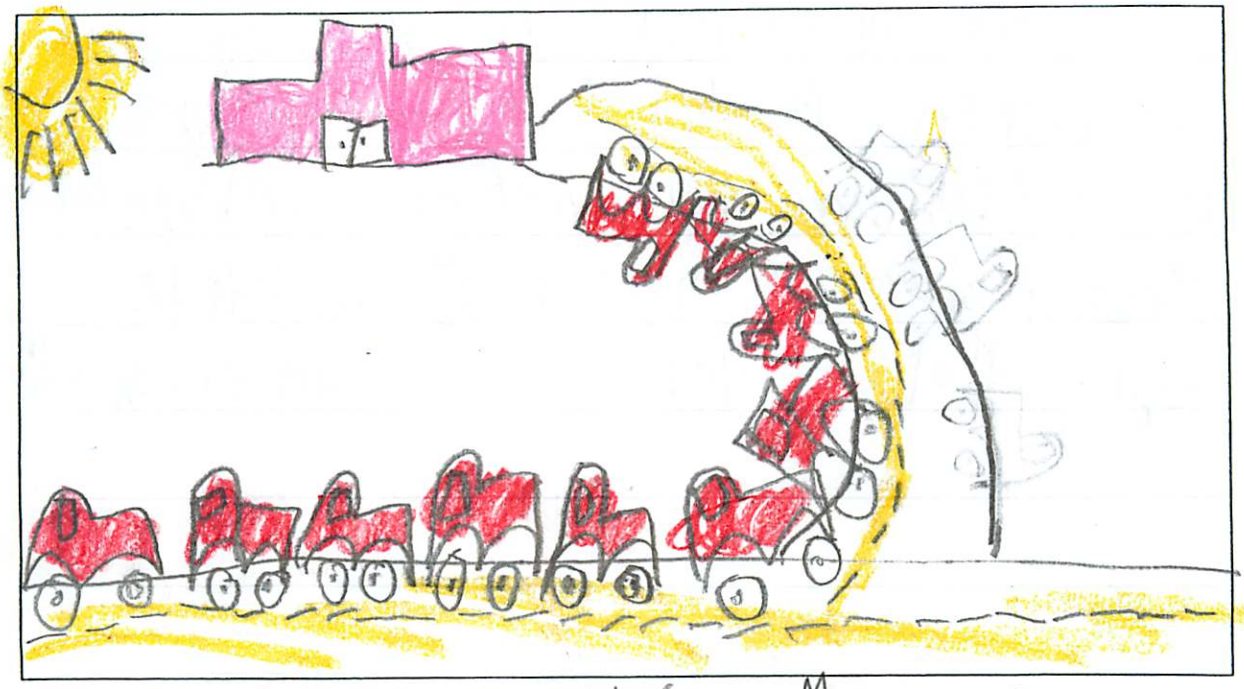
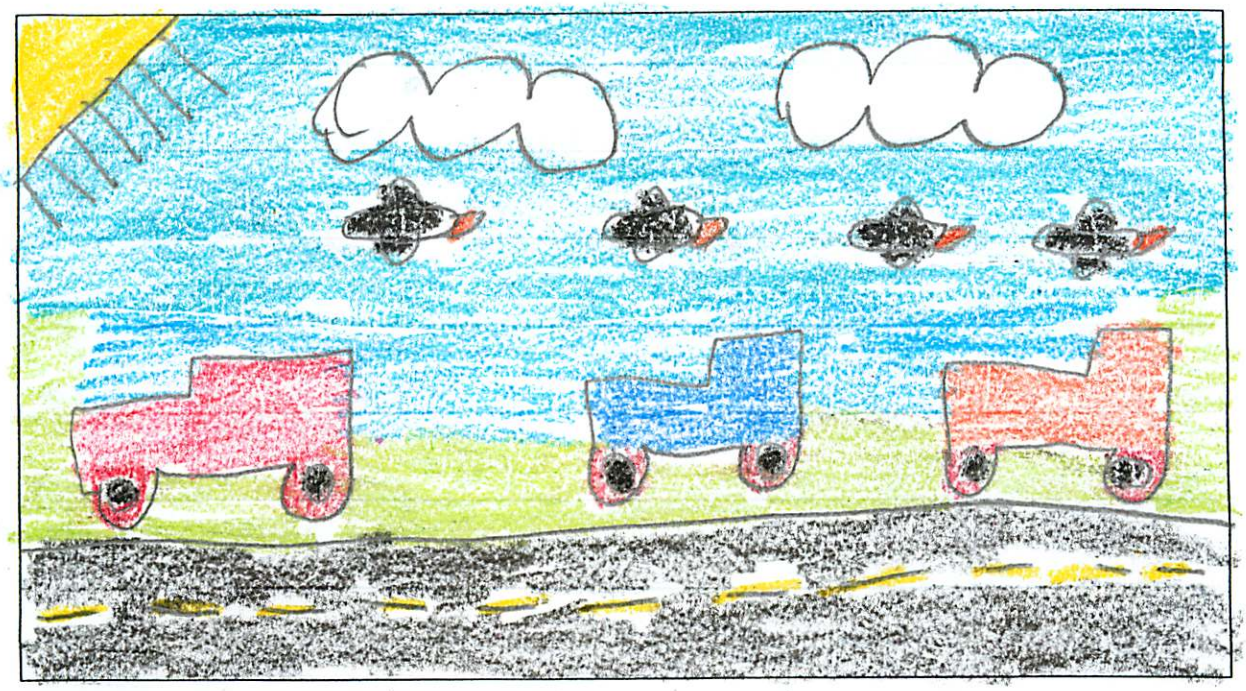
Name: Connor Smith Date: 3-29-11



Somerset Gables is Maurvalos
I don't know where to start!
The Principal spends her money to take
care of us and we have lots of great books to read from!
We have a cozy, small classroom and our
teacher gives us jobs. We have our own personal
computers. We also love the promethean board
flip charts. The principal gets us nutritious
food and the staff are as nice as angels! We
always have pizza fridays and the teachers
help kids get to their classrooms. We love

the after school activities and we learn figurative language! We had alot of fun on north pole day too! On the day of the book fair we had alot of fun! On every first Friday of every month is early dismissal. Please dont close down the school!

Name: Nevaeh Serpico Date: 3-29-11



Somerset Gables Rocks

I don't know where to start. The teachers help the little kids get out the car. My favrite ~~activity~~ is science because we do fun stuff. We do projects with soil and sand. We love our prihcipal because she buys us stuff for what we need that is good. We have lots of

good books in our libary.
On fridays we get pizza
that is good. In the classes
they can give you jobs.
The teachers can make
our lessons fun by doing
stuff. We do art and
stuff with our teacher.
My teacher lets us use
her pemithien bard sometimes.
In spanish our teacher
teaches us new stuff
each day. When school is
over we like up and
wait for our parents.
Sometimes we go to
field trips with our teacher.
Sometimes we do centers
and we have fun. When
we get a book we can
take it home. Please dont shut down
our school.

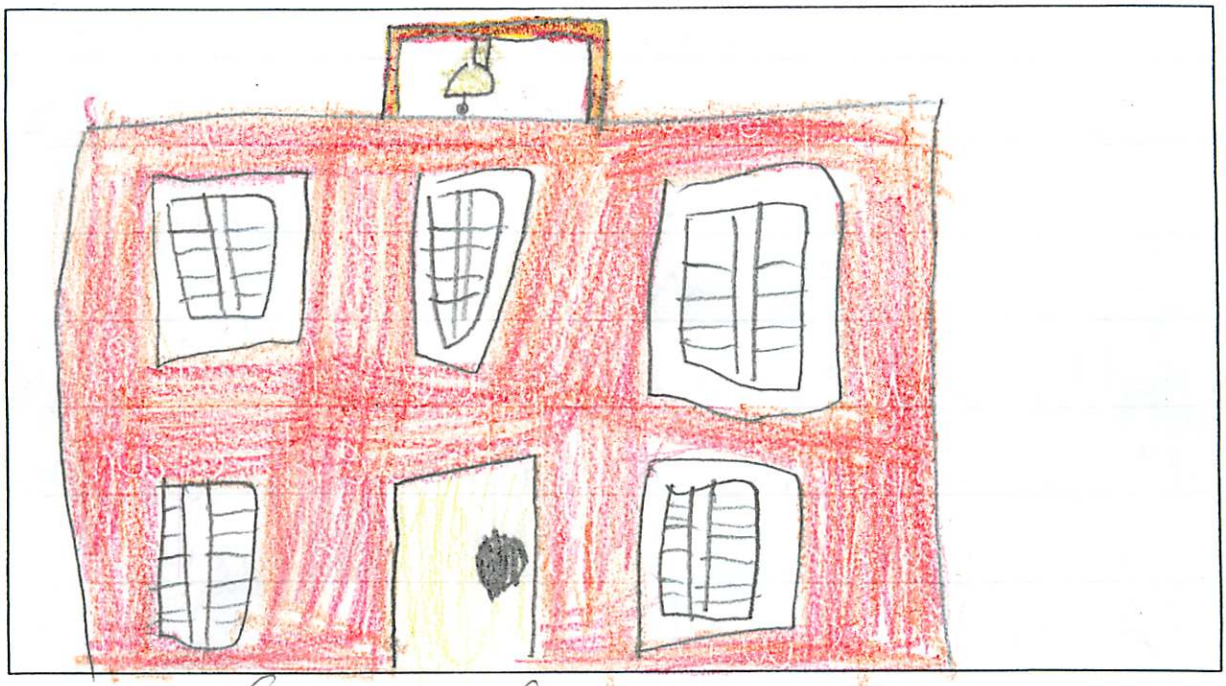
Name: Carolina I Blanco Date: 3-29-11

Somerset Academy gables Rock

Somerset Gables is the best School in the whole wide world. I will tell you about this school. We learn about Metahor, Onomatopoeia, Simile, personification, Hyperbole, Alliteration, and Idiom. We have our own personal computers. On Thursday we have art, a spelling test, and a grammar test. We have partys like red ribbin day, africa day, spaishker

day. We have Birthdays. Please don't Shut down somerset Academy Gables.

Name: Grace Caroline Penza Date: 3-29-11



Somerset Gables is Awesome

Do you know why I love Somerset Gables? You are about to find out! I love Somerset Gables because we have our own personal computer every day. The teachers teach us in a fun way. We have after school activities and we have fun parties on specific days. I also like Somerset Gables because the teachers are nice and so is the principal.

Somerset Gables also has lots of great books to read from and our teacher gives us great jobs. On fridays we get pizza and for dessert jello or rice pudding. We also have Multicultural day, Hispanic heritage day, and pajama day. I hope Somerset Gables will never close.

Name: Alexandra Heredia Date: 3-29-11

Somerset Gables is the best

Did you love your school with all your heart? I do. Let me tell you why. I love Somerset Gables. They walk us to our car. I don't get why you don't want the school to be bigger. I love when we came with peayam and other principal by use net books. The principal was wlasteing of us. so why do you want the school

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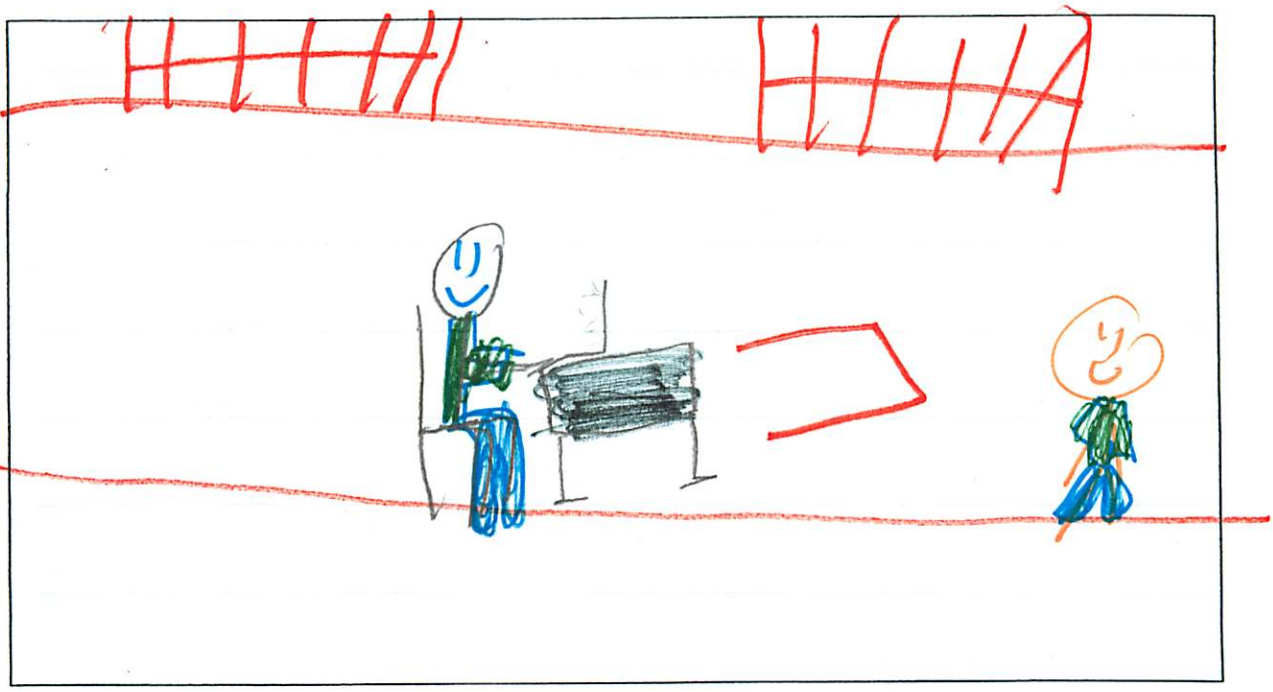
Name: Ryan Medina Date: 3-29-11



Somerset Gables Rocks

This school is like no other! They have cool flipcharts. I liked the one with time. The teachers also make our lessons fun. The after school care activitys are fun. They have games. The principle even gives us our own computers. The teacher has fun Jobs for us to do. The teachers walk us to our car and takes

us to our class. The teachers are nice and they care for us.

My favrite day of the school was pajama day. It was fun. The books are fun to read. The playgroud is asla my favite place to play. I don't want to lose the place I like to play in. Don't close the schol

Name: Daniella Rodriguez Date: 3-29-11

Somerset Gables Rocks!

This school is like NO other school! Let me tell you why ☺ I love this school because I met a lot of new frinds and because the teachers taught me things I never knew before. Somerset Gables Rocks because we have Pizza Friday and also because the teachers are extremly good looking to me. The teacher take us off of our cars to enter the school and they Put us on our car when

we leave. This school is as great as going on a trip. I love doing our fun activities and going out for recess. Another thing I like is our test because when I'm done I can't wait to see wat grade I got. I can't wait when half of school is done so I can go to afterschool care and do my homework. Mrs. Ruiz must have her finger in the pie a lot because she's always doing so meny things. My teacher is so nice and I look a little like her. When she see's me, she always has a smile on her face. Sometimes we have Partys on specific times. We also get our own computer. I like to do AR tests. I also like to Play on tiktok to Read. The teachers are so helpful. Even we do speshial things when we have speshial Events. Somer set Gables should be able to stay.

Name: Diego Jimenez-Pons Date: 3-29-11

Somerset Gables Rocks

Do you know why Somerset Gables is awesome? Its awsome because all of the fun activities, a generous principle, and our permethean board. This thing is really awesom! We have our own laptops! Nobody never gives up in here. We can take any books you want. Sometimes we dont have school in

Fridays. You can get to celebrate any holiday. You can also wear jeans and pay 1$ dollar and wear costioms, for free. Please save our school.

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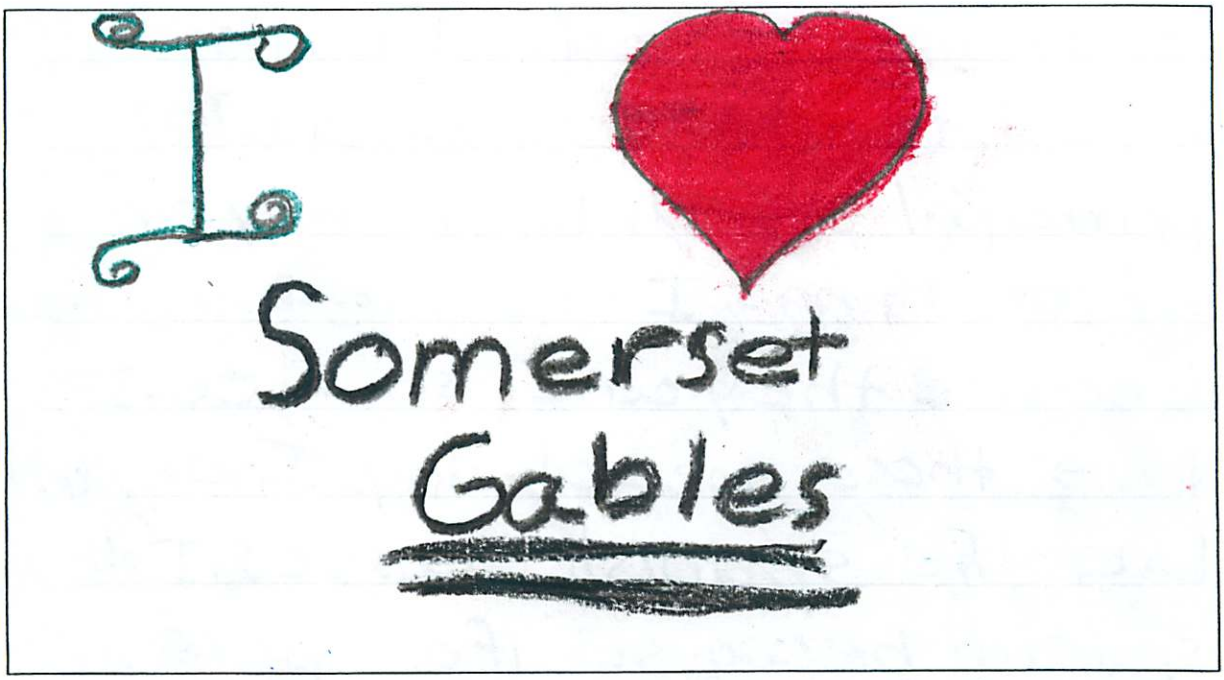
Name: Kieran Gualandi Date: 3-29-11

Somerset is Wonderful

Do you want me to tell you about this amazing school! This school has fun activities. In aftercare the teachers help us with our home work. We have our own computers. The staff are as nice as angels. We also learn figurative languages. Our princeable spends their money to take care of us. Sometimes we have fun celebrations. The spanish heretige day was really fun and Multiy culture day was outstanding! We have lot's of books to read from.

Our teacher gives us jobs to do. We love our school. Please don't shut down this extraordinary school.

Name: Erika Tamargo Date: 3-29-11



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I don't know where to start! There are so many fun things about our school. One reason our school is great is that our lessons are fun. Another resson I love our school is that there are pizza Fidays. I love our principal because she spends her money to take care of us

The principal spends her money on our healthy foods. She also hired fantastic teachers. The principal spends her money on great things. I like the teachers because they are so nice. I love those special days. I espsbely love the spanish classes. I love spanish because if a person speaks spanish I know what to say. Another reason I love spanish is because it is fun. So now that you know about our school don't shot us down.

Name: Carolina Pelaez Date: 3/29/14

Somerset Rocks!

Somerset Gables is the best school in the universe! First of all, this school is awesome and I don't know why you guys want our crucial school to be shutdown. The reason I love this shool is because we have are own computers. I think this School is as colorful as a rainbow. The pincipal spends all her money on the right things. In

turn the page

this school the after care lady Mrs. Bull, She helps us with our homework. I love our class room because our room is cozy, small. I love pizza Friday and early realse. We have lots of great books to read in our Library. The teacher gives us lots of stuFF to learn that we have never none before. Our teacher gives us Jobs every week. We love recess. I loved P.J. day when we watched a movie. We have very good nutritious foods. We had a spanish haratidge day when actuel spanish people came and played some instruments. On multi, cul teral day we celebrated Africa. Please do not shutdown this wonderful school!

The end!

Name: Dylan Fritz Date: 3-29-11

We Love Somerset

I don't want to close Somerset Gables! Somerset Academy Gables down. We love Somerset Gables. Here are some ways we love it. We love our creative teachers because they give us fun homework. They make our lessons fun. They give us fun activites and they help us get to our classrooms. We have pizza Fridays, fun

fieldtrips, and early dismissal on the first Friday of every month. We get our own personal laptops. We get computers for A.R. tests, fun games somtimes, and pearsonsuccess.com. On A.R. tests, we get to pick a book, take it home, read it, and bring it back and take an A.R. test. We also have a prometheen board that we somtimes get to write on. We also have holidays in school like Hispanic heritage day, pajama day, red ribbin day, the 100 day of school, birthdays, valentine centers, and christmas centers. We also have art, and music. We learn figurative language too! We learn similes metaphors onomatopoeia, and more. Please don't close Somerset Babies down.

Name: Cecilia Granda-Scott Date: 3/29/11

Our Great School

Do you want to know something? I will tell you something about our school. In no other school can you have your very own laptops. Plus, they each have a number on them and thats how we know which one is ours. Now thats cool! Our principal spends a lot of money to make us very healthy and intellegent kids. She gets good teachers and nutritious food for school lunch. Our staff is very important to us and they always act like angels. Our

library is the best! When we finish a book we get another one and we get to take them home to read. We get to have word walls so we can write good words. Fridays are my favorite days in the week. No one gets homework and it's Pizza Friday. It is also Jean Day bat you half to pay 1$ dollar. Please don't shut down this phenomenal school. ☹ I will cry if you do!

Name: Mia Bay Date: 3-29-11

We love Our School

This school is the worlds greatest school. Our teachers are really kind. At fridays at After school care they have movie day. There are fun activities in the class rooms. We get laptops for fun things. The classes have books for AR. We learned

Español. At lunch we have good foods there. At Thursdays we have art. We have recess. The teachers teach us things that we never knew before. Our school have fun stuff sometimes. The teachers takes care of us when we get heart. we get early dismissal Fridays. We get Pajama day and hot coco. You should not close this school that everybody loves.

Name: Patrick Arencibia Date: 3-28-11

Somerset Gables

Let me tell you somthing great. Please don't close Somerset Gables. Do you know why? It is because the school has fun activities. For example, we did fun centers. We do arts and crafts. We made cookies. Let me tell you somthing else. We have a genorious Prinsipal. She buys us promithean boards. The school teaches us different languages. The teachers teach us things

that we never learned before. I also love this school because we have Pizza fridays and the Principal buys us netbooks. The teachers look good. Please don't close this school.

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811.	04 20 11	Albert Gonzalez albertgonzalez16@yahoo.com		X		From: albert gonzalez [albertgonzalez16@yahoo.com] Sent: Wed 4/20/2011 5:01 PM To: 'jmenendez@coralgables.com'; 'wfoeman@coralgables.com'; 'somersetcharterschoolcomments@coralgables.com' Subject: Re: Expansion of Somerset Gables at UBC I Albert Gonzalez support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Sincerely, Albert Gonzalez
812.	04 20 11	Natalie Tanen ntanen@aol.com			X	From: Natalie Tanen [NTanen@aol.com] Sent: Wed 4/20/2011 8:48 PM To: colazabal@coralgables.com; eriel@coralgables.com; coejack@bellsouth.net; jeffreyf@flanagan-williard.com; reception@beharfont.com; jsalman@c3ts.com; ebi@bellsouth.net; patkeon@aol.com Cc: ntanen@aol.com Subject: Coral Gables home owner response to UBC/Academia request for zoning change To the Members of the Planning and Zoning Board, It had been my hope to attend the meeting scheduled on April 27 to voice my opposition to changing the zoning at the current site of the University Baptist Church so that Somerset/Academia Charter School can increase the size of the student enrollment at their school at that location. I am unable to attend the meeting as I have been called out of town on that day for a family matter. I am writing to you so that I can express my thoughts on this matter. My husband and I have owned our home down the street from UBC at 3260 Riviera Dr., for over 30 years. It has been a joy to live in Coral Gables and particularly on this beautiful street. We have lovingly invested our time, energy and finances in improving and maintaining our home in a way that is always consistent with the rules and regulations of the city of Coral Gables. We have played by the book and have felt deep gratitude to the city for keeping our standard of living so lovely here. Now we are being faced with the possibility that the UBC site will house a school of over 700 children if Somerset/Academia gets their request to change the zoning in a way that would allow a dramatic increase in the approved size of the school. I find myself asking why this should be allowed when there are so many facets of the change that would work to the detriment of the community at large. The first and most obvious issue is that of traffic. I am sure that the school will be able to

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						pay their experts to come up with a traffic study that will downplay the issue of traffic, but it defies logic to think that having over 700 children dropped off and picked up daily will not lead to an increase in traffic that will potentially be hazardous. The traffic will most certainly be a nuisance. And, of importance to me and the surrounding neighbors, will definitely decrease the value of our homes. Next is the issue of what a change in zoning for this piece of property might mean in the long term future. Apparently the requested change can open up that location to occupants that are terribly contrary to the peaceful enjoyment the neighborhood now shares. The thought of a fire station or electric station down the block from our house is most unpleasant. How can it be fair that we purchased our home knowing exactly what was here in our long established neighborhood and then we get the rug pulled out from under us with this potential change? I also don't understand how it is allowable that the area residents will be made to suffer with the opening of a for profit charter school in Coral Gables when most of the student body of the school is from outside of Coral Gables. And, Coral Gables already has three public elementary schools, some of which are under enrolled. The addition of all of these children to this area will most certainly lead to a greater use of the nearby community facilities built for Coral Gables residents. We greatly enjoy going to the library and using the Youth Center and welcome others using these wonderful facilities. However, it seems reasonable to assume that these facilities will experience a large increase in use from children attending Sommerset Academy at school dismissal time because of the proximity of the school to these facilities. There will not be a way to stagger the numbers as they are now with children coming from all over. Last, I see the whole concept of charter schools as worthy of long term evaluation and potentially greater implementation. But, charter schools are for profit businesses. Given that fact and the previous location of such schools in non-residential neighborhoods, why shouldn't Somerset pick a spot that does not harm the community? Real estate is at low point. There must be another spot where this school can be successfully located. University Baptist has assured us that they are financially solvent without Somerset and that wonderful church will hopefully continue to thrive with or without a 700+ student school. Somerset should not be allowed to change the zoning and should continue to function at its current numbers for the benefit of our community. Thank you for allowing me to voice my concerns and opinion and I sincerely hope you concur. Very truly yours, Natalie Tanen
813.	04 20 11	Joe Scott jscott777@bellsouth.net			X[1]	From: Joe Scott [jscott777@bellsouth.net] Sent: Wed 4/20/2011 11:13 PM

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						To: 'somersetcharterschoolcomments@coralgables.com'; colazabal@coralgables.com; eriel@coralgables.com; coejack@bellsouth.net; jeffreyf@flanagan-williard.com; reception@beharfont.com; jsalman@c3ts.com; ebi@bellsouth.net; patkeon@aol.com Cc: flascotts@bellsouth.net Subject: Objection to Somerset Gables Expansion Ms. Olazabal, Mr. Riel, Mr. Coe, Mr. Flanagan, Mr. Behar, Mr. Salman, Mr. Aizenstat, & Ms. Keon: I am a parent with a child at Coral Gables Elementary and a strong supporter of educational options. However, as a Coral Gables resident who has lived within a half-block of University Baptist Church (UBC) for the past 11 years, I object to the proposed expansion of Somerset Gables and the rezoning of the UBC site for the following reasons: 1. Increased traffic • A majority of the school's supporters live outside Coral Gables requiring them to drive their children to school. • Many of the Coral Gables residents who might send their children to the school do not live within walking distance of the school • A school of 735 students will likely result in at least 1,000 additional vehicle trips traversing my neighborhood daily. • While traffic studies may indicate that the roads can handle this excess traffic, the quality and character of life in the neighborhood cannot. • The beautification of Segovia (a long overdue project) resulting in one lane of traffic in either direction will likely result in more traffic using side streets not designed as main thoroughfares. • Somerset, and its parent company, Academica, have a poor record in addressing traffic concerns in other communities (South Miami, Redlands) • Coral Gables has previously ruled against commercial projects in residential neighborhoods with smaller proposed traffic impacts than what is proposed by the expansion of Somerset Grace. 2. Proposed UBC expansion of activities • In a February 2011 letter to UBC members, Pastor White announced that the Church has given up on its plans to move outside Coral Gables and instead will expand its activities at its current site. • None of the discussions or proposals to date has addressed the expansion of the school and the Church and its impact on traffic. • It is likely that both the Church and the school will conduct day and evening activities (church business, parent teacher conferences, school plays, evening prayer meetings, youth group activities etc …) impacting the neighborhood from sunrise to long past sunset. 3. Lack of parking

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						• During services on Sundays, UBC members park in the Church's parking lot, on the swales of the Church and the neighbors, at the Youth Center, at the library, and in the vacant lot at the corner of Riviera Dr and University. • During an information session earlier this year for Somerset Grace which was attended by an estimated 300 people (Miami Herald), cars were overflowing in these same locations. • What will the daily parking be like when 735 students attend the school and UBC expands its activities? • The UBC parking lot has 93 spaces. Expansion of the school and UBC's activities will require an increase in staff. Increased use of these 93 spaces by staff will only lead to additional parking by visitors to the Church and school on the swales within the neighborhood and at the Youth Center. 4. Financial impact to Coral Gables and its institutions • Somerset Grace / UBC has no recreation fields for its students. • Use of their own parking lot for a recreation area is not an option as their request for expansion is based on sufficient parking within their lot for staff. • If 735 students are permitted at Somerset Grace, its density will surpass every other school in Coral Gables • It is likely that the school will attempt to use the Youth Center field for recreational activities similar to what has happened in South Miami. • Even without permission, it is likely that the students will use the field after school hours. • With funding for public schools at a premium, it is quite possible that expansion of Somerset Grace will result in decreased funding of established and well performing public schools already serving the Coral Gables community. • Increased traffic and parking issues will likely require additional police patrols and activity. • In short, much of the benefit from an expanded school will be for those from outside the Gables while much of the cost and disruption will be suffered by Gables residents 5. Zoning change is precedent setting • Many schools in Coral Gables are limited in their enrollment, physical size, and have had previous requests to expand denied to preserve the character of the neighborhoods within which they reside. • Somerset Grace has been limited in its size, first by the City, and then by court order, for the same reasons. • A change of current zoning is an attempt to skirt these restrictions. • Changing the zoning will set a precedent and likely lead to every private school in the City requesting a similar change in order to expand, affecting multiple neighborhoods. • If the zoning is changed and the school then decides to leave the site, the new zoning will permit many uses not appropriate for a residential neighborhood

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						(City office building, FPL substation, etc …) • One of the stated purposes of the Coral Gables Zoning Code is "to preserve the basic comprehensive plan and layout of the City by its forefathers, more specifically George Merrick." • I do not believe that a "Community Services and Facilities" designation for the UBC site, and its potential future uses, adheres to the Comprehensive Plan of the City or the vision of Mr. Merrick. 6. Somerset Grace is not needed • Coral Gables already has "A" rated public elementary schools. • Two of these four schools are under capacity. • This excess capacity is sufficient to serve the likely number of potential Somerset Grace students who actually live within Coral Gables 7. Permitting the zoning change and expansion of the school will essentially be allowing Academica, the for-profit parent of Somerset Grace, to take over a Coral Gables neighborhood and set a precedent that will affect many other neighborhoods in the City. I appreciate all that you do for our City and I know this issue is a difficult one. Please consider the above observations during your deliberations. Sincerely, Joe Scott (c) 305.219.8024 (e) jscott777@bellsouth.net
814.	04 21 11	Christy Roig 5000 SW 75th Ave 4th Floor Miami, FL 33155 croig@eventuslive.com		**X**[1]		From: Christy Roig [croig@eventuslive.com] Sent: Thu 4/21/2011 12:07 AM To: 'jmenendez@coralgables.com'; 'somersetcharterschoolcomments@coralgables.com' Subject: SoMi Gables - TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN I'm writing to request your support of the SOMI Gables expansion. The school program they run is amazing and truly a benefit for the community.

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Proposed Somerset Grace Academy Charter School - Change in Land Use, Conditional Use and Site Plan Review Applications - 624 Anastasia Avenue (University Baptist Church), Coral Gables, Florida

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837.[1]	04 27 11	Carlos Carta 150 Alhambra Circle Suite 950 Coral Gables, FL 33134 ccarta@gmail.com			X	From: carlos carta [mailto:ccarta@gmail.com] Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2011 3:16 PM To: Cason, Jim Cc: Cabrera, Ralph; Anderson, Maria; Quesada, Frank; Foeman, Walter; Salerno, Patrick; Kerdyk, William Subject: City of Coral Gables Public Hearing notice- Good afternoon Mr. Mayor, I have been fielding countless emails and calls in the last two days from our Coral Gables neighbors and Biltmore Neighborhood Association members who are very concerned and some even scared about the Public Hearing notice that has been placed on their door (attached), one side has the official City notice and the other side has Somerset Academy Gables information promoting the so called benefits of this school. Is this a City endorsed notice? If so, I would like to request a meeting with you and the City Attorney as soon as possible to discuss this serious matter in more detail. You can contact me directly either via e-mail or by phone. Your prompt response will be greatly appreciated since many concerned residents feel that today's planning zoning meeting is a lost cause after receiving this "city" notice. Respectfully yours, Carlos Carta President Biltmore Neighborhood Association 150 Alhambra Circle, Suite 950 Coral Gables, Fl 33134
838.[1]	04 27 11	Linda Kries 748 Catalonia Avenue Coral Gables, FL lpkries@aol.com			X	At the last minute, I will not be able to attend tonight's meeting but I want everyone to know how very, very much opposed to the expansion of the charter school at University Baptist Church I am. My husband is also opposed and has sent his comments. I oppose the school on many levels, but recognize that charter schools are legal and am letting you know, what seems to me to be quite evident, that such an increase at this location will have an immense, negative impact on our community -- traffic, safety, neighborhood ambience -- and for what? So that a few people (most of whom are not even Coral Gables residents) can have their private school at public expense. We live in the neighborhood and love the area. Please protect Coral Gables and don't let this happen. Linda Kries 748 Catalonia Ave.

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839.	04 27 11	(13 Letter of Support – Attached)		X		From: Jessy Pineda [mailto:jessy@laurarussolaw.com] Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2011 11:37 AM To: Bolyard, Scot Cc: Laura Russo Subject: Somerset - Letters of support Hi Scot: Attached are 13 letters of support for the Somerset Academy Grace Charter School. Should you have any questions, or if I may be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to call. Thank you, Jessy Pineda Assistant to Laura L. Russo, Esq. LAURA L. RUSSO, ESQ., LLC 2655 LeJeune Road, Suite PH 2-B Coral Gables, Florida 33134 Tel: 305-476-8300 ext. 17 Fax: 305-476-8383 Email: jessy@laurarussolaw.com (SEE ATTACHMENTS)
840.	04 28 11	Carolyn Voigt 503 Catalonia Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 cmvoigt@msn.com			X	Please add attached to your list of comments regarding Somerset Charter School. Thank you. Would open endless possiblities for future commerical development ont his property by changing “Religious/Institutional” to “Community Services and Facilities”. It is such a broad, general term that could even put a medical faclity in my neighborhood! We already have much parking & traffic congestion from Sunday services. It will be the same or worse for evening school activities with parent parking or even Youth Center Sports functions that occur during school hours. School population 5 days a week will be probably 900.
841.	04 28 11	Kendell Turner catkst@aol.com				From: catkst@aol.com [mailto:catkst@aol.com] Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2011 5:15 PM To: Salerno, Patrick Subject: Fwd: Photo Hi Mr. Salerno: I received a video earlier today that showed the sign that is depicted in the attached photo. I'll send you the video, although it is my guess you have already seen it. As a frequent user of the library I had to return books today and saw that same sign that

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						was in the video. The head librarian, Ellen Book, and I walked over to the church and I used her cell phone to take a picture of it. This upsets me as a citizen, but also as Chair of the CG Library Board I can tell you that parking has been a huge issue. Even students at CG Sr. High park their cars there early in the morning and walk to school. The board worked with administrators of the school who were and are most cooperative. Would this be a Code Enforcement problem for the church and Somerset school to have that sign there that tells people to park at the library, the youth center and grassy areas? Thank you, Kendell

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842.	04 28 11	Kendell Turner				From: catkst@aol.com [mailto:catkst@aol.com] Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2011 5:17 PM To: Salerno, Patrick Subject: Fwd: Video re notice to park at the library by an outside organization FYI - Kendell -----Original Message----- From: catkst <catkst@aol.com> To: Louanzag <Louanzag@aol.com> Cc: dkeys <dkeys@CoralGables.com>; booke <booke@mdpls.org> Sent: Wed, Apr 27, 2011 2:42 pm Subject: Video re notice to park at the library by an outside organization Hi Louan: Thank you for bringing this to our attention. Parking is a problem and I find the video alarming. I cannot forward this to the board due to Sunshine, but am copying Dan Keys, the secretary to our board, asking him to do so. I will also copy the head librarian as since she is not a city board member I am not governed by Sunshine in her case. Thank you, Kendell -----Original Message----- From: Louanzag <Louanzag@aol.com> To: catkst <catkst@aol.com> Sent: Wed, Apr 27, 2011 2:37 pm Subject: Fwd: Tomorrow! Wednesday. Meeting! Dear Kendell: I thought you and the Library Board would be interested in this short video. In it there is a picture of a sign saying park at the Library. I know you all have been having issues with this, so wanted you to see it. Thanks, Louan _____ From: bna-newsletter@biltmoreneighborhoodassociation.com Reply-to: info@biltmoreneighborhoodassociation.com To: info@biltmoreneighborhoodassociation.com Sent: 4/27/2011 12:42:05 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time Subj: Tomorrow! Wednesday. Meeting! Dear BNA Members, The BNA needs your support by your presence tomorrow April 27th at 6:00 pm at the Coral Gables Youth Center for the Planning and Zoning Board hearing concerning the requested land use change by Somerset Gables. Please arrive early in order to reserve a seat and fill-out a speaker card to speak on behalf of the neighborhood.

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						Below is a link to a YouTube video showing the traffic impact that is created by an Academica operated charter school with a similar enrollment to what they are requesting. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wk5HQQkT5kY Warm Regards, Biltmore Neighborhood Association
843.	04 28 11	Burt Rosenberg Burt.rosenberg@gmail.com				From: burt rosenberg [mailto:burt.rosenberg@gmail.com] Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2011 11:01 PM To: Riel, Eric Subject: Possible math error in Garcia's presentation tonight Dear Eric Riel, I enjoyed your presentation tonight. Honestly, I don't know how you manage to stay so calm. I made notes of Mr. Garcia's presentation tonight, in which he claimed that 154 plus 674 add up to 768. They do not, they add to 828, and as a result he continues to overestimate the acceptable enrollment. Actually, what immediately struck me is that 154 and 674 were supposed to be 20% and 80% of X .. some number, doesn't matter which, and therefore they should be in ratio 1 to 4, which they are obviously not. I really didn't have to do any math. I approached Mr. Garcia to check that it was 674 that he was working with, but he didn't understand this 1 to 4 thing, and just claimed I didn't know how to multiply. Which might be true. As I said, I detected the error without needing to multiply. Not wanting to debate my arithmetic skills, I used a calculation to get the correct number of 614. Whether it was him or me, one of us made the error of changing a "1" to a "7". I'm sure he has deposited his new presentation with you, and we can check this. Whatever that may be, going with the suggestion of 28 car stack, and three dismissals, the new equation is: 614 * 84 / 97 = 531 Now, you may not know that in the past two years Somerset schools had to be evacuated for bomb scares. The details, if you care, are available by googling "Somerset hand grenade". I am not a civil engineer or a city planner, I have an undergraduate in electrical engineering and advanced degrees in computer science, but I would imagine one would

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						want to derate the 531 number in consideration that after an evacuation, or for a hurricane, you will have a rare but foreseeable event where you do not achieve staggered dismissal. What amount one should derate, I don't know. But 80% sounds about right, giving a number of about 425. I know that you have your experts to rely on for these numbers, but the wrongness of these numbers just popped out at me. Also the failure of Mr. Garcia to deal with Doral's staggered dismissal in the first place was quite a shock to me. Thanks. Burton Rosenberg Associate Professor of Computer Science University of Miami
844.	04 28 11	Albert Sanchez 619 Camilo Avenue Coral Gables, FL albert@mkt-focus.com				From: "Albert Sanchez" <albert@mkt-focus.com> Date: April 28, 2011 1:48:35 PM GMT-04:00 To: "'Riel, Eric'" <eriel@coralgables.com> Subject: Inquiry Eric, First of all, many kudos for your excellent and thorough presentation last night. I particularly thought that the traffic study was superb. And, btw, you are a very good presenter. I am curious about an issue that I hope you could shed some light. The hearing notice was sent to households within 2000 feet of the UBC location. How did you arrive at 2000 feet? Is that distance meant to represent something? Thanks for your help. Sincerely, Albert Sanchez 619 Camilo Ave.
845.	04 28 11	Cristina Maristany 8760 SW 108 Street Miami, FL 33176 cavino@85@hotmail.com		**X**		To Whom It May Concern, I support the expansion of somerset gables at the UBC location. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Cristina Maristany 8760 SW 108 Street Miami, FL 33176

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846.[1]	04 29 11	Natalie Tanen ntanen@aol.com			X	From: NTanen@aol.com [mailto:NTanen@aol.com] Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2011 8:48 PM To: Olazabal, Carmen; Riel, Eric; coejack@bellsouth.net; jeffreyf@flanagan-williard.com; reception@beharfont.com; jsalman@c3ts.com; ebi@bellsouth.net; patkeon@aol.com Cc: ntanen@aol.com Subject: Coral Gables home owner response to UBC/Academia request for zoning change To the Members of the Planning and Zoning Board, It had been my hope to attend the meeting scheduled on April 27 to voice my opposition to changing the zoning at the current site of the University Baptist Church so that Somerset/Academia Charter School can increase the size of the student enrollment at their school at that location. I am unable to attend the meeting as I have been called out of town on that day for a family matter. I am writing to you so that I can express my thoughts on this matter. My husband and I have owned our home down the street from UBC at 3260 Riviera Dr., for over 30 years. It has been a joy to live in Coral Gables and particularly on this beautiful street. We have lovingly invested our time, energy and finances in improving and maintaining our home in a way that is always consistent with the rules and regulations of the city of Coral Gables. We have played by the book and have felt deep gratitude to the city for keeping our standard of living so lovely here. Now we are being faced with the possibility that the UBC site will house a school of over 700 children if Somerset/Academia gets their request to change the zoning in a way that would allow a dramatic increase in the approved size of the school. I find myself asking why this should be allowed when there are so many facets of the change that would work to the detriment of the community at large. The first and most obvious issue is that of traffic. I am sure that the school will be able to pay their experts to come up with a traffic study that will downplay the issue of traffic, but it defies logic to think that having over 700 children dropped off and picked up daily will not lead to an increase in traffic that will potentially be hazardous. The traffic will most certainly be a nuisance. And, of importance to me and the surrounding neighbors, will definitely decrease the value of our homes. Next is the issue of what a change in zoning for this piece of property might mean in the long term future. Apparently the requested change can open up that location to occupants that are terribly contrary to the peaceful enjoyment the neighborhood now shares. The thought of a fire station or electric station down the block from our house is most unpleasant. How can it be fair that we purchased our home knowing exactly what was here in our long established neighborhood and then we get the rug pulled out from under

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						us with this potential change? I also don't understand how it is allowable that the area residents will be made to suffer with the opening of a for profit charter school in Coral Gables when most of the student body of the school is from outside of Coral Gables. And, Coral Gables already has three public elementary schools, some of which are under enrolled. The addition of all of these children to this area will most certainly lead to a greater use of the nearby community facilities built for Coral Gables residents. We greatly enjoy going to the library and using the Youth Center and welcome others using these wonderful facilities. However, it seems reasonable to assume that these facilities will experience a large increase in use from children attending Sommerset Academy at school dismissal time because of the proximity of the school to these facilities. There will not be a way to stagger the numbers as they are now with children coming from all over. Last, I see the whole concept of charter schools as worthy of long term evaluation and potentially greater implementation. But, charter schools are for profit businesses. Given that fact and the previous location of such schools in non-residential neighborhoods, why shouldn't Somerset pick a spot that does not harm the community? Real estate is at low point. There must be another spot where this school can be successfully located. University Baptist has assured us that they are financially solvent without Somerset and that wonderful church will hopefully continue to thrive with or without a 700+ student school. Somerset should not be allowed to change the zoning and should continue to function at its current numbers for the benefit of our community. Thank you for allowing me to voice my concerns and opinion and I sincerely hope you concur. Very truly yours, Natalie Tanen
847.[1]	05 02 11	Biltmore Neighborhood Association			X	From: BNA Newsletter [mailto:bna-newsletter@biltmoreneighborhoodassociation.com] Sent: Sunday, May 01, 2011 12:50 AM To: BNA-Info Subject: Summary of zoning board meeting; membership drive Dear Neighbor, A big thank you to all who attended Wednesday night's meeting! We had a great turnout. We certainly showed Goliath that this David is not going away! The hearing will continue on May 11th at 6:00 PM at the Youth Center Auditorium. Please come and hear our attorney, Tucker Gibbs, tell our side of the story. Please mark your calendars and try to arrive before 5:30 PM for adequate seating.

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						Public comments will also be heard at the next meeting. This is your opportunity to express your reasons for opposing the zoning change. To speak you must fill out a speaker card that are available before the meetings starts. We were generally pleased with the outcome of last night's meeting. City Staff recommended against the requested increase in student numbers. They seem to fully share our concerns in this matter. Eric Riel, Planning Director, showed clearly the disastrous impact of a larger school to the neighborhood and surrounding areas. The images presented spoke volumes: traffic, trash, safety issues, and degradation of the swales. Also, the Coral Gables traffic consultant refuted the traffic report put forward by Academica. Although no alternative numbers were given, we are hopeful that now everyone one knows what has been obvious from the start: this location cannot accommodate more students than St. Phillips or Granada Presbyterian. However while recommending against the requested increase in student numbers, City Staff recommended in favor of the comprehensive plan amendment that would change the zoning of the property from "Religious/Institutional" to "Community Services and Facilities". It is very important for protecting our neighborhood to argue persuasively against this change. The BNA legal position that will be presented at the next hearing by Mr. Gibbs is to deny any amendment to the comprehensive plan. We are ready and willing to fight this to the end in order to preserve the integrity of our neighborhood. Your support is necessary. Academica is well funded for this fight, sadly by your tax dollars! They are well connected, with friends and relatives on important legislative committees. We need your contributions in order to turn aside this disaster. We have a membership drive, for $75, and request you contribute to our legal fund, a donation of $250. Please contribute today to preserve your homes and the unique peace and tranquility that we enjoy in our beloved City of Coral Gables . Your real neighbor, Biltmore Neighborhood Association BCC: PZ
848.[1]	05 04 11	Burt Rosenberg Burt.rosenberg@gmail.com				Dear Eric, I was hoping to run by you my understanding of the traffic studies. Also I have entered the traffic data into a spread sheet. By a more complete graph of the data, superimposing car arrival, departure, dismissal and queue data, I believe I have found support for the Coral Gables expert's interpretation of the data.

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						To review: What is transpired is that the traffic study by Mr. Garcia was refuted by the Coral Gables' expert. It appears that Mr. Garcia: (1) accepted that his study was flawed and (2) presented a new analysis at the first planning meeting. The power point slides of the new analysis have been posted, but (3) there is no in-depth analysis submitted as a formal document to support Mr. Garcia's new conclusion? * Did I correctly understand on those three points? Moving forward from that: Mr. Garcia says (1) he now employs the area under the curve method. He also claims on the power points that (2) the data does not corroborate that the surrogate has three dismissals. His power point provides only for two dismissals. He as given without a full written report a new capacity number of 585 students. * Will Mr. Garcia be filing a full report to justify the 585 number? There does seem to be at least corroborations in the data of the 2:30 PM dismissal (the missing dismissal according to Mr. Garcia): 1. The curve of queue length bends from approximately 30 degree rise to 70 degree rise at about 2:38 PM, marking some new regime, possibly the end of the second dismissal and the increased arrival rate of cars for the third dismissal. 2. There is a cluster of cars leaving the site starting precisely at 2:30 PM and extending to 2:40 PM. I have copied the data provided for the Doral Academy site into a spread sheet and made additional calculations, allowing me to graph not just the stacking but the cumulative cars-in and cumulative cars-out numbers, shown as a fraction of their total, that causes the stacking. At 3:01 PM the fraction of cars that have left the site (red line) is equal to the fraction of students that have been dismissed prior to the 3:00 PM dismissal (green line). By and large those cars left the site with students dismissed prior to the 3:00 PM dismissal and therefore the stacking at that point is by and large only cars waiting for students in the last dismissal. This is supportive of the Coral Gables expert's opinion that uses 484 as the number of students responsible for the stacking of 97 cars. There is significant number of cars leaving the property between time interval Mr. Garcia marks at 2:14 PM and the peak stacking at 2:58 PM; in fact, 20% of the cars leave during that period, and 20% of the student population is about 150 students. It seems that Mr. Gracia's method assumes those students participate in the 3:00 PM stacking even though

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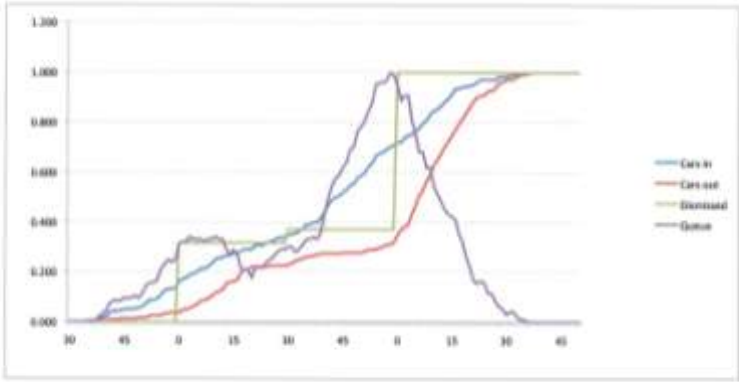
						they have already left the premises. Furthermore, given (1) the large flutations in the final number that are made by small differences in assumptions, (2) the possibility that stacking will be less efficient in the confines of the Somerset Gables parking lot, which will most likely be single lane, (3) the stochastic nature of the stacking process and data collection, (4) general and standard engineering prudence; and (5) that a number once given cannot be reduced after a negative experience but can easily be increased by positive experience; I would apply a factor of 70% to any derived number. 
849.[1]	05 05 11	Sonia J. & Braford B. Dallas 3912 Segovia St. Coral Gables, FL 33134			X	From: Bradbdallas@aol.com [mailto:Bradbdallas@aol.com] Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 12:10 PM To: Riel, Eric Cc: Salerno, Patrick; Cason, Jim; Anderson, Maria; Cabrera, Ralph; Kerdyk, William; fguesada@coralgables.com Subject: EXPANSION OF SOMERSET ACADEMY @ UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH on SEGOVIA & ANASTASIA Mr. Riel: As long time (25 years) residents of Segovia Street at the address noted in the signature block of this E-mail, my wife and I have been avidly following the information on subject expansion since it first became a matter for discussion and we wish to make known our views on the matter. Our latest information is the article published in the Sunday, May 1, 2011 issue of The Miami Herald's Neighbors.

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						As related in the article which covered the public meeting held Wednesday night, April 27, 2011 by the Coral Gables Planning & Zoning Board, which is to be followed by another public meeting on Friday, May 6, 2011, it seems the discussions have zeroed in on the following issues: (a) change in zoning, which has been approved by Planning & Zoning and (b) traffic which has not been approved by Planning & Zoning. Succinctly, our views on the issues are: (a) Zoning change - while we do not fully understand the "whys, wherefores or nuances" of this, we are favourably inclined to the decision taken with the proviso it does not open up another "can of worms" and (b) Traffic - we agree whole heartedly with the decision taken. In this connection, while reviewing this matter, has anybody taken a look at what we consider to be an analogous case? We refer to Ste Teresa School at the confluence of Indian Mound, Sevilla and Anastasia streets where on a daily basis when school lets out, although handled reasonably well with the participation of Coral Gables Police Officers, the streets are blocked and traffic is impeded. It is an unfortunate spectacle and an experience that should not be repeated! Sincerely, Sonia J. & Braford B. Dallas 3912 Segovia St. Coral Gables, FL 33134 (305) 445-2671.
850.[1]	05 08 11	Richard Namon, Sr. 5555 Oakwood Lane Coral Gables, FL 33156			**X**	From: Richard [mailto:nam8252@bellsouth.net] Sent: Sunday, May 08, 2011 2:22 PM To: Riel, Eric Cc: nam8252@bellsouth.com Subject: Somerset Grace Charter School - Application #07-10-113-P. Land Use, Conditional Use and Site Plan Review Dear Eric: Please include the following comments with the May 11, 2011 Planning and Zoning Board review of the subject application. Coral Gables longstanding policy of protecting its residential quality of life is being challenged by the Somerset Grace Charter School Application. It proposes to change a church property's zoning and intensity of use that will affect nearby single family home owners' quality of life. Without its acceptance by a majority of nearby single family home owners, the entire proposal should be denied. Otherwise, it will set a precedent for changing intensity and use of all religious properties in Coral Gables. The argument that allowing the application is in the public interest would set an overly broad precedent for any property's zoning change in the future. Such reasoning could allow spot zoning changes that would lead to commercialization of residential neighborhoods. It may be in the public interest for a gas station to be built at the

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						intersection of two busy streets in a residential neighborhood. However, that would not be in the best interest of nearby property owners. It would take value from their property without just compensation. Coral Gables has little vacant land in its boundaries for commercial uses. Allowing the proposed changes will set the stage for destroying Coral Gables' quality of life. That is unacceptable. I request you deny this petition. Thank you, Richard Namon, Sr. 5555 Oakwood Lane Coral Gables, FL 33156 Tel: 305-661-1166
851.	05 09 11	Dimitris A. Maratos Panagiota D. Maratos Anton D. Maratos 3257 Riviera Dr Coral Gables, FL 33134			X	From: Dimitris Maratos [mailto:Dimi@noveltexmiami.com] Sent: Monday, May 09, 2011 12:02 PM To: Carol Subject: SUNSET GABLES All my reasons for me NOT wanting any additional number of students at the U BC, were clearly outlined by, your very own, City of Coral Gables representative. No point talking more about it…… Do you need more proof, when your OWN persons emphatically recommended that? Any increase will ALTER the neighborhood. Do you want to rule against the basic foundations that Coral Gables lives by??? I don't believe so I, and my 2 members of my family urge you not to make any changes on this entire Subject Respectfully Dimitris A. Maratos Panagiota D. Maratos Anton D. Maratos 3257 Riviera Dr Coral Gables, FL 33134
852.	05 11 11	Tormo Family 3600 Anderson Coral Gables, FL 33134			X	the Tormo family from 3600 Anderson, CG 33134 dozen not agree with the amendment to the future land use nor the permit to increase the number of students at the somerset school. Thank you
853.	05 16 11	Robert Perdigon 736 Palermo Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134				Dear Coral Gables City Commission, I am a Coral Gables resident residing at 736 Palermo Ave, Coral Gables, Fl 33134 and as

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		rperdigon@perdigontitle.com				such I would like to express my concern regarding the application to change the Land Use and Zoning at University Baptist Church and the Somerset Charter School. Let me start by stating that I am in favor of the school and think that IT CAN be a good thing for Coral Gables. However, I am opposed to the school being allowed to expand to the requested 735 students. Instead, the school needs to re-evaluate its business model and determine how it can be successful with its current approved student count. An expansion to the requested amount will no doubt have the following consequences on the surrounding neighborhood: • Increased traffic congestion and issues with parking along Riviera Drive and Segovia Street during the morning drop off and afternoon pick up times; • Potential devaluation of the homes in the immediate school area; • Increase in traffic on the surrounding streets as commuters seek alternative routes the avoid Riviera and Segovia. In addition, I have the following concerns regarding the school: • Since it is a charter school, the majority of the students will potentially come from outside of Coral Gables. This minimizes much of the positive impact that a school can have on its local community. • Is there enough "green space" in order to provide Physical Education for 735 students? I hope that you take these concerns under consideration. Regards, Rob
854.[1]	05 16 11	Francisco Rivas-Vasquez Frank_taz@hotmail.com			**X**	To whom it may concern, My wife and I are not going to be able to attend the meeting on June 8, 2011 with regards to the change in land use, conditional use and site plan review (#07-10-113-P) for the Somerset Grace Charter School of Coral Gables. However, we would like to send our comments in advance. We do not agree with the proposed change in land use, or the fact that the school is trying to increase the number of students that can attend the school. One of the reasons we moved to this area is that it is a quiet neighborhood with low traffic, where we can walk and our kids can play without worrying about cars, or that we can go to and from work without having to worry about traffic in our streets with cars dropping or picking up the proposed 700+ students at the Somerset School. We support the idea of having a local school with about 100 students. But Somerset's plan

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						to change the land use permit, and/or increasing the number of students, goes against the idea of what this Coral Gables neighborhood represents, a calm, quiet, family oriented residential area. In addition, the City of Coral Gables runs the risk that by allowing to change the land use, and increasing the number of students, traffic in the area may increase, and detract potential future buyers who may be attracted by the current calm and quiet appeal of the area. This could drive to lower property values and lower revenue from property taxes to the City of Coral Gables. So Somerset's plan not only affects the tranquil lifestyle of our community, but it could also affect the City of Coral Gables' revenues from a decrease of property values, which could lead to budget deficits, less services, and a decrease in the quality of life in our beautiful city. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (305) 562-0719. Sincerely, Francisco and Annette Rivas-Vasquez
855.[1]	05 17 11	Vivian and Kenneth Pfeiffer 736 Sevilla Avenue Coral Gablea, FL kpfeiffer@comcast.net			**X**	My wife and I are owners of a house at 736 Sevilla Avenue and drive regularly on Segovia Avenue. We strongly oppose approval of the Change in Land Use, Conditional Use and Site Plan Review related to the property located at 624 Anastasia Avenue. The claim by representatives of Somerset Grace Charter School of Coral Gables that there would be minimal impact on traffic is preposterous. Besides the traffic we also fear, as the town of Palmetto Bay has found out, that in the future the school may decide to increase beyond the new limit of 735 students and Coral Gables could be legally powerless to stop them. Instead we recommend changing the land use to residential so that the structures located at this site can be torn down and individual houses be built. This will increase result in an increase in the tax rolls and be more in character of the neighborhood. Sincerely, Vivian and Kenneth Pfeiffer

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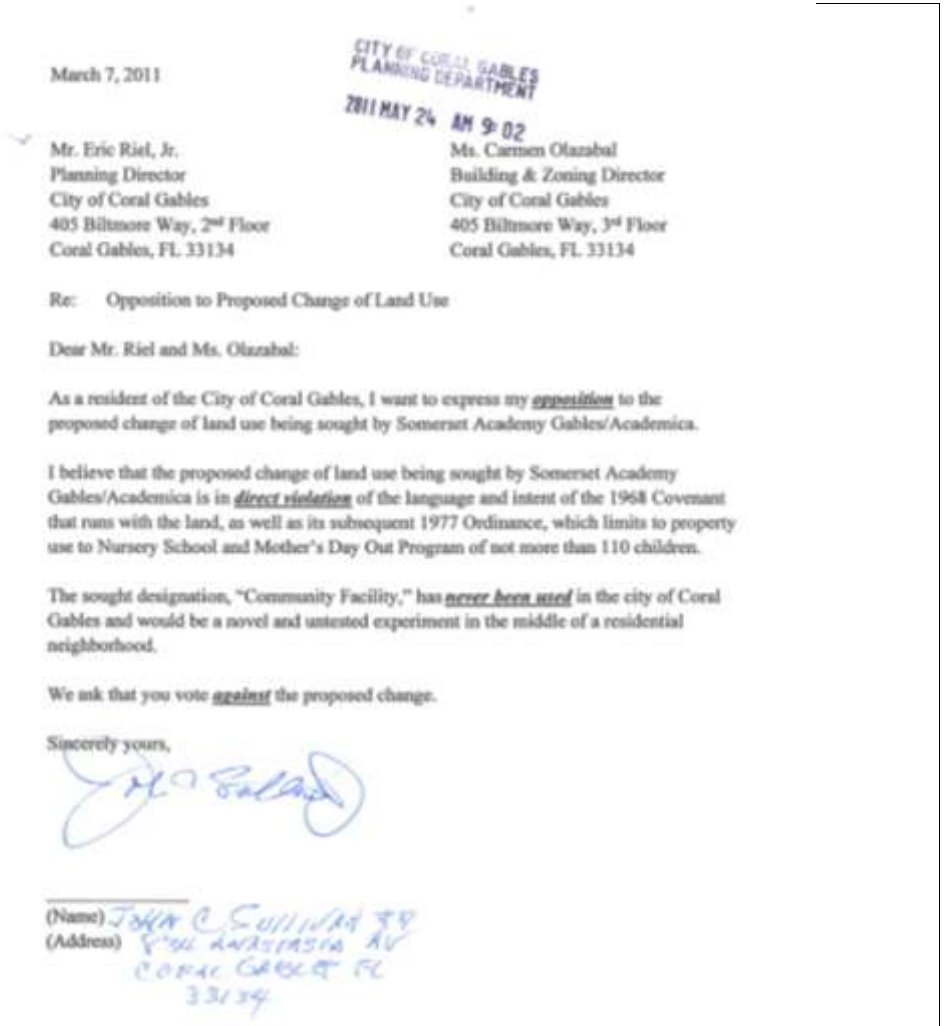
856.	05 24 11	John C. Sullivan, Jr. 834 Anastasia Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134			X	
857.	05 31 11	Miriam Garcia 840 Anastasia Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134			X	We have no need for additional schools in our area. (see attached letter below)

March 7, 2011

CITY OF CORAL GABLES PLANNING DEPARTMENT
2011 MAY 24 AM 9:02

Mr. Eric Riel, Jr.
Planning Director
City of Coral Gables
405 Biltmore Way, 2nd Floor
Coral Gables, FL 33134

Ms. Carmen Olazabal
Building & Zoning Director
City of Coral Gables
405 Biltmore Way, 3rd Floor
Coral Gables, FL 33134

Re: Opposition to Proposed Change of Land Use

Dear Mr. Riel and Ms. Olazabal:

As a resident of the City of Coral Gables, I want to express my ***opposition*** to the proposed change of land use being sought by Somerset Academy Gables/Academica.

I believe that the proposed change of land use being sought by Somerset Academy Gables/Academica is in ***direct violation*** of the language and intent of the 1968 Covenant that runs with the land, as well as its subsequent 1977 Ordinance, which limits to property use to Nursery School and Mother's Day Out Program of not more than 110 children.

The sought designation, "Community Facility," has ***never been used*** in the city of Coral Gables and would be a novel and untested experiment in the middle of a residential neighborhood.

We ask that you vote ***against*** the proposed change.

Sincerely yours,

(Name) JOHN C. SULLIVAN JR
(Address) 834 ANASTASIA AV
CORAL GABLES FL
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858.	05 31 11	Jose A. Garcia 840 Anastasia Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 salonbeautybar@yahoo.co			**X**	Use the money for our existing schools.

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		m				March 7, 2011 RECEIVED 2011 MAY 31 AM CITY OF CORAL GABLES PLANNING DEPARTMENT 2011 MAY 31 PM 3:46 Mr. Eric Riel, Jr. Planning Director City of Coral Gables 405 Biltmore Way, 2nd Floor Coral Gables, FL 33134 Ms. Carmen Olazabal Building & Zoning Director City of Coral Gables 405 Biltmore Way, 3rd Floor Coral Gables, FL 33134 Re: Opposition to Proposed Change of Land Use Dear Mr. Riel and Ms. Olazabal: As a resident of the City of Coral Gables, I want to express my ***opposition*** to the proposed change of land use being sought by Somerset Academy Gables/Academica. I believe that the proposed change of land use being sought by Somerset Academy Gables/Academica is in ***direct violation*** of the language and intent of the 1968 Covenant that runs with the land, as well as its subsequent 1977 Ordinance, which limits to property use to Nursery School and Mother's Day Out Program of not more than 110 children. The sought designation, "Community Facility," has ***never been used*** in the city of Coral Gables and would be a novel and untested experiment in the middle of a residential neighborhood. We ask that you vote ***against*** the proposed change. Sincerely yours, Jose A Garcia (Name) (Address) 540 Anastasia Ave. C.G. FL. 33134 1

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Applicant:	Somerset Grace Charter School of Coral Gables
Applicatio n(s):	Change in Land Use, Conditio nal Use and Site Plan Review
Property:	624 Anastasia Avenue(University Baptis t Church)

Date: April 14, 2011

I, or We, Emily and Travis Curtin

Mailing address: 340 alcazar Ave 33134

Email emilyandtravis@mac.com@

Please provide any applicable comments below (attach additional pages as necessary):

☐ Have no comment, or

☒ Do not object to this application, or

☐ Do hereby object.

(Signature)

Return this form to somersetcharterschoolcomments@coralgables.com
or the Planning Department, 405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, Florida 33134
or facsimile at 305.460.5327

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Date: April 15, 2011

I, or We, Carlos and Diana Torres de Navarro

Mailing address: 5520 Maggiore St. Coral Gables, Fl 33146

Email todena @ bellsouth.net

Please provide any applicable comments below (attach additional pages as necessary):

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Property:	624 Anastasia Avenue(University Baptist Church)

Date: 4/18, 2011

I, or We, Jillian Hernandez

Mailing address: 215 Sidonia Ave, Apt. 4 Coral Gables 33144.

Email jillhern @ eden.rutgers.edu

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Date: April 15, 2011

I, or We, Nancy Stuckert

Mailing address: 917 Medina Ave Coral Gables, Fl. 33134

Email nancystuckert @ yahoo.com

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Nancy Stuckert
(Signature)

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Date: April 12, 2011

I, or We, Don Baldaccini

Mailing address: 1511 Alegriano Ave, Coral Gables, Fl 33146

Email don @ suncoasthomeloans.com

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Date: April 12, 2011

I, or We, Ivette Baldaccini

Mailing address: 1511 Alegriano Ave, Coral Gables, Fl 33146

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Property:	624 Anastasia Avenue(University Baptis t Church)

Date: April 15, 2011

I, or We, Fila M. Martinez

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Date: 4/14, 2011

I, or We, ESTELA GARCIA

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Date: April 18, 2011

I, or We, Mr & Mrs Casado

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Email natisca @ hotmail.com

Please provide any applicable comments below (attach additional pages as necessary):

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I truly support expanding Somerset Gables into higher grades. The quality of education is excellent. A great asset to the neighborhood.

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Date: APRIL 14, 2011

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I COMPLETELY SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF SOMERSET GRACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF CORAL GABLES AS THERE AS AN OBVIOUS NEED FOR MORE OPTIONS FOR PARENTS SEEKING A BETTER EDUCATION FOR THEIR CHILDREN. THE NUMBERS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES WHEN THERE IS 100 OR SO SPOTS FOR OVER 1000 APPLICANTS.

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Proposed Somerset Grace Academy Charter School - Change in Land Use, Conditional Use and Site Plan Review Applications - 624 Anastasia Avenue (University Baptist Church), Coral Gables, Florida

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859.	06.09.11	Burt Rosenberg				Dear Mr. Riel, I thank you and the city of Coral Gables for letting all residents go on record with their comments in the issue of Somerset Grace. I would like to reiterate my comments of yesterday, at the Zoning and Planning Board meeting, and object, that the UBC church is not constructed to the requirements for a Miami-Dade public school. The M-DCPS General Considerations Design Criteria on page 7, January 2004 edition, states: H: Corridors shall be based on NFPA 101 units of exit width and be at least 6 feet wide except as follows: 1. Corridors serving classrooms shall be at least 8 feet wide. 2. Double loaded corridors serving 6 or more classrooms shall be at least 10 feet wide, except at PLCs. 3. Hallways in office or service areas shall be at least 44 inches wide. The District rules bring the Florida minimum standards up to standards found in other states, such as North Carolina, Virginia, and New Jersey. According to documents provided by Academica, the corridors in the upper hallways of UBC, serves 6 classrooms and is only 6 feet wide, thereby are not according to code. That charters are exempt from the certain state requirements for public schools, and are not obliged and cannot be made to be obliged to district codes, see http://www.fldoe.org/edfacil/charters.asp, is a matter of Florida public policy, 1002.33(19)a. However, in this open process, parental awareness should be focused on responsible charter school operators that they act mindfully of the fact that in the case of emergencies, their facilities will not function as efficiently as parents expect, due to narrower hallways and lower ceilings. Sincerely, -burt
860.	06.15.11	Alicia Vidal			X	From: GreenPaperMoon@aol.com [mailto:GreenPaperMoon@aol.com] Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2011 1:07 PM

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						To: Cason, Jim; Kerdyk, William; Anderson, Maria; Cabrera, Ralph; Quesada, Frank; Salerno, Patrick; Riel, Eric Cc: GreenPaperMoon@aol.com Subject: FrontDoor's Top 10 Dreamy Neighborhoods : HGTV FrontDoor Real Estate FrontDoor's Top 10 Dreamy Neighborhoods : HGTV FrontDoor Real Estate See #5 on link below. http://www.frontdoor.com/Neighborhood/FrontDoors-Top-10-Dreamy-Neighborhoods/54554 We have a great residential neighborhood with good schools now. Please: do not ruin it (and all our City) by granting UBC/ Somerset's request to change the land use from "religious/institutional" to "community services and facilities". Alicia Vidal
861.	06.21.11	Anna Louise Fulks 717 Santander Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134-6524 alfulks@earthlink.net			X	From: ANNA-LOUISE FULKS [mailto:alfulks@earthlink.net] Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2011 9:18 AM To: Commissioners; Olazabal, Carmen; Riel, Eric; Salerno, Patrick; Superinetndent'soffice@dadeschools.net Cc: Mike Murphy Subject: Re: Fw: A Neighborhood School??? Ladies and Gentlemen: I bring to your attention an email that was forwarded to me regarding a request from a parent for transportation of their child from Kendall Drive to Coral Gables (SomersetGables Academy) located at University Baptist Church, 624 Segovia Street, Coral Gables, FL 33134. Please note that Academica/Somerset Gables touts itself as a "neighborhood" school but in fact many of the supposed "neighbors" are coming from as far as Homestead, the Redlands, the Roads, Westchester, the NW section of Miami, Kendall (east and west), and so forth. At the last Public Hearing, which was held on June 8th, 2011, I gave some of the street addresses from a list of supposed "neighbors" from an article that was published in the Neighbor's section of The Miami Herald who were in support of the charter school. Of the (165) listed names in the article that I researched of Coral Gables property records and tax rolls. . . only (53) of those "neighbors" listed were residents of Coral Gables and only (7) were residents within close proximity to University Baptist Church. We are fortunate to have wonderful and available schools in the City of Coral Gables. Miami-Dade School Superintendent, Alberto Carvalho, recently established three new schools in our City providing our children with an excellent public school education. I would appreciate it very kindly if you would keep the above in mind when the changes that have been proposed by Academica/SomersetGables to accommodate a charter

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862.	06.21.11	Louan Zagarino			X	_____ From: Louanzag@aol.com To: Jimccason@yahoo.com, wkerdyk@coralgables.com, fquesada@frvf-law.com, whatmeworry535@gmail.com, rcabrera@coralgables.com BCC: sandra@muradolaw.com, albert@mkt-focus.com, ccarta@gmail.com, alfulks@earthlink.net Sent: 6/21/2011 7:29:36 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time Subj: Change for "Neighbors" ??? I found it very interesting that the following was sent to me and others in the blog Just ask Boo. Are we now trying to have a huge school, (which is privately run, but takes our public tax dollars away from the Public schools,) in a Neighborhood, and change the Zoning of Coral Gables for these many people who live outside of Coral Gables? They claim to be our "Neighbors" but actually are not. I find this absurd. Thank you for your consideration. Louan Zagarino Private School Van Needed for My Child

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863.[1]	06.21.11	Sandra Murado Law Offices of Sandra I. Murado, P.A. 901 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Suite 504 Coral Gables, Florida 33134 www.muradolaw.com			X	From: Sandra Murado [mailto:sandra@muradolaw.com] Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2011 10:38 AM To: Commissioners; Olazabal, Carmen; Riel, Eric; Salerno, Patrick; Superinetndent'soffice@dadeschools.net; ANNA-LOUISE FULKS Cc: Mike Murphy Subject: Re: Fw: A Neighborhood School??? Well done my friend! Sandra I. Murado, Attorney Law Offices of Sandra I. Murado, P.A. 901 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Suite 504 Coral Gables, Florida 33134 Tel. (305) 448-4300 Fax (305) 448-0600 www.muradolaw.com --- On Tue, 6/21/11, ANNA-LOUISE FULKS <alfulks@earthlink.net> wrote: From: ANNA-LOUISE FULKS <alfulks@earthlink.net> Subject: Re: Fw: A Neighborhood School??? To: Commissioners@coralgables.com, colazabal@coralgables.com, eriel@coralgables.com, "Pat Salerno" <psalerno@coralgables.com>, Superinetndent'soffice@dadeschools.net Cc: "Mike Murphy" <mike@murphylawfirmpa.com> Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2011, 9:18 AM Ladies and Gentlemen: I bring to your attention an email that was forwarded to me regarding a request from a parent for transportation of their child from Kendall Drive to Coral Gables (SomersetGables Academy) located at University Baptist Church, 624 Segovia Street, Coral Gables, FL 33134. Please note that Academica/Somerset Gables touts itself as a "neighborhood" school but in fact many of the supposed "neighbors" are coming from as far as Homestead, the Redlands, the Roads, Westchester, the NW section of Miami, Kendall (east and west), and so forth. At the last Public Hearing, which was held on June 8th, 2011, I gave some of the street addresses from a list of supposed "neighbors" from an article that was published in the Neighbor's section of The Miami Herald who were in support of the charter school. Of the

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864.[1]	06.28.11	Pepi Granat Cuadrado and Raul R. Cuadrado 3250 Riviera Drive Coral Gables, FL 33134 pepigranat@aol.com				From: Pepi Granat <pepigranat@aol.com> To: eriel <eriel@coralgables.com> Cc: jimcason <jimcason@coralgables.com>; wkerdyk <wkerdyk@coralgables.com>; fquesada <fquesada@coralgables.com>; manderson <manderson@coralgables.com>; rcabrera <rcabrera@coralgables.com>; eriel <eriel@coralgables.com>; wcarlson <wcarlson@coralgables.com>; sbolyard <sbolyard@coralgables.com>; jmenedez <jmenedez@coralgables.com>; psalerno <psalerno@coralgables.com>; cleen <cleen@coralgables.com>; mjimenez <mjimenez@coralgables.com>; wfoeman <wfoeman@coralgables.com> Sent: Tue, Jun 28, 2011 10:52 pm

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						Subject: Your kind returned phone call -- thank you -- But will ANYONE really read this??? Dear Mr. Riel: My Hungarian grandmother taught me ONE PHRASE in the beautiful Hungarian language, to equip me (as a young girl) for life. She said it would serve many purposes. It was: (phonetically): "keer-nee suh-butt, odd-nee nem moo-sah-ee". It means: YOU CAN ASK FOR IT, BUT I DON'T HAVE TO GIVE IT TO YOU. ;-) A change in the LAND USE is being asked for. You (in Planning & Zoning) & the Commission do NOT have to give it. Why not? Because "they" are INVADING our neighborhood --- and by proxy in future, potentially EVERY Coral Gables neighborhood. This nice neighborhood that we depended on our fair city maintaining with us and for us will be betrayed at the hand of our own government. Yes -- they (the school powers) have a perfect right to their own self-interest, & can apply & try to INVADE (800 students? & prospects for 15% more every year if they maintain their ratings?????) That is an INVASION & everyone KNOWS IT. They have invaded our lives, forcing us to FIGHT for something we should never have been afflicted w/ in the first place. Fight for peace? our homes? Why? They have a business, a treasure chest, money to burn. We are scrounging in our pockets in our non-existent spare time to fund a fight that is like a steam-roller out of nowhere. At a time when the Middle East is rife w/ conflict we are being reminded of the tragic city of Hama -- in Syria. Do you remember what happened in 1982? By their own government, the people of the city were betrayed -- they were mowed down, a massacre -- killed. Our spirit will be killed here in our neighborhood. This is a tragedy about to happen (but only if you let it happen). I am sorry to be melodramatic but it is so. And there is a MORAL issue here -- it's not just rules & regs & did their legal department, & ours, cross the t's & dot the i's. Actually, 2 moral issues. 1) How can the Baptist Church betray the very neighborhood that tolerated them & allowed them to thrive for so many years this way? (I was laughed down at our meeting: "don't go there" -- too Pollyanna for anyone -- no one thinks this way any more!!!!) and 2) How can our own Commission in good conscience foist this upon us, knowing the chaos it will surely bring, & the precedent it will surely set???? You, Mr. Riel, have said that they (the Commission) must follow the conditions laid out -- fine. But in the end, it boils down to OPINION -- of each Commissioner. How can he or she reach any other conclusion? Ms Keon herself said in the part of the Zoning meeting i was able to attend: "The queuing never works the way it's supposed to." (or something like that -- don't want to misquote her, but that's what she said -- & we KNOW that will be so). There is NO reason to change the LAND USE designation. It should NOT be changed, at all. This is the wrong place for such a school.

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						I appreciate your interest & your return call. You have asked me to put something in writing. I've done so -- this, & the attachments. Attached pls find the comments I was not given time to present at one of the first commission meetings (picture: that's me in the red, w/ my husband, Raul, back row). But I was able to read part of the limerick (also attached) on TV-- channel 6, which played that night, since just by chance as my husband & I left the meeting, we ran into a reporter & cameraman on the sidewalk who wanted to know "what happened in there." Right now though, we are faced w/ CHANGING THE LAND USE designation. The MAIN ISSUE is that we residents came to live here based on the land use in effect at the time (even if it was slightly modified later). If this school is allowed to increase even by one more than the 110 students present now it will be a betrayal of your covenant with us-- clearly designated on the Land Use Map --- to allow us in peace to enjoy the fruits of the labors of our lives: our dear, enduring, quiet, peaceful homes here in lovely Coral Gables. Respectfully submitted for your careful consideration. I would be pleased to talk w/ anyone who can shed light on this desperate situation. Pepi Granat Cuadrado e-signed Pepi Granat Cuadrado and Raul R. Cuadrado 3250 Riviera Drive Coral Gables, FL 33134 305 444 6408; 305 206 1044 Pepi Granat, MD 7800 Red Road, Suite 202 South Miami, FL 33143 305 661 7609; fax 305 667 8266

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						Rather than argue over a hot-button, polarized issue, then become emotional and then unreasonable, I have decided to reason calmly & coolly with all those who might want to open their minds to some interesting & really important questions. There are 7 salient questions: #1 - Why, in one of the most influential, admirable & productive public school environments (our fair city of Coral Gables), would we want to dilute the population of those excellent schools by adding an unknown entity, whose reputation rests (so far at least) on paid advertisement & marketing publicity (very believable - but that's talented publicist activity), not on solid, demonstrable achievement? thereby taking away resources from our own cherished public school system here? But not only resources, but the excellent students themselves, whose parents may be misled that the new, shiny school will be better than the old, well-proven ones, those wonderful Dade County public schools, of which I & all my children are products, which of course have no budget for fancy, corporate advertising? #2 - Why -- although they have a perfect right to try to do business & make money -- should 2 self-interested parties, the UBC to sell its church & the Somerset Academy to buy and establish a profitable school -- be permitted to overtake prior zoning designed for religious entities that also have a sideline educational mission? Zoning established w/ calm neighborhoods in mind? And both acting for purely commercial reasons only, at the expense of all the rest of us – we, acting not only on commercial interest such as property value, but mainly on quality of life issues such as meaningful daily life routines, & calm, quiet, safe, personal neighborhoods?. #3 - Why -- should we allow a prior project, The Greening of Segovia, to be delayed or changed in any way to accommodate a school, whose presence is not assured? Let's put aside any prior disagreements over points of fact which have recently been clarified by our City Staff, to everyone's appreciation. #4 - Why -- would we want to jeopardize the activities of the Youth Center & the Library, whose universal access by others residing all over Coral Gables will definitely be affected by the crowded activity engendered by a school of 700 - 800 students.? #5 - Why -- would we want to undermine the intent of the whole charter school movement which was meant to give a true choice to neighborhoods with failing schools? Governor Jeb Bush, I am sure, never intended this, when he championed the idea, & would be appalled at its subversion. (I know Jeb from when he appeared on our doorstep on Riviera Drive at age 20 or so, in 1980, for Raul to help his father, George Bush in his campaign against Ronald Reagan in the primaries. I typed Jeb's speech which he gave in fluent Spanish to Los Viejos Utiles (Spanish elderly) on my old Smith Corona. Jeb marched to Tallahassee with us doctors in 1986 for the malpractice issue. Jeb would not favor such misuse of the charter school intent.) #6 - Why – does anyone think that, once their foot is in the door, this or other companies would not go round to all failing churches in Coral Gables, establishing more & more schools? What a concept!!! Why not? #7 - Why – would anyone think that this is only a NIMBY issue (not in my back yard)? No – this is a battle for the soul of Coral Gables. For the very character of Coral Gables. And there will be no going back. This must be nipped in the bud, right here, right now, or all the dire consequences will come down upon us!! I ask you all -- those for & those against – to consider these questions. Especially the parents who really believe this unknown school will be better for their kids than the excellent public schools in our city – think again!!!! It's not too late to come over to the right side of the dispute. Thank you very much. Pepi Granat Cuadrado 3250 Riviera Drive Coral Gables, FL 33143 – Since June 8, 1968. July 19, 2010.

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						A GABLES FABLE Once a city they called Coral Gables Nearly turned into one of its fables Nearly grew a big school That would bend every rule Of good sense, but was saved by the neighbors. Who turned out to point out the folly Of traffic much worse than the trolley Near Youth Center and Library That seemed awfully contrary To neighbors who now were not jolly. So after a bit of a fuss Each side showing minus and plus The school went elsewhere Leaving neighborhoods there Realizing life ever was thus.

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865.	06.28.11					From: WICON [mailto:wicon@bellsouth.net] Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2011 7:09 PM To: Cason, Jim; Riel, Eric; Quesada, Frank; Carlson, Walter; Salerno, Patrick; Leen, Craig; Bolyard, Scot Subject: Proposed changes to changes in the Comprehensive Lan d Use Plan ay University Baptist Church We strongly oppose to any changes in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan at University Baptist Church. Traffic will be severally affected at the hours of delivery and pick-up of students as well as it will be detrimental to the quality of life to surrounding neighbors. Actual capacity in number of students is more than enough. There are sufficient public and private elementary, middle and high schools located in appropriate areas. Walfredo & Alicia Consuegra 829 Palermo Avenue.

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866.	06.28.11	BNA Members				From: BNA Newsletter [mailto:bna-newsletter@biltmoreneighborhoodassociation.com] Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2011 4:43 PM To: BNA-Info Subject: Summary of June 27 meeting; call to action. Dear BNA member, Last night more than 25 members attended the BNA General Assembly. Tucker Gibbs, the attorney for the Association, gave a summary of the issues to date and his recommendations for moving forward. The meeting culminated with a lively Q & A session which helped to provide clarification of the Association's legal stance. At the last Planning and Zoning Board meeting, Somerset Gables was given a continuance to respond to traffic concerns and scale back expansion plans before submitting an amended application. No date was set for the next meeting. The process could take anywhere from three to six months. The recent actions of lawmakers in Tallahassee, including those of our state representative who has family ties with Academica, has made the ability to chose your community's future much more difficult. It is unfortunate that "schools of choice" have resulted in moving choice away from communities, to a small number of for-profit charter school operators, instead of improving educational opportunities. The site at UBC is not the proper location for a school of this size. Our resolve will only help to strengthen education by keeping its focus on the children; our future. We are asking that ALL members become active participants in the BNA in the coming days and months. We need your time, talent and treasure. This is really our last opportunity to win this once and for all! It is vitally important that every resident in Coral Gables who is opposed to a change in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan at University Baptist Church voices his or her concerns to our city officials. Letters and emails should be addressed to the Mayor and Commissioners, the Planning and Zoning Board, the City Manager, the City Clerk and the City Attorney. In a future email we will summarize yesterday's meeting in a set of talking points that can be used to garner support throughout Coral Gables for our cause. The Commissioners might refuse to discuss this matter with you. However, your opinions do go on record and a large number of letters in opposition will show our strength and determination to protect our neighborhood at all costs! We ask for your generous financial support to continue the services of our superb legal

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						counsel. It is a forgone conclusion that the school would have already begun operating last year with 675 students without Tucker's legal representation. Our legal options also increase with more financial stability. Thank you in advance for your support. Best, Carlos Carta President 305-794-9543 Tina Scott Vice President 305-962-2094 Andrea Moscetti Treasurer 305-321-8986

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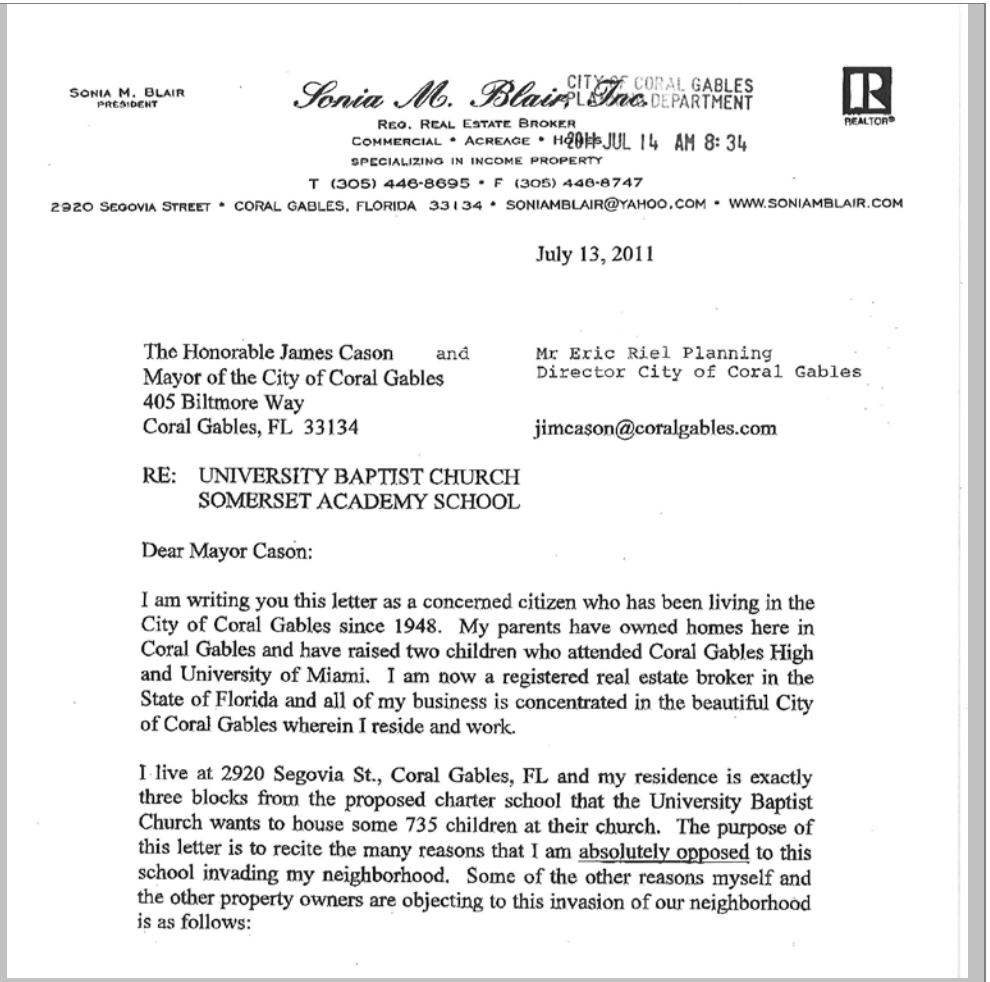
867.	07.14.11	Sonia M. Blair 2920 Segovia Street Coral Gables, FL 33134			X	

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CITY OF CORAL GABLES PLANNING DEPARTMENT
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July 13, 2011

The Honorable James Cason and
Mayor of the City of Coral Gables
405 Biltmore Way
Coral Gables, FL 33134

Mr Eric Riel Planning
Director City of Coral Gables

jimcason@coralgables.com

RE: UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH
SOMERSET ACADEMY SCHOOL

Dear Mayor Cason:

I am writing you this letter as a concerned citizen who has been living in the City of Coral Gables since 1948. My parents have owned homes here in Coral Gables and have raised two children who attended Coral Gables High and University of Miami. I am now a registered real estate broker in the State of Florida and all of my business is concentrated in the beautiful City of Coral Gables wherein I reside and work.

I live at 2920 Segovia St., Coral Gables, FL and my residence is exactly three blocks from the proposed charter school that the University Baptist Church wants to house some 735 children at their church. The purpose of this letter is to recite the many reasons that I am absolutely opposed to this school invading my neighborhood. Some of the other reasons myself and the other property owners are objecting to this invasion of our neighborhood is as follows:

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						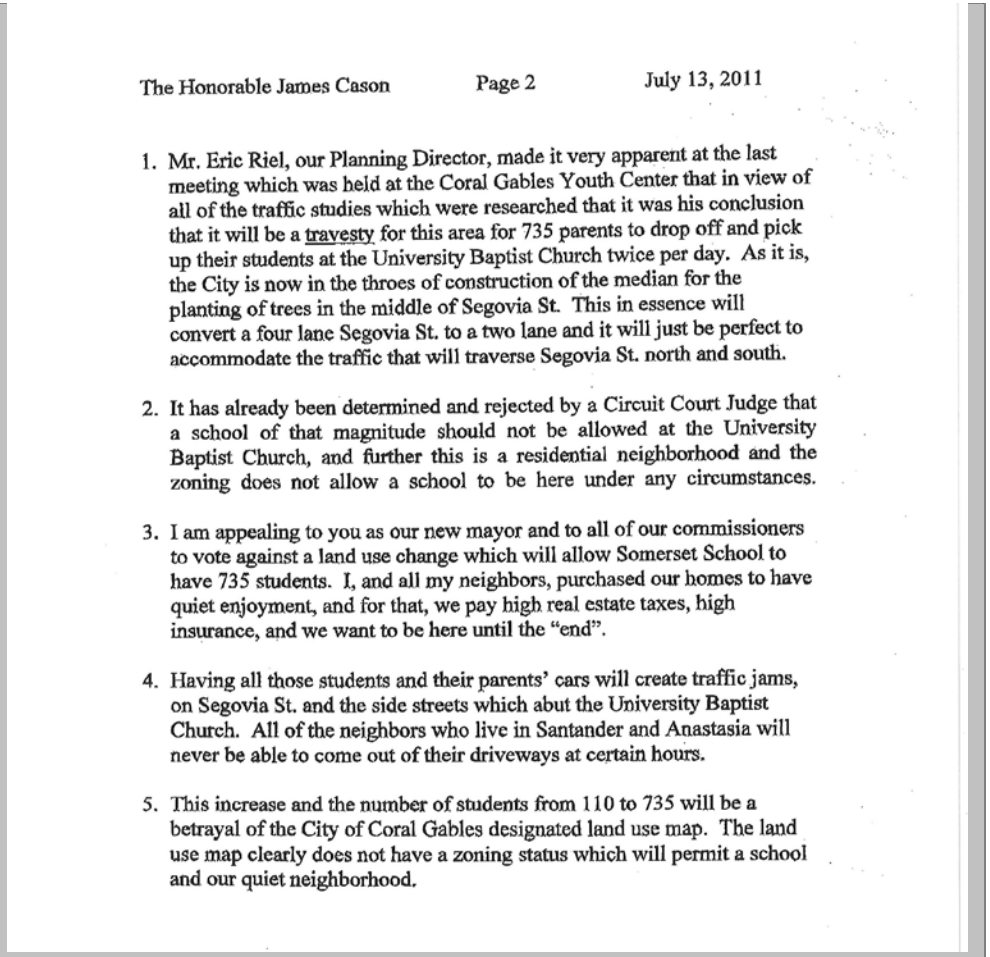

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						The Honorable James Cason Page 3 July 13, 2011 6. There are plenty of schools already in existence that can accommodate children of all ages and it is not necessary to change a church to a school. Parents from outside the limits of Coral Gables want to bring their children here to attend UBC and that is bringing chaos to our quiet neighborhood. 7. THEREFORE, I AM APPEALING TO YOU ONCE AGAIN TO EXERCISE YOUR OPINIONS AND THE VOTES OF ALL OUR COMMISSIONERS TO DO THE RIGHT THING FOR THE CITIZENS OF CORAL GABLES AND THE RESIDENTS OF THE BILTMORE AREA. Thank you once again for all your continued support and courtesies in this very, very important issue. Sincerely, SONIA M. BLAIR Thomas Reardon Owner 2915 & 2909 Segovia St. Ernest Coscia Owner 2915 & 2909 Segovia St.
868.[1]	07.17.11	Vic Hyder 701 Camilo Ave Coral Gables, FL 33134			X	From: Vic Hyder <vichyder@gmail.com> Date: July 17, 2011 9:58:16 AM GMT-04:00 To: jimcason@coralgables.com, fquesada@coralgables.com, wkerdyk@coralgables.com, manderson@coralgables.com, rcabrera@coralgables.com, eriel@coralgables.com, wcarlson@coralgables.com, sbolyard@coralgables.com, jmenendez@coralgables.com, psalerno@coralgables.com, mjimenez@coralgables.com, cleen@coralgables.com, wfoeman@coralgables.com Subject: Opposition to Proposed Change of Land Use - University Baptist Church Dear City of Coral Gables, I strongly oppose the change of land use being sought by Somerset Academy Gables / Academica at the University Baptist Church property on Anastasia. This land use change is

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						in direct violation of the 1968 Covenant that runs with the land, as well as its subsequent 1977 Ordinance. In addition, the UBC site is not the proper location for a school of more than 110 students. I question if the City needs a school of this size and type; and whether or not our current public schools will benefit or be adversely affected by such an addition to the educational system. Either way, an establishment of such a large school should be part of a plan to better our City vice a private, for-profit venture that will significantly affect residents, community facilities, and the City as a whole. Please vote against the proposed change. It will not improve the City of Coral Gables. Sincerely, Vic Hyder 701 Camilo Ave Coral Gables, FL 33134
869.	07.22.11	Vic Hyder 701 Camilo Ave Coral Gables, FL 33134			**X**	Dear City of Coral Gables, I strongly oppose the change of land use being sought by Somerset Academy Gables / Academica at the University Baptist Church property on Anastasia. The company has reapplied for the change of land use with an application requesting the school open with 465 students vice the original 700+. This changes nothing. Please vote against the proposed change. It will not improve the City of Coral Gables. Sincerely and thank you, Vic Hyder 701 Camilo Ave Coral Gables, FL 33134
870.	07.22.11	BNA Members Carlos Carta, President Biltmore Neighborhood Association 305-794-9543				From: BNA Newsletter [mailto:bna-newsletter@biltmoreneighborhoodassociation.com] Sent: Friday, July 22, 2011 11:53 AM To: BNA-Info Subject: Somerset Gables reapplies with 465 students Dear Biltmore Neighborhood Association Members, We hope that you are enjoying your Summer and obtaining some well-deserved rest. We wanted to take this opportunity to bring you up to speed regarding the Somerset issue. Our attorney, Tucker Gibbs, has informed us that Somerset Gables will be reapplying for the change of land use with an application requesting the school open with 465 students. They have also asked to meet with representatives of the BNA again in an effort to come to an agreement about the enrollment number. The BNA will continue to oppose the change in land use. Our position has not changed since we first met with members of University Baptist Church and Academica Inc.

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						Please take the time to write letters to our mayor, city manager, and commissioners expressing your concern with the recommended land use change and your opposition to having a school for 465 students in this residential neighborhood. This issue will be coming before the Planning and Zoning Board, as well as the City Commission, in the coming months. Our attorney continues to meet with city officials and officials of the BNA attend public hearings that address this topic to monitor the progress in the City. Updates will continue to be sent via email to all BNA members. We must continue to be vocal and express our opposition to the land use change. And please ask your family and friends who live throughout Coral Gables that we need their backing in order to prevent this from occurring throughout our beautiful city. Thank you for your continued support, Carlos Carta, President Biltmore Neighborhood Association 305-794-9543
871.	07.22.11	Lisa Hyder lisah@MdSportscare.com			**X**	Dear City of Coral Gables, The intent of this email is to voice my opposition to the proposed change of land use being sought by Somerset Academy Gables. You have heard all of the arguments made against Somerset's application, so I will not repeat them here. One of my neighbors, however, made a very poignant point that I would like to repeat-- why is the burden of proof to preserve the city's master plan on us, the neighbors and residents of Coral Gables? My husband and I purchased our home three years ago just one block away from University Baptist Church. We did our due diligence before we made a major investment into this specific piece of property and the City of Coral Gables in general. We knocked on neighbors' doors and drove the streets at various times of the day to see what the neighborhood was about and what it would be like living so close to the church, library and youth center. Many have lived on our street for 25+ years and said that the street is quiet and the church a great neighbor. This is what we bought into, what we have enjoyed for the past three years. We have also donated a lot of money to help with the attorney-- many of our neighbors have donated even more. Somerset/Academia has much deeper pockets than the neighbors. Many of us have had to give up vacations or sending our children to summer camp. It has been stressful and frustrating for all of us neighbors, but it seems we have no choice if want to preserve our quality of life, our investments, and the City of Coral Gables in general.

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						When I read the newspaper, I see more and more stories about neighborhoods fighting against school expansions, whether they are charter, traditional public or private schools. There was also a recent interview on Fresh Air on NPR about charter school scandals in Philadelphia. There is a larger problem with our education system that the City of Coral Gables cannot solve. In fact, by allowing the school here, it seems to me we are perpetuating the faltering system. If our city is really in need of a school, then the proper steps must be taken to find land that is workable for everyone, have proper infrastructure including fields and a library, and the proper space for traffic. There should be a plan in place that benefits all constituents, not just a for-profit company. We realize the city wants us to sit down with Somerset and agree on a number that will work for us. We attended the City Council meeting last year when the number 210 was offered to Somerset and turned down. That is a number that my husband and I would personally agree with, but we just got word that Somerset reapplied for 465 students. 465 is still a ridiculously large number that will bring up many of the same concerns about traffic, parking, after school hours, use of library and youth center, noise, trash etc. The number might be in keeping with Somerset/Academica's financial model and have a positive impact on their bottom line, but 465 students plus staff will have a negative impact on our neighborhood. Along with changing the land use designation, the overall situation will have a negative impact on the City of Coral Gables as well. Thank you for the work you do and we hope you will take our voice into consideration when it comes time to vote on this important issue. Sincerely, Lisa Hyder Camilo Avenue
872.[1]	07 25 11	Anna Louise Fulks 717 Santander Avenue Coral Gables, Fl 33134			**X**	From: Anna Louise Fulks [mailto:alfulks@earthlink.net] Sent: Monday, July 25, 2011 9:56 AM To: Louanzag@aol.com; sandra@muradolaw.com; pepigranat@aol.com; Rita Oates; Gablesgrrl@aol.com; flascotts@bellsouth.net; Superintendent'soffice@dadeschools.net; Riel, Eric; Olazabal, Carmen; Commissioners; Michael Murphy Subject: Charter school money: Florida charter schools get $55 million for construction, others get zilch - Orlando Sentinel Please note the breaking news not only from the Orlando Sentinel but also Channel 10 as regards the traditional public schools being left out of the budget while charter schools are the beneficiary of $55M. Anna Louise Fulks 717 Santander Avenue Coral Gables, Florida 33134=6524 Telephone: 305 446-7420 email: alfulks@earthlink.net

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						http://articles.orlandosentinel.com/2011-07-24/news/os-charter-school-construction-dollar20110724_1_traditional-schools-john-pavelchak-charter-schools **Charters get $55 million for upkeep, other schools get zero** July 24, 2011 | By Dave Weber, Orlando Sentinel Traditional public schools in Florida will get no money from the state this year for additions or needed repairs to thousands of aging buildings, but charter schools will score big. All of the state cash budgeted for school construction and maintenance is going to the independent, tax-financed charters favored by the Republican-dominated Legislature and Gov. Rick Scott. Ads By Google **Case Study: Closing Gaps** National stories of schools turning tide against achievement gaps www.neapriorityschools.org **Preschool - Miami** Best Preschool in Miami in the heart of Brickell www.klaschools.com The charter school operated for children of employees of The Villages, the Republican stronghold in north Lake County frequented by Scott and former President George W. Bush, is expected to receive about $1 million. School district officials across Florida are bemoaning the Legislature's decision to cut traditional public schools out of PECO — the Public Education Capital Outlay program. The state's 350 charter schools will share $55 million, while the approximately 3,000 traditional schools will go without. "Every cent allocated for school construction went to charter schools," complained Lee Swift, a Charlotte County school board member who heads the Florida School Boards Association. Swift said lawmakers should focus on "properly funded traditional schools" instead of pressing for more charters that drain resources from the traditional schools. But Sen. David Simmons, a Maitland Republican who chairs the Senate's subcommittee on school appropriations, said the reason the traditional schools aren't getting any PECO cash this year is simple: They don't need it. "We did a whole lot of building a few years ago," Simmons said. "Growth has stagnated, and there has been some overbuilding of schools in some areas." He pointed to Seminole, which has more than 9,000 vacant seats after a decade of school construction. The School Board recently closed Longwood Elementary in an economy move and is considering closing other schools next year. But Seminole Superintendent Bill Vogel counters that Seminole and other districts still need cash for roofing and air conditioner repairs, painting, plumbing work, carpeting and other maintenance projects. "We desperately need the PECO money," Vogel said. "It is essential for maintenance of our buildings." And not all districts have stopped growing and needing more classrooms, either. While overall enrollment in Florida public schools fell by 19,305 students over the past five years, districts such as Lake and Osceola have continued to grow.

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						The state has never been overly generous with money for school repairs, forcing school districts for the past 30 years to raise local property taxes to cover maintenance expenses. Ads By Google **Florida Virtual School FT** Full-Time, Accredited, Grades K-12. 100% Tuition-Free, Enroll Now! www.connectionsacademy.com/FLVSFT **St John's Military School** Voted #1 Private School by Parents Amazing 10:1 Student-Teacher Ratio NowEnrolling.SJMS.org But each year every school district in the state got a modest sum from the Legislature for school repairs, and many years there was an extra allocation toward school construction. This past year, for example, Orange County schools got about $6.7 million for maintenance and repairs, and Seminole schools received $2.4 million. "This year we get nothing," said John Pavelchak, finance director for Seminole schools for the past 20 years. "This is the first time I remember getting nothing." Lack of PECO money will pinch school districts whose other main sources of revenue for repairs — property taxes — have dwindled because of the poor economy. Lake schools had hoped to get about $1 million in state maintenance funds toward an estimated $6 million in needed repairs such as school air conditioning units that maintenance director Mike Corr has characterized as "just a heartbeat away from catastrophic failure." Officials are considering borrowing money or bumping other projects to cover costs of the air conditioner repairs. PECO funding for traditional schools varied from year to year, peaking in the 2007-08 school year at just over $500 million, with more than half for new construction. But for the last three years, the state has given no money for construction, and maintenance money has fallen off. The traditional schools shared $122 million for maintenance in the school year that just ended in June. At the same time, separate PECO funding for charter schools has grown as their numbers have increased. The initial allocation in 1998 was about $350,000, with only five charters qualifying for the cash based on student enrollment and other criteria. This year nearly every charter will qualify for a share of the $55 million. That will include the Choices in Learning charter school in Seminole. It's located in the First Baptist Church of Longwood just a couple of blocks from the shuttered Longwood Elementary. By early next year, however, the school is expected to move into a new $10 million facility under construction next door to Winter Springs High School. School directors plan to use their annual PECO allocation — it was about $233,000 this past year and went for rent — toward repaying construction bonds for the two-story, 50,000-square-foot building.
873.	07 25 11 (provided to the Dept. on 07 27 11)	Alicia Vidal			**X**	From: GreenPaperMoon@aol.com To: jimcason@coralgables.com, wkerdyk@coralgables.com, manderson@coralgables.com, rcabrera@coralgables.com, fquesada@coralgables.com, psalerno@coralgables.com, mmenendez@coralgables.com, eriel@coralgables.com, cleen@coralgables.com, lalfonsin@coralgables.com, colazabal@coralgables.com CC: eaizenstat@coralgables.com, rbehar@coralgables.com, jflanagan@coralgables.com, pkeon@coralgables.com, jsalman@coralgables.com, greenpapermoon@aol.com Sent: 7/19/2011 1:14:03 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time Subj: It is called "Intimidation".

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						It was last Tuesday, July 12, 2011. While I am not normally outside, I was on the sidewalk that day waiting for a person who was bringing something to my property which is located exactly across the Youth Center (from its original address of 400 Anastasia Avenue). There were cars double-parked on the street with the drivers' inside the cars but this sight is common at the 400 block of Anastasia. The drivers of the double-parked cars are either waiting for a person to come out through the yellow gate or waiting for a street parking space to be available (we must remember that the Fitness Center is there also). As I looked towards the Youth Center, I saw several young women walking around the courtyard, all were wearing the same green color top I have been watching on TV. Thinking that I was maybe missing a City meeting, I called the Youth Center to ask if there was a meeting regarding the U.B.C. The answer shocked me: No, there is no meeting; "there are young women who always come to the Youth Center wearing the green top" (advertising the Somerset Gables). If you do not think that is intimidation I then do not know the meaning of the word. Furthermore, I think that on June 22, 2011, some of the Board members were intimidated by the women in the "green color tops". It's only human but this is not about feeling sorry for those women. I suggest that whenever there is a meeting involving the U.B.C., please make it at "closed doors". Let us all watch it live on Coral Gables TV. This is not about one neighborhood. Our City Beautiful is in danger! Vote No To The Change In Land Use And Vote No To Any Student Increase At UBC! Respectfully, Alicia Vidal

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Revised Somerset Grace Academy Charter School - Change in Land Use, Conditional Use and Site Plan Review Applications - 624 Anastasia Avenue (University Baptist Church), Coral Gables, Florida[1, 2]

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875.	08 11 11	George F. Andrews Gfa322@aol.com			X	From: gfa322@aol.com [mailto:gfa322@aol.com] Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2011 2:11 PM To: Foeman, Walter; Leen, Craig; Menendez, Maria A.; Salerno, Patrick; jmenedez@coralgables.com; Bolyard, Scot; Carlson, Walter; Riel, Eric; Cabrera, Ralph; Anderson, Maria; Kerdyk, William; Quesada, Frank; Cason, Jim Cc: bna-newsletter@biltmoreneighborhoodassociation.com; gfa322@aol.com Subject: Somerset Gables I am extremely concerned about the recommended land use change requested by Somerset Gables for the property occupied by University Baptist Church. I am a long time resident of the City and I strongly oppose having a school for 465 students in this residential neighborhood. Moreover, the reduction of lanes on Segovia Avenue from 4 to 2 will dramatically impact traffic flow around that site and will lead to traffic back-ups in the streets surrounding the church. Somerset needs to find a more appropriate location for a school of this size. Thank you. George F. Andrews Chairman, Coral Gables Health Facilities Authority
876.	08 29 11	Ana Louise Fulks 717 Santander Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 alfulks@earthlink.net			X	From: ANNA-LOUISE FULKS [mailto:alfulks@earthlink.net] Sent: Friday, August 19, 2011 10:38 AM To: Cason, Jim; Kerdyk, William; Anderson, Maria; Cabrera, Ralph; Quesada, Frank; Salerno, Patrick; Kephart, Glenn; Riel, Eric; Olazabal, Carmen; Weiner, Dennis; Hudak, Edward; Reed, Walter; Frevola, Janette Cc: Mike Murphy; Sandra Murado Subject: Academica/SomersetGables charter request for 436 students Good morning ladies and gentlemen: It has come to my attention that Academica/SomersetGables charter school has filed an application with the City of Coral Gables for enrollment of 436 students at University Baptist Church, 624 Anastasia Avenue, Coral Gables, FL 33134. Academica/SomersetGables has decreased their original request of 735 children to 436

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						students when the P&Z board did not accept the original number of 735 students due to the impact of traffic on the residential neighborhood. From what I understand from the new application that Academica/SomersetGables has filed with our City please envision the following: (1) Academica/SomersetGables plans to have (9) mini-vans dropping off and picking up children in the paved angle parking area in the 600 block of Anastasia; (2) Parents who will be driving their children to the charter school will be utilizing Cardena Avenue to drop off and pick up their children and will be exiting onto Anastasia Avenue; (3) Miami Dade Transit has bus stops on the corners of Anastasia/Segovia. . . going East and West and making their wide turns from Segovia onto Anastasia going West and East; (4) Miami Dade and privately owned school buses utilize Anastasia as well; (5) There is a traffic signal at Segovia/Anastasia which will cause traffic stoppage for all vehicles in the 600 block of Anastasia, i.e. Miami Dade Transit, Miami Dade and privately owned school buses, the (9) mini-vans and charter school vehicles entering into the traffic lanes, as well as residents who drive to and from work on Anastasia or chauffeur their children to and from school. (6) Anastasia is not a direct thoroughfare to LeJeune Road which will cause traffic to use residential feeder streets, i.e. Santander, Malaga, Palermo, Catalonia Avenues, etc. to get to their destination. (7) Anastasia is an emergency route and must be clear at all times for fire/rescue/police vehicles. Lastly, since Segovia Street will now be only two lanes (with a bicycle lane on either side) consideration must be given to vehicles also going/leaving the Coral Gables library as well as the Youth Center. Thank you for listening and taking the time to envision what this residential neighborhood would become should the proposal by Academica/SomersetGables come to fruition. Respectfully Anna Louise Fulks 717 Santander Avenue Coral Gables, Florida 33134-6524

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						Telephone: 305 446-7420 email: alfulks@earthlink.net
877.	08 31 11	Maria Mtra1998@aol.com		X		From: Maria [mailto:mtra1998@aol.com] Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2011 11:01 PM To: somerset school comments Subject: "I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location."
878.	09 14 11	Joanne Matthews 636 Camilo Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134			X	From: joanneMatthews [mailto:joanne_matthews@yahoo.com] Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2011 4:00 PM To: Olazabal, Carmen; Riel, Eric; Cason, Jim; Kerdyk, William; Anderson, Maria; Cabrera, Ralph; Quesada, Frank; City Attorney Subject: opposition - Somerset Academy/UBC Content of attachment: 636 Camilo Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134-7006 September 14, 2011 Ms. Carmen Olazabal, Building and Zoning Director Mr. Eric Riel, Jr., Planning Director Re: proposed change of land use by Somerset Academy Gables/Academica at UBC Dear Ms. Olazabal and Mr. Riel, I am writing to oppose any proposed change of the land use at UBC in Coral Gables. A City covenant and ordinance was in place when Somerset contracted to lease space for their business at UBC and when the City certified its use, providing for an enrollment number consistent with the neighborhood. Somerset doesn't like that rule, or the judge's ruling that upheld it, and sees financial gain in their arguments to add 625 more students. And now they "offer" a new proposal – which still disregards limitations that don't suit their business plan. My husband and I have lived in Coral Gables for more than 37 years; and we recently renovated and moved to a home near UBC. We have complied with City zoning rules. We appreciate the City's efforts to stay consistent with its regulations, which uphold our

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						property values and peaceful neighborhoods. If Somerset's business plan is not consistent with the UBC property, why is that now MY problem? And why should we be asked to surrender to their demands? A review of the letters on file in support of their expansion reads like a parent's directory of the school—they are not residents in the close vicinity to this dispute. Much effort is being made to transform Segovia Street into a boulevard "consistent with the City Beautiful." The lane reduction and configurations speak to pedestrian safety; the increased traffic of an over-crowded school does not. The current enrollment is consistent with the traffic allowance. Somerset's description of schematic drop-off and pick-up is their perception of minimal traffic impact. It also excludes what I've seen as a parent: PTA meetings, holiday performances, emergency dismissals and more, which will effect traffic and/or parking for neighbors and for patrons at the youth center or public library. Somerset has now reduced their proposal.. Are we to feel "better" because instead of 110, they are "only" proposing 436, instead of 735 ?! This is not a matter about "feelings" of the neighbors. It is a matter of City governance. Somerset is proposing a larger enrollment than St. Thomas – which sits on two major artery roads in a fashion that creates its own isolation apart from the neighbors, and channels traffic only in and out of a point on Kendall. UBC, in contrast, is very much in the midst of residential flow, with several neighborly streets creating artery veins. The enrollments for St. Philip's and Granada Day, similar to UBC in their settings that are proximate to neighbors, have enrollments of 175 and 158, respectively. A new precedence would not be consistent with those neighborhoods, either. Please do not accept a proposal to change the existing land use restrictions. Sincerely, Mrs. JoAnne Matthews Cc: Mayor Jim Cason Vice-Mayor William Kerdyk, Jr. Commissioner Maria Anderson Commissioner Rafael Cabrera Commissioner Frank Quesada City Attorney Craig Leen
879.	09 22 11	Ileana Queipo 821 Medina Avenue Coral Gables, FL Darile1@att.net		**X**		From: D & L [mailto:darile1@att.net] Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2011 8:48 PM To: somersetcharterschoolcomments@coralgables.com (planning & zoning) Subject: Expansion of the Sommerset Grace Academy

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						Ileana Queipo 3730 SW 60th Court Miami, FL 33155 I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC up to the 8th grade. As a former Coral Gables resident for more than 15 years at 821 Medina Avenue, I believe that Coral Gables need a good Charter school. Coral Gables elementary is the only option or to go to private and expensive schools around the area: Saint Theresa or St. Phillips. or Granada School that goes up to kinder. With all the taxes that Coral Gables residents pay, it is important to give the right to all the kids living in the area to be able to participate and get a good education without to have to commute to other areas for schools. Regards Ileana Queipo
880.	09 22 11	Ileana Queipo 821 Medina Avenue Coral Gables, FL Darile1@att.net		**X**		From: D & L [mailto:darile1@att.net] Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2011 8:52 PM To: Menendez, Jill Subject: Support the expansion of Somerset school at UBC Ileana Queipo 3730 SW 60th Court Miami, FL 33155 As a former Coral Gables resident at 821 Medina Avenue, I support the expansion of the school up to the 8th Grade. It is important for the kids in the area to have an option for another elementary school other than Coral Gables Elementary or private schools. Regards Ileana Queipo
881.	10 04 11	BNA (Biltmore Neighborhood Association)			**X**	From: BNA Newsletter [mailto:bna-newsletter@biltmoreneighborhoodassociation.com] Sent: Tuesday, October 04, 2011 2:42 PM To: BNA-Info Subject: Planing and Zone meeting in October/Erik Fresen Dear neighbors, I want to thank those neighbors who have sent in checks to help cover some of the costs for the professional planner we hired for the sole purpose of protecting our neighborhood.

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						Somerset/Acamedica continues to push for the expansion and land use change at the UBC site. Recently State Representative Erik Fresen registered as a lobbyist for Academica Inc. in the City of Coral Gables to advance the interest of the school. In order to combat these efforts in the city, we have hired a planner in addition to our attorney. We are going to be entering a very dangerous phase which will require the involvement and support of all concerned residents. Somerset's revised application is expected go in front of the Planning and Zoning board in late October. The BNA will keep you informed of the date of the meeting once city officials inform our attorney, Mr. Gibbs, the exact time and location. In the meantime, we urge you to write our city officials expressing your concern about the outrageous request from Somerset/Acedemica. Once again, your financial support is greatly appreciated. We have hired top notch experts to testify on our behalf. Their reports will be critical to protecting our city and neighborhood. If you have any question please feel free to contact me. Thank you, Carlos Carta Cart@gmail.com
882.	10 05 11	Scott Singleton 3421 Riviera Drive Coral Gables, FL Ssingle123@aol.com			X	From: ssingle123@aol.com [mailto:ssingle123@aol.com] Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2011 10:54 AM To: Riel, Eric Subject: Charter School I have been a resident of Coral Gables for over 50 years and want to express my STRONG opposition to any zoning changes that relate to the Charter School and University Baptist Church. I live on Riviera Drive, a block from the Church, and the traffic at certain times of the day is so bad now, that I have trouble getting out of my driveway Regards- Scott Singleton(3421 Riviera Drive)
883.	10 09 11	Natalie Tanen 3260 Riviera Dr. Coral Gables, Fl 33134			X	From: NTanen@aol.com [mailto:NTanen@aol.com] Sent: Sunday, October 09, 2011 2:34 PM To: Cason, Jim; Quesada, Frank; Kerdyk, William; Anderson, Maria; Cabrera, Ralph; Riel, Eric; Carlson, Walter; Bolyard, Scot; jmenedez@coralgables.com; Salerno, Patrick; Menendez, Maria A.; Leen, Craig; Foeman, Walter Subject: Somerset Academy at UBC Dear Mr Mayor, Commissioners and City Officials, I know you have much on your plate but I think about Somerset's request to increase the number of students dramatically at the UBC site every time I drive by the church. As a

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						neighbor who lives two blocks down on Riviera Drive and as a 40 year resident of Coral Gables, I feel that allowing the expansion of the school would be detrimental to the immediate community from the perspective of safety, peaceful enjoyment of the neighborhood, traffic, and property values. Moreover, I think it would be detrimental to Coral Gables as a whole in that it establishes that a for profit venture can invade any of our beautiful community's blocks undermining the history of Coral Gables as an exemplary model for a residential environment. Thank you for hearing my concerns and please keep Somerset/UBC at its current level of enrollment. Natalie Tanen 3260 Riviera Dr. Coral Gables, Fl 33134
884.		Patty Shillington 731 Malaga Ave. Coral Gables			**X**	From: Patty Shillington [mailto:psmiami@me.com] Sent: Friday, October 14, 2011 1:14 PM To: Quesada, Frank; Kerdyk, William; Anderson, Maria; Cabrera, Ralph; Riel, Eric; Carlson, Walter; Salerno, Patrick; Leen, Craig; Bolyard, Scot; Jill Menendez; Menendez, Maria A.; Foeman, Walter; Cason, Jim Subject: Comment on Somerset application at University Baptist Church Dear Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk, Planners and Assistants, I am writing to oppose the application of Somerset Academy to open a 400-plus-student K-8 school at University Baptist Church. I live less than two full blocks north of the church/school and I have no objection to it remaining its current size, which does not disrupt the tranquility of the residential neighborhood. However, I strenuously object to an increase in students and a zoning change. I believe it's clear that that property -- with no athletic field or outdoor area for the children to have recess and physical education -- is not suited to be a K-8 school. It's not large enough -- imagine 8th graders in that same small location with young children! There is no conceivable traffic pattern that would not completely disrupt the neighborhood. It would be dangerous for the children, as well. In fact, I have witnessed several close calls as I walk my dogs in the morning, even with only 100-plus students (where cars are pulling in and out of the parking lot on Cardena). The city is doing a great job transforming Segovia into a beautiful, tree-lined and tree-shaded plaza. Thank you and bravo! However, the reduction of lanes on Segovia further

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						complicates the traffic issue at the school -- even now. It's inconceivable to imagine the traffic mess with a school the size Somerset is contemplating. I also do not believe the school and church have been forthright with the neighborhood or the city, especially at the very beginning of this process. My daughter is a freshman at Coral Gables High School. She attended Coral Gables Elementary. The public schools in our community are stellar and there are private school options for families, as well. If indeed charter schools are also needed in Coral Gables -- and I would argue this point, especially given the many documented issues with many charter school companies, including Academica -- please locate these schools in areas that will not destroy our neighborhoods. The Ponce de Leon corridor comes to mind as a better location for a charter school -- still very close to residential neighborhoods but not smack in the middle. I'm a Miami native who moved to Coral Gables 14 years ago to raise my daughter in the best setting I could find for her. I have trusted that the city would protect what is truly important about the Gables neighborhoods. Now, I and my neighbors have had to reach into our own pockets to fight what we truly believe would change the character of our neighborhood, as well as the value of our homes. Please do not allow that to happen. Thank you for your time, service and consideration. Very truly yours, Patty Shillington 731 Malaga Ave. Coral Gables 305-606-9909
885.		Pepi Granat, MD 7800 Red Road, Suite 202 South Miami, FL 33143 pepigrantat@aol.com			**X**	From: Pepi Granat [mailto:pepigranat@aol.com] Sent: Saturday, November 05, 2011 8:47 AM To: coejack@bellsouth.net; jeffreyf@flanagan-williard.com; robert@beharfont.com; jsalman@c3ts.com; bi@bellsouth.net; patkeon@aol.comcolazabal@coralgables.com; Riel, Eric Subject: Old news newly rrelevant -- until justice is done! We feel the church and the City should abide by the Covenant and Ordinance that was made back in 1977 stating that "the property will be held as one tract, and not be leased or rented (separately)." It was specifically set up as a pre-kindergarten Nursery School and Mother's Day Out Program run by the Church. Somerset/Academica, as you know, went to court against the city to challenge this and lost.

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						Now they want to change the Comprehensive Plan of Coral Gables, giving the property the new and very broad designation of "Community Facility." There is not a single property in all of Coral Gables that has this designation. This designation is so new and so open that even a jail or a utility plant could be built on the property once so designated. This is a terrible precedent. It could even happen to places like the Country Club property or anywhere else in the City. So, obviously I am against this change. It is vitally important that they do not make a zoning change for University Baptist Church. Pepi Granat, MD 7800 Red Road, Suite 202 South Miami, FL 33143 305 661 7609; fax 305 667 8266
886.	11 09 11	Paul Zamek Paul.zamek@gmail.com		**X**		From: Paul Zamek [mailto:paul.zamek@gmail.com] Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2011 9:09 AM To: somerset school comments Subject: Fwd: 'Controlled choice' for school admission goes beyond proximity | Gables Home Page Please enter the following article from Gables Home Page into public record. This article demonstrates the harsh reality of why Coral Gables is losing young families to neighboring cities. Coral Gables must face the reality that while public schools exist, they simply do not serve the needs of the community for neighborhood schools. The City of Coral Gables must take timely action and send a message to all current and future residents, " We want you to make Coral Gables your home." Somerset Gables at the University Baptist Church is one solution to this crisis and will improve the quality of life for all neighboring residents. HTTP://WWW.GABLESHOMEPAGE.COM/NEWS/2011/11/08/'CONTROLLED-CHOICE'-SCHOOL-ADMISSION-GOES-BEYOND-PROXIMITY 'Controlled choice' for school admission goes beyond proximity GABLES HOME PAGE BY PRISCILLA GREEAR / STAFF WRITER NOV 08 2011 When George Savage researched where to move from Brickell with his family, he

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						considered Coral Gables, "the city beautiful." But he learned that even buying a home across the street from Coral Gables Preparatory Academy would not guarantee his children seats there and eventually opted to move south to Pinecrest. In Coral Gables' controlled choice program for public school admission, parents apply to their top two preferences among Coral Gables Preparatory Academy, Sunset Elementary and G.W. Carver Elementary. But they may actually get their third choice. "We did not feel comfortable with the choices," said Mr. Savage. "Everyone knows that Gables is overcrowded and Sunset has around 1,200 kids … With the current economic situation there are a lot more kids coming into the public school system and the crowding of schools will be increased." An attorney, Mr. Savage supported the opening of Somerset Academy Coral Gables but predicts the city will block expansion as he believes is needed. "The big draw to Pinecrest is its schools and these are solely based on location." This year the Miami-Dade Public School System reduced the number of schools in the controlled choice program from 14 to eight, including the three in Coral Gables. Through controlled choice, parents meeting the basic admissions requirements who already have a child in the school and live closer to it than the others are given preferential consideration for their child's application in the random selection process. After that preference is given for a family with a sibling enrolled but no proximity, then a family with only proximity and lastly a family with no sibling and no proximity. Parents should also submit their application as early as the school permits and apply for kindergarten when the controlled choice program begins rather than first grade when most slots are filled, said Miami-Dade Public School's director of budgets and operations Virna Kaufman, adding that a child who attended a pre-K program offered at Gables Preparatory and Sunset still has to reapply for kindergarten and doesn't have any unfair admissions advantage. But they can also apply to any of the over 100 magnets around the county as well as to charter schools such as the popular Somerset Academy in Coral Gables or South Miami. Those who don't want to enroll their children in their assigned controlled choice school can go through the appeals process where officials will look for "alternative options" based on proximity, workplace and other factors. One lesser-known school that children have been reassigned to is the A-rated David Fairchild Elementary near the University of Miami.

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						"They were accepting transfers from parents who appealed in controlled choice but couldn't get in," Ms. Kaufman said. "There are some schools that have stayed empty because the neighborhood has aged…there are other options around Coral Gables that are very good, viable options." While Gables Preparatory and Sunset usually fill up on the first application round, Ms. Kaufman called Carver, with 527 students, "a little more warm and attentive and flexible." "They have to look at the school. A lot of times parents judge without knowledge…As a parent you need to find what's best for your kid." And students who participate in Carver's extended one hour daily Spanish instruction are given admission priority into G.W. Carver Middle School. "A lot of parents don't know that students in the extended foreign language program at Carver Elementary articulate to Carver Middle School's international education program" that involves rigorous, extended foreign language study but is less intense that its international studies magnet program, explained Ms. Kaufman. Sunset Academy also has a popular elementary grade magnet program for international studies in German, Spanish and French. Beginning in first grade, the program is open to anyone in the county and attracts the majority of Sunset's 1,121 students. But Gables students apply through controlled choice for the non-magnet program for kindergarten and then can apply to transfer into international studies in first grade. For Sunset's and any magnet program active-duty military families get top preference followed by those with an older sibling enrolled followed by students with dual citizenship in a country being studied in the international studies program. "People who are relocating to Miami for different reasons who have dual citizenship do research and purposefully move around the area," she said. "You have a lot of siblings and nationals" at Sunset. At Sunset students can get into the first grade of the magnet program as beginners in the language. "From second grade on it's more rigorous. They need to show a certain level of proficiency. The core courses are delivered in the foreign language. A third of the school day is delivered in the foreign language they may not understand," said Ms. Kaufman. And Sunset magnet students articulate directly into the "very high demand international studies magnet program" at Carver Middle School and take most slots. "Miami-Dade

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						County wants to ensure that students already enrolled in a program have the ability to continue and that students attending the international studies program at Sunset Elementary articulate to international studies at Carver Middle, as this is the only middle school in the district offering the program," said Ms. Kaufman. Those seeking nearby public charter school options have a backup choice for Somerset Academy of South Miami. Last year it had a wait list of 1,000 for its student body of 574 students in K-8, said Florida Consortium of Public Charter Schools spokesperson Lynn Norman-Teck. For students who meet requirements it offers admission based on a lottery, and preference is only given for those with a sibling in the school and not on proximity, with about 73 percent living in South Miami and 10 percent in Coral Gables. While anyone in the county can apply to most charter schools, Somerset Academy of Coral Gables does give preference for those in school proximity but is currently capped at 110 students. "During an enrollment period, if you get more applications than student seats then you get a lottery. That is state law," said Ms. Norman-Teck. Most charter schools have some special focus, with Somerset South Miami offering 10 hours of Spanish or Mandarin weekly. Ms. Norman-Teck argues that charter schools don't hurt regular public ones but raise the bar for all of them. "It's more competition. They all have to be better" to get the students, she added. Gables parents should contact their preferred controlled choice schools about individual deadlines in March. But they can also apply earlier to magnets that accept applications from Oct. 1 through Jan. 15 (documents must be postmarked this year by Jan. 14).
887.	11 18 11	Denie Harrris 625 Puerta Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33143		**X**		From: Denie Harris [mailto:denie.harris@gmail.com] Sent: Friday, November 18, 2011 1:32 PM To: somerset school comments Subject: supoort for Somerset To whom it may concern: I am writing in strong support of Somerset Academy in Coral Gables. I believe the amended application and reduction of students represents a fair compromise to everyone and we urge you to approve the application. I think this school would be an incredible enhancement to our city. Kind regards, Denie and Mason Harris

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888.	11 18 11	Boo Zamek boo@justaskboo.com		X		From: Boo Zamek [mailto:boo@justaskboo.com] Sent: Friday, November 18, 2011 1:38 PM To: somerset school comments Subject: Somerset Gables The amended application and reduction of students represents a fair compromise to everyone and we urge you to approve the application. As a neighbor, parent and 35-year resident of the City of Coral Gables (this neighborhood in particular), I am very sensitive to the problems that some neighboring schools have created in our city. Even though they are great schools, there is no denying the traffic problems that have been created by local educational institutions, private and public alike. Personally I am very proud to be a parent at Somerset Gables, for many reasons. One of them is because of the academic standards the school offers. Another is because of the quality of faculty and staff at the school. And another is because of the caliber of families who choose to educate their children there. Somerset Gables represents a group of highly educated parents who are also warm and genuine. We are a large, loving family. And most of all, we are eager to embrace our neighbors by showing them that once our school is offered the opportunity to educate more kids, we will remain respectful and kind to them and to this (our own) neighborhood. We look forward to showing them that we will NOT create the traffic crunch they so dread, the noise they so fear, or the litter they so envision – but instead will embrace them with the friendship they deserve but sadly, do not expect. On behalf of my friends, my neighbors and our children, I thank you for your kindness in return. Boo (Province) Zamek Boo Zamek, Founder + President
889.	11 18 11	Jennifer and Colby Johnson 622 Velarde Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134		X		From: Jennifer Schull Johnson [mailto:jennifer.schull@gmail.com] Sent: Friday, November 18, 2011 1:57 PM To: somerset school comments Subject: Comments for Somerset Gables To whom it may concern, As Coral Gables residents and proud Somerset Gables parents, we are very hopeful that the City's Planning and Zoning Board will approve Somerset Gables' amended application. We strongly feel the application represents a fair and balanced compromise with the City

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						and concerned neighbors. Somerset Gables has demonstrated it is an excellent neighbor and member of the Coral Gables community - we urge the Planning and Zoning board to approve the amended application so that our families can have access to this incredible educational opportunity into the future. Sincerely, Jennifer and Colby Johnson 622 Velarde Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134
890.	11 18 11	Philip D. Floyd, MD 925 Cotorro Avenue Coral Gables		**X**		From: Philip Floyd [mailto:philipfloydmd@gmail.com] Sent: Friday, November 18, 2011 3:04 PM To: somerset school comments Subject: Somerset Gables Somerset is of vital import to our community. The children of Coral Gables need this wonderful school. A key part of a growing, vibrant community is excellent schools. Without such opportunities, the City Beautiful will not continue to grow. Please support this tremendous asset to our community. Respectfully submitted, Philip D. Floyd, MD 925 Cotorro Avenue Coral Gables
891.	11 19 11	Louan Zagarino 731 Anastasia Ave. 305-447-2293 louanzag@aol.com			**X**	From: Louanzag@aol.com [mailto:Louanzag@aol.com] Sent: Saturday, November 19, 2011 12:31 PM To: somerset school comments Subject: Somerset School Dear All: As a person whose family has lived near University Baptist Church since 1949, I am asking you to please retain it as a church as Merrick gave the land for. The Zoning should NOT be changed as this would hurt not only this neighborhood, but all of Coral Gables. If one parcel could be changed so could any other. Secondly, the neighbors have lived happily with the Ordinance of the 1960s that says that

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						the Church could run a "Mommies Day out" for 110 students with the time from 9-2 This did not affect the traffic, but any larger number would. Thirdly, their are important facts to now consider: a) Segovia is now a 2 lane street b) Anastasia is 2 lane and is an Emergency route c) Anastasia is a bus route with stops both on Segovia and Anastasia at the Church. d) There is a stop light at Anastasia and Segovia which will make the traffic collect d) The traffic would have to cross the newly constructed bike lane. I am a long time resident of Coral Gables and a product of all of the Public Schools. I feel I received a wonderful education as are the students who are attending now. Again, Please vote NO about the Zoning change and maintain the # a 110. Thanking you in advance, Very sincerely, Louan Zagarino 731 Anastasia Ave. 305-447-2293 louanzag@aol.com
892.	11 19 11	Raul R. and Pepi Granat Cuadrado 3250 Riviera Drive Coral Gables, FL 33134			**X**	From: Pepi Granat [mailto:pepigranat@aol.com] Sent: Saturday, November 19, 2011 1:37 PM To: somerset school comments; Cason, Jim; Quesada, Frank; Kerdyk, William; Anderson, Maria; Cabrera, Ralph; Riel, Eric; Carlson, Walter; Bolyard, Scot; Menendez, Jill; Salerno, Patrick; Menendez, Maria A.; Leen, Craig; Foeman, Walter Subject: Somerset Charter School Comments Here is the comment form filled out. Attached. Here are the comments: CHARTER SCHOOL MUST BE OPPOSED The Coral Gables City Commission should NOT grant a change in the LAND USE PLAN requested by Somerset charter school for the church across from the Youth Center. Why not? Because "they" are INVADING our neighborhood --- and, potentially, EVERY Gables neighborhood. We will be betrayed at the hand of our own government. The school has a right to self-interest. But 735 students? That is an INVASION and everyone KNOWS IT. We must FIGHT when we should never have been afflicted in the first place. Fight for peace? Our homes? They have a business (funded by our taxes!!), a treasure chest,

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						money to burn. We scrounge in our non-existent spare time. We residents came to live here based on the land use in effect at the time. If this school increases (now 110 students) it will be a betrayal of the city's covenant with us- - clearly designated on the Land Use Map --- to allow us in peace to enjoy the fruits of the labors of our lives: our dear, enduring, quiet, peaceful homes here in lovely Coral Gables. Raul R. and Pepi Granat Cuadrado 3250 Riviera Drive Coral Gables, FL 33134 2 blocks from UBC Pepi Granat, MD 7800 Red Road, Suite 202 South Miami, FL 33143 305 661 7609; fax 305 667 8266
893.	11 20 11	Sandra and James Pollack 1025 Anastasia Avenue Coral Gables, FL			**X**	From: Sandrajimpollack@aol.com [mailto:Sandrajimpollack@aol.com] Sent: Sunday, November 20, 2011 9:04 AM To: somerset school comments; Cason, Jim; Quesada, Frank; Kerdyk, William; Anderson, Maria; Cabrera, Ralph; Riel, Eric; Carlson, Walter; Bolyard, Scot; Menendez, Jill; Salerno, Patrick; Menendez, Maria A.; Leen, Craig; Foeman, Walter Subject: Proposed Increase in Somerset enrollment We have been living at 1025 Anastasia for the past 45 plus years. The traffic has steadily increased over that time and is now almost unbearable certain hours of the day. I recently saw a child try to cross the street and was almost struck by a car. Animals have been killed on our street. TRAFFIC IS SO HEAVY that I feel like I live on a main thoroughfare on Brickell. The bus traffic, ambulances, construction vehicles, go past our home as well as traffic from the Biltmore. The church itself does not have adequate parking now and if you increase student enrollment it will be impossible certain hours of the day not to have cars parking all around our neighborhood. The church is not safe for an increase in students. Keep our city safe as well as beautiful. Street SAFETY is critical in any community.

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						I BEG YOU NOT TO INCREASE THE ENROLLMENT PROPOSAL. We want to live in a city which is safe and quiet and the City Beautiful. Thank you. Sandra and James Pollack
894.	11 20 11	Karen Myers-Schwartz		**X**		From: Karen Myers-Schwartz [mailto:kmyersschwartz@gmail.com] Sent: Sunday, November 20, 2011 3:32 PM To: somerset school comments Subject: Somerset Academy Coral Gables To Whom it may concern; I am sending this email to show my support for Somerset Academy Coral Gables. We have been working very hard for years to find a compromise with the city and the neighbors so that we can co-exist and our school can continue to benefit the families in Coral Gables. The school is a wonderful addition to the school options available in the Gables and provides parents and children with an option to the existing schools if they so choose. There are hundreds of parents that want this option and are on a wait list to get into the school. They have been waiting for years. Please help us grow our school to an acceptable level for all parties involved. After a lot of hard work by the city and our school, the amended application and reduction of students represents a fair compromise to everyone and we urge you to approve the application. Thank you for your time and consideration, Karen Myers-Schwartz
895.	11 21 11	Robert W. Murray and Barbara Overton 3278 Riviera Drive Coral Gables, FL 33134			**X**	-----Original Message----- From: Murray, Robert W. [mailto:rmurray@morganlewis.com] Sent: Monday, November 21, 2011 7:25 PM To: somerset school comments Cc: Cason, Jim; Quesada, Frank; Kerdyk, William; Anderson, Maria; Cabrera, Ralph; Riel, Eric; Carlson, Walter; Bolyard, Scot; Menendez, Jill; Salerno, Patrick; Menendez, Maria A.; Leen, Craig; Foeman, Walter; Overton, Barbara Subject: Objection to Somerset's Application #07-10-113-P Attached is my objection to Application #07-10-113-P of Somerset Grace Charter School

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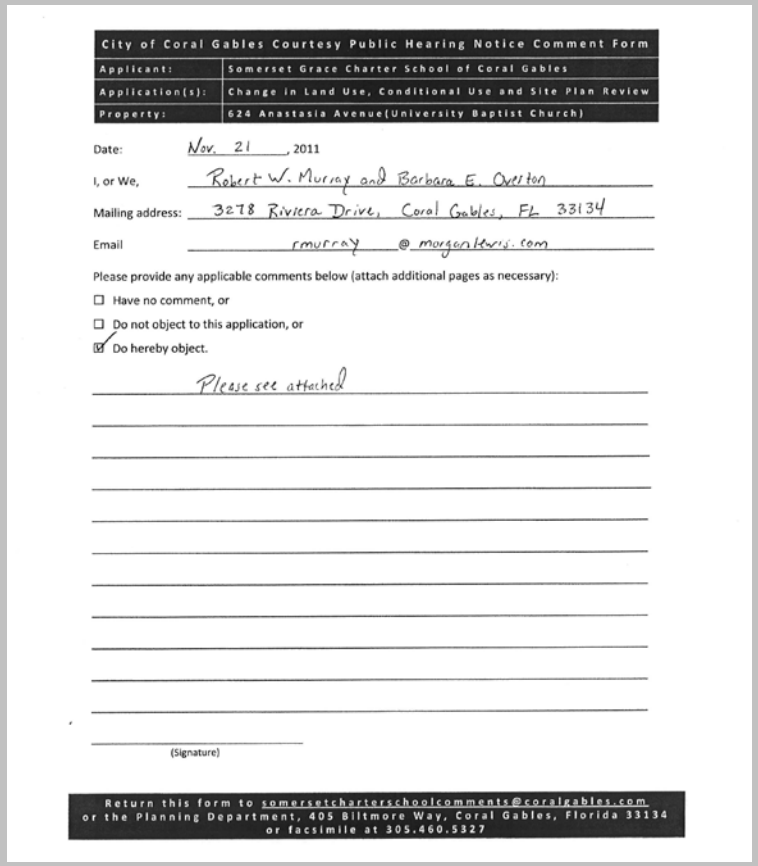
						for the University Baptist Church site. Thank you for your consideration. Robert W. Murray 3278 Riviera Drive Coral Gables, FL 33134 305-441-1894



City of Coral Gables Courtesy Public Hearing Notice Comment Form

Applicant:	Somerset Grace Charter School of Coral Gables
Application(s):	Change in Land Use, Conditional Use and Site Plan Review
Property:	624 Anastasia Avenue(University Baptist Church)

Date: Nov. 21, 2011

I, or We, Robert W. Murray and Barbara E. Overton

Mailing address: 3278 Riviera Drive, Coral Gables, FL 33134

Email rmurray@morganlewis.com

Please provide any applicable comments below (attach additional pages as necessary):

☐ Have no comment, or

☐ Do not object to this application, or

☑ Do hereby object.

Please see attached

(Signature)

Return this form to somersetcharterschoolcomments@coralgables.com or the Planning Department, 405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, Florida 33134 or facsimile at 305.460.5327

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Proposed Somerset Grace Academy Charter School Public Hearing Comments

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						neighborhood residents whose homes will lose significant value as result of being located next to a large school which is not permitted under the current zoning laws and comprehensive land use plan of the City of Coral Gables. When I bought my home 18 years ago and as I decided to keep my family there and not sell it and remain a Coral Gables resident even in the height of real estate craze, I relied in part on the zoning laws and comprehensive land use plan of the City of Coral Gables. To now change those laws and comprehensive plan to allow others to profit at the expense of our neighborhood, would be unfair and a dangerous precedent for all residents of Coral Gables, which I and my neighbors will use all of our legal rights to contest.
896.	11 21 11	Suzette E. Ruiz Principal Somerset Academy Charter School Somerset Academy Middle School 18491 SW 134 Avenue Miami, Florida 33177				From: suzette ruiz <sruiz0520@yahoo.com> Subject: Somerset Academy Date: November 21, 2011 9:42:59 PM EST To: "ERIEL@CORALGABLES.COM" <ERIEL@CORALGABLES.COM> Cc: Paul Zamek <paul.zamek@gmail.com>, Laura Russo <laura@laurarussolaw.com> Reply-To: suzette ruiz <sruiz0520@yahoo.com> Mr. Riel, I wanted to inform you that this afternoon a woman was seen photographing cars and children at Somerset Academy located at 18491 SW 134 Avenue without permission or notice to the school. Parents and teachers were alarmed. When confronted by the assistant principal, Ms. Sandra Grau, she was dismissive and not cooperative. When confronted by one of our officers, Officer McManus, she gave her name Molly Hughes and said she was hired by the City of Coral Gables to study traffic. I was surprised to hear that since you or your staff have always called or emailed me to observe traffic even if off site. Please let me know if she was indeed hired by the City so that I may have answers for our parents who were concerned. In today's environment, parents are concerned when they see someone taking pictures of their children from across the street of their school. The safety and well being of our children, teachers and staff is paramount to us on all of our campuses. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter, Ms. Ruiz Suzette E. Ruiz Principal Somerset Academy Charter School Somerset Academy Middle School 18491 SW 134 Avenue

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						Miami, Florida 33177 Phone: 305-969-6074 Fax: 305-969-6077 Somerset Academy Grace at Coral Gables 624 Anastasia Avenue Coral Gables, Florida 33134 Phone: 305-442-8626 Fax: 305-442-8627
897.	11 22 11	Suzette E. Ruiz Principal Somerset Academy Charter School Somerset Academy Middle School 18491 SW 134 Avenue Miami, Florida 33177				From: suzette ruiz <sruiz0520@yahoo.com> Subject: Somerset Visit Date: November 22, 2011 10:53:46 AM EST To: "llanes@bellsouth.net" <llanes@bellsouth.net> Cc: Paul Zamek <paul.zamek@gmail.com>, Laura Russo <laura@laurarussolaw.com> Reply-To: suzette ruiz <sruiz0520@yahoo.com> Hi Rolando, This is the recount from Ms. Grau, my assistant principal: Today, November 21st, 2011, right before our 3:00p.m. dismissal, I was called outside because there was an unfamiliar person taking pictures in front of the school. When I walked over to the women, Ms. Hugh, I asked her how I could help her. She dismissed me quickly. I proceeded to tell her that the Sysco truck she was taking photos of, was there on behalf of the neighbor across the street to deliver turkeys for the poor on Thanksgiving. She rudely said she didn't care who the truck was there for and continued with her clicker and camera. I then asked her if she was a neighbor, new or old, and if she had spoken to our principal Ms. Ruiz. She said don't worry, I know what I'm doing and I have experience on this matter. Ms. Hugh said she was taking pictures of everything going on. She asked me how many dismissals we had and which grades left at the 3:00p.m. dismissal. I replied that 2nd - 5th grade left at 3:00p.m. Ms. Hugh at no time identified herself and was very abrupt and ill mannered during our conversation. She only identifies herself when the police officer approached her. She told him she had been hired by the City of Coral Gables to do a traffice analysis on this school. She states that there was a charter school being built in Coral Gables by a company called America and they wanted to know how trafffic would impact that area. She took pictures of the Sysco truck and the cars going around it during our three o'clock dismissal. Please let me know if you need anything else. Thank you,

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898.	11 22 11	Rolando Llanes rllanes@civicagroup.com				From: Rolando Llanes [mailto:rllanes@civicagroup.com] Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2011 12:41 PM To: somerset school comments Subject: Response to Soapbox Letter The following is my response to Mr. Rosenberg's letter to the Miami Herald re: charter school safety: Re: Charter Schools Ignore Safety Rules / MH Neighbors Soapbox / November 20, 2011 In his letter regarding the Somerset Academy charter school, Mr Burt Rosenberg makes uninformed and provocative statements about the safety of the educational facility at University Baptist Church, a facility that has been the setting for the educational instruction for school age children and adults in the City Beautiful for over 60 years; and a facility designed to safely accommodate significantly more students than the number the charter school has ever requested. As the architect working with Somerset Academy on its application, please allow me to clarify: • Charter Schools (whether new or occupying existing facilities) are held to the SAME life-safety standards as are traditional public and private schools, including those located in the City of Coral Gables. Charter schools are not exempt from any life-safety requirements that are applicable to any school, including traditional public schools.

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						• The fire and building codes of the State of Florida DO NOT distinguish between the life-safety requirements of a traditional public, public charter or private school. Correctly so, the fire code considers the equitable protection of ALL children, regardless of what type of school they attend, while setting standards that govern newly built as well as existing facilities. • As it had for the decades preceding the opening of the charter school, the City of Coral Gables Fire Department continues to provide annual fire safety inspections of the facility, ensuring that it meets and/or exceeds the requirements that apply to it under the code. A simple phone call to the City's building and fire departments would have further clarified the fact that Somerset has not "turned its back on the building codes". Instead, Somerset, UBC, and the City of Coral Gables Building and Fire Departments have fully embraced all applicable codes in this case, and will continue to do so in the future. Rolando Llanes, R.A.
899.	11 22 11	Shellie Perdigon		**X**		From: Shellie Perdigon [mailto:shellieperdigon@gmail.com] Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2011 12:55 PM To: somerset school comments Subject: November 22, 2011 To Whom in May Concern, I'm writing in support of Somerset Gables Academy. The amended application and reduction of students represents a fair compromise to everyone and we urge you to approve the application. This is the second year that my children have been attending Somerset Gables and our family loves it. The quality of education they are receiving is amazing. We were so concerned about where we were going to send our children to school, but were fortunate enough to get in through the lottery. So many public schools are overcrowded and private schooling isn't an option for us at this time. I'm available to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your time and consideration with our children's future. Thank you, Shellie Perdigon 305-458-8726

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Revised Somerset Grace Academy Charter School - Change in Land Use, Conditional Use and Site Plan Review Applications - 624 Anastasia Avenue (University Baptist Church), Coral Gables, Florida[1, 2]

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900.	11 22 11	Suzette E. Ruiz Principal Somerset Academy Charter School		X		From: suzette ruiz <sruiz0520@yahoo.com> Subject: Re: Onsite Visitation - Somerset Academy Date: November 22, 2011 5:48:46 PM EST To: "Riel, Eric" <eriel@coralgables.com> Cc: Paul Zamek <paul.zamek@gmail.com>, Laura Russo <laura@laurarussolaw.com>, "Bolyard, Scot" <sbolyard@coralgables.com>, "Tompkins, Jane" <jtompkins@coralgables.com>, "Carlson, Walter" <wcarlson@coralgables.com>, "Kephart, Glenn" <gkephart@coralgables.com>, "Masington, Scott" <smasington@coralgables.com> Reply-To: suzette ruiz <sruiz0520@yahoo.com> Thank you Mr. Riel for your response. For your information, Molly Hughes called Somerset Gables today and spoke with Ms Quintas at our front desk. She did not identify who she was representing but wanted to know when she should avoid driving through the neighborhood due to traffic congestion caused by the school. Ms Quintas told her that Somerset has two dismissals right now and that there is no traffic congestion. Somerset would welcome her to observe but would require advance notice so our parents are not alarmed. Molly Hughes did not request to observe our traffic or our students today. We do not know whether or not she came by the school today. In the event someone does report to you about today's pick-up, we would like to let you know that after the second dismissal was complete this afternoon, 3:10pm, a large truck attempted to make a Thanksgiving delivery to the church off of Riviera. Pastor White and I addressed the delivery together immediately. Thank you, Ms. Ruiz Suzette E. Ruiz Principal Somerset Academy Charter School Somerset Academy Middle School 18491 SW 134 Avenue Miami, Florida 33177 Phone: 305-969-6074

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						Fax: 305-969-6077 Somerset Academy Grace at Coral Gables 624 Anastasia Avenue Coral Gables, Florida 33134 Phone: 305-442-8626 Fax: 305-442-8627
901.	11 28 11	Mara Rodriguez-Mena 25 05 Granada Blvd Coral Gables, FL 33134		X		From: Mara Rodriguez-Mena [mailto:mararmena@gmail.com] Sent: Monday, November 28, 2011 5:02 PM To: somerset school comments Subject: Please Approve Somerset Academy Gables Expansion To Whom It May Concern: I am not only a parent but also a neighbor of Somerset Gables. I urge you to approve the amended application submitted by Somerset Academy Gables. They have been willing to compromise in their numbers and work with the neighbors and community in general to reach a fair solution. We are fortunate to have such a prestigious charter school in our neighborhood offering us additional academic options. We are so happy to have our youngest daughter enrolled there and hope for the expansion so other families in our community can enjoy the benefits of having a neighborhood school as we have. Thanking you in advance for your consideration, Mara Rodriguez-Mena 2505 Granada Blvd. Coral Gables, Fl 33134 (305)443-5839
902.	11 29 11	Dimitris @ Panagiota D. Maratos 3267 Riviera Drive Coral Gables, FL 33134			X	From: Dimitris Maratos [mailto:Dimi@noveltexmiami.com] Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2011 9:52 AM To: somerset school comments Subject: OBJECTION TO ALTERIN zONING I HAVE LIVED AT 3257 Riviera Dr SINCE 1980 All the years, the City & my neighborhood have maintained the highest quality of life. I object that now, the City, is even considering changing the Land Use for the UBC property Such a decision would prostitute the quality of the area & convert it to an un-controlled nightmare of traffic congestion, endanger the safety of street walking, greatly increase the

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						lack of sanitation, & numerous other happenings, that are NOT compatible to the Coral Gables "way of living" Dimitris & Panagiota D. Maratos 3267 Riviera Dr. Coral Gables, FL 33134
903.	11 29 11	Pepi and Raul Cuadrado 3250 Riviera Drive Coral Gables, FL 33134			X	From: Pepi Granat [mailto:pepigranat@aol.com] Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2011 10:32 AM To: somerset school comments Subject: Don't ruin our lovely neighborhood..... This is a reminder to read our previous comment letter carefully, prior to the meeting day after tomorrow. It is in YOUR POWER to keep YOUR COVENANT WITH US -- to keep our neighborhood as it was -- or better -- than when we trustingly moved into our dwelling in our lovely city of Coral Gables 43 years ago. Trusting that you will "do the right thing". Sincerely, Pepi and Raul Cuadrado corner Riviera and Anderson -- 3250 Riviera Drive Coral Gables, FL 33134 305 444 6408; 305 206 1044 cell Pepi; 305 794 4107 cell Raul Pepi Granat, MD 7800 Red Road, Suite 202 South Miami, FL 33143 305 661 7609; fax 305 667 8266
904.	11 29 11	Valerie Gelnovatch Partner vgelnovatch@tfgnet.com 202-270-4074			X	From: Val Gelnovatch [mailto:vgelnovatch@tfgnet.com] Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2011 10:46 AM To: somerset school comments Subject: Gables Somerset Academy I am a resident living on Anastasia Avenue and I strongly oppose the revised application by Gables Somerset Academy to increase the enrollment to 436 students from 110 students and to change the current land use designation from "religious / institutional" to "community services and facilities". If the school is allowed to change the comprehensive land use plan and increase the enrollment to 436 students, our neighborhood and all the local streets surrounding the school will have a significant increase in traffic, back-ups, waste, and noise.

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						It is my understanding that City Planners and Traffic Engineers agree that there are significant flaws in Academica's analysis of the capacity of the UBC Parcel to be able to adequately handle the increased traffic. As a Coral Gables resident I pay a premium for the quality of life this neighborhood provides, and that quality of life is a direct result of the strict codes and planning to which all of us are subject. I will be an extremely upset resident if these increases and changes are granted. I do not want more traffic, more noise, and more waste around my home and at the library and youth center that my children use daily. For these reasons I urge you to oppose an increase in the enrollment of Gables Somerset Acacdemy to 436 students from 110 students and to change the current land use designation from "religious / institutional" to "community services and facilities. Sincerely, Valerie Gelnovatch Val Gelnovatch Partner vgelnovatch@tfgnet.com 202-270-4074 1130 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 300 Washington, DC 20036 Phone: 202-331-8500 Fax: 202-331-1598 www.fergusongroup.us
905.	11 29 11	Louan Zagarino 731 Anastasia Avenue louanzag@aol.com 305-447-2993			**X**	From: Louanzag@aol.com [mailto:Louanzag@aol.com] Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2011 11:31 AM To: somerset school comments; Carlson, Walter; Bolyard, Scot; Riel, Eric; jmenedez@coralgables.com; Foeman, Walter Subject: Zoning Change for UBC Dear Mr. Riel and others. I am writing to say that I am AGAINST any zoning change at University Baptist Church. My family has lived near the church since 1949 and have been very happy. We are NOT happy that they want to rent their church to a school who is for profit and is asking for a number beyond the original Ordinance of the City. Anastasia is a emergency route. Anastasia is a bus route. Anastasia is the street of the Biltmore so there is much traffic.

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						Anastasia is a 2 lane street. Please vote NO for any changes. Thank you, Louan Zagarino 731 Anastasia Ave. louanzag@aol.com 305-447-2293
906.	11 29 11	Adhys Izquierdo Obeso 844 Malaga Avenue Adhys1@gmail.com			X	From: adhys izquierdo [mailto:adhys1@gmail.com] Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2011 11:47 AM To: somerset school comments Subject: Public School vs Somerset We already have wonderful public schools available to our children in Coral Gables as well a private schools for those who chose that route. A charter school will syphon the already limited funds from public schools. Please keep the money in the public schools who serve our community's children and reject the application of Somerset/Academica. ---- From: adhys izquierdo <adhys1@gmail.com> Date: November 29, 2011 12:22:22 PM EST To: <eriel@coralgables.com> Subject: Support Public Education Dear Mr. Riel, We are so fortunate to live in a community where we have wonderful public schools available to our children. We also have excellent private schools for those who chose that route. A charter school will syphon the already limited funds from public schools not to mention how it will alter our neighborhood. Please keep the money in the public schools who serve our community's children and reject the application of Somerset/Academica. Best regards, Adhys Obeso 844 Malaga Avenue
907.	11 29 11	Vic Hyder 701 Camilo Avenue			X	From: Vic Hyder [mailto:vichyder@gmail.com] Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2011 12:18 PM

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		Coral Gables, FL				To: Quesada, Frank; Cason, Jim; Kerdyk, William; Anderson, Maria; Cabrera, Ralph; Riel, Eric; Carlson, Walter; Bolyard, Scot; Menendez, Jill; Salerno, Patrick; Menendez, Maria A.; Leen, Craig; Foeman, Walter; somerset school comments Subject: OPPOSED - Somerset's land use change Ladies and Gentlemen, For the record I am vehemently opposed to Gables Somerset Academy request to increase enrollment to 436 students from 110 students and change the current land use designation from "religious / institutional" to "community services and facilities". Please do not allow this to happen! -- Vic Hyder 786.999.9471 701 Camilo Ave Coral Gables, FL
908.	11 29 11	Vivian Rosado 3235 Riviera Dr. Coral Gables, FL			**X**	From: VIVIA ROSADO [mailto:lexlawvr@bellsouth.net] Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2011 2:25 PM To: somerset school comments; Cason, Jim; Quesada, Frank; Kerdyk, William; Anderson, Maria; Cabrera, Ralph; Riel, Eric; Carlson, Walter; Bolyard, Scot; Menendez, Jill; Salerno, Patrick; Menendez, Maria A.; Leen, Craig; Foeman, Walter Cc: lexlawvr@bellsouth.net Subject: REQUEST TO VOTE AGAINST BOTH SOMERSET'S APPLICATIONS to change the current land use and to increase the enrollment to 436 students As a 20-year resident on Riviera Dr., I strongly urge you to vote AGAINST BOTH SOMERSET ACADEMY'S APPLICATIONS to change the current land use and to increase the student enrollment to 436. For Somerset it is about money, but for the residents it is about the quality of life. I moved to Riviera Dr. because of the setting it offered, and relied upon the zoning land use and the belief that City Commissioners and Officials would continue to preserve the neighborhood's character and quality of life. At no time did I expect that I would have to deal with the negative factors associated with traffic from both motor vehicles and individuals from a school just several feet away from my house. Regardless of how much money Somerset spends on "experts" to obtain a report that says what Somerset wants it to say, COMMON SENSE dictates that the area will NOT accommodate the traffic for 436 students without a great imposition on the surrounding neighborhood - - especially since the church property is surrounded by only single-lane

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						traffic patterns. You just need to look at Somerset's other projects to dispel any notion that having 436 or more students will not adversely impact our community. If the school is allowed to change the comprehensive land use plan and increase the enrollment to 436 students, our neighborhood and all the local streets surrounding the school will have a significant increase in traffic, back-ups, waste, road noise, etc. . . . . Our property values and quality of life will be severely impacted. Moreover, it is obvious, that Somerset Academy's tactic is to eventually increase the enrollment to the 735 students enrollment that it originally requested. Once you open the door to allowing a change the land use and an increase in the number of student enrollment, our neighborhood will forever be altered to the detriment of our quality of life. Again, I strongly urge you to vote AGAINST BOTH SOMERSET ACADEMY'S APPLICATIONS to change the current land use and to increase the student enrollment to 436. Sincerely, Vivian Rosado 3235 Riviera Dr. Coral Gables, FL 305.609.8528
909.	11 29 11	Joanne Matthews 636 Camilo Avenue Coral Gables, FL			**X**	From: joanneMatthews [mailto:joanne_matthews@yahoo.com] Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2011 2:58 PM To: Cason, Jim; Quesada, Frank; Kerdyk, William; Anderson, Maria; Cabrera, Ralph; Riel, Eric; Carlson, Walter; Bolyard, Scot; Menendez, Jill; Salerno, Patrick; Menendez, Maria A.; Leen, Craig; Foeman, Walter Cc: somerset school comments Subject: Nov30 hearing - Somerset Charter Academy and property Dear Commissioners, My name is JoAnne Matthews. I reside at 636 Camilo Avenue. I will attend the hearing on Wednesday, but I know that time is limited at that forum, and want to address the issues prior. I purchased our property a year and a half ago. Previously, I lived twelve blocks north, in an 85 year-old home that I developed over the course of 24 years. I've dealt with the City Beautiful on many issues – code, zoning, architectural board. I can tell you that it's often a

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						pain in the you-know-what to abide by imposed restrictions, but I've never come away from the process without great pride and satisfaction to live in a City that respects its heritage and its residents – living standards that are consistent to the City of Coral Gables. During the year of reconstruction on my current 60 year-old dwelling, I respected Coral Gables standards to keep the house very consistent with the neighborhood. I didn't tear it down and create some super structure; and I kept some of the original art décor detail (even though art deco isn't my "thing"). For reasons of a tree, I abandoned plans for a second garage because of access restrictions by the City. When I first learned of the beautification project on Segovia Street, I was delighted to read that it, too, was to be "consistent with the City of Coral Gables" (press release wording). Much in later print included opinions about the Somerset School, as a result of their inflated proposals for enrollment. Their original proposal has been reduced, but it is still inflated and not relevant to this property. I am very familiar with St Thomas Episcopal (with a school enrollment less than the number Somerset is requesting). It sits at the intersection of two major arteries—and they were required to create a wall/perimeter around all sides except the entrance off Kendall. In contrast, the UBC property sits in the middle of a web of low-traffic residential streets. While its current designation (church) and current school enrollment (110) is consistent with the neighborhood, an expansion is not appropriate, for reasons of intrusion (even to some City properties, like the Library parking lot.) The UBC is more consistent with St. Philips, which has an enrollment of 175. People make mistakes. Somerset is a company, and the owners, or their lawyers, perhaps didn't read the words on the document they signed – or thought they could run over regulations. They want to change the rules -- a school, with a handbook of rules for their students, doesn't want to abide by restrictions that are consistent with OUR personal business. It's a corporate business that doesn't want to confine themselves to the designated Coral Gables Business District, for reasons of profit. They have a plan that doesn't fit the property, and they have professionals who are willing to be paid to support their plan. I don't fault them – why not try?! …they just might win for trying. BUT… what does the City and nearby residents have to gain? This decision will have further ramifications. This is not an emotionally charged "association" who is standing up just for the purpose of speaking out -- I'm here to say, we should not have to suffer the consequences of their interpretation of regulations … for reasons of safety and intrusion and value. A change of either the designation of the property use and/or the allowed enrollment of any school choosing to use that property should not be considered consistent with our

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						neighborhood or the City of Coral Gables. Thank you for your attention and consideration. JoAnne Matthews November 29, 2011
910.	11 29 11	Lisa Hyder 701 Camilo Avenue Coral Gables, FL			X	From: Lisa Hyder [mailto:lisah@MdSportscare.com] Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2011 4:56 PM To: Quesada, Frank; Cason, Jim; Kerdyk, William; Anderson, Maria; Cabrera, Ralph; Riel, Eric; Carlson, Walter; Bolyard, Scot; Menendez, Jill; Salerno, Patrick; Menendez, Maria A.; Leen, Craig; Foeman, Walter; somerset school comments Subject: RE: OPPOSED - Somerset's land use change Ladies and Gentlemen, For the record I am also vehemently opposed to Gables Somerset Academy request to increase enrollment to 436 students from 110 students and change the current land use designation from "religious / institutional" to "community services and facilities". The trees on Segovia look beautiful so far and I am very excited to see the finished product, however, it has made Segovia a more dangerous and crowded street on which to drive. I have already been witness to an accident that involved two cars and a cyclist and have been involved in my own "near miss" with someone attempting to make a turn across one of the barriers. Additionally, several of my neighbors and I are curious as to what will happened at the intersection of Segovia and Riviera Drive. The lane in front of UBC that was once a left hand turn only is now blocked off since the barrier now prevents a left hand turn from that lane. What is the plan for that area now? The addition of school buses and cars to support 436 students plus faculty and staff, it seems, will only make things worse. Thank you again for your service. Sincerely, Lisa Hyder 701 Camilo Ave
911.	11 29 11	Grey Bryan 718 Aledo Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134			X	From: Bryan Grey [mailto:gbryan@greybryan.com] Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2011 6:47 PM To: somerset school comments; Cason, Jim; Quesada, Frank; Kerdyk, William; Anderson, Maria; Cabrera, Ralph; Riel, Eric; Carlson, Walter; Bolyard, Scot; Menendez, Jill; Salerno, Patrick; Menendez, Maria A.; Leen, Craig; Foeman, Walter Subject: Opposition To Somerset Gables Expansion

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						Please see the attached letter in opposition to the Somerset Gables expansion request. I am requesting that this letter be placed in the public record for the hearing scheduled for November 30, 2011. Thank you. Grey Bryan 718 Aledo Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 Tel: 305-447-8157 April 23, 2011 I am writing to express my **opposition to the proposed expansion of Somerset Gables**. I have been a resident and homeowner in the city of Coral Gables for ten years. I feel that the zoning rules that Coral Gables strives to maintain truly protect the integrity of the neighborhoods creating a beautiful and safe city. It is in my strong opinion that the Somerset business model as it applies to the UBC location is in direct contrast to these rules and a change in these regulations for one business / organization would have dire consequences in the community. • A change in zoning from "Religious/Institutional" to "Community Services and Facilities" will set a precedent for other churches and temples to request a similar change in order to increase their revenue stream and property value as well as open endless possibilities for future commercial development on these designated properties. • The inability of Somerset's business model to fit within City's long-standing plan does not mandate nor necessitate a change in the City's plan. Rather, just like any other business or educational facility, Somerset must either modify its business model or seek a site which is more suitable for its model. • A 1968 Restrictive Covenant was signed by UBC and the City, declaring that the property would not be leased or used in violation of any ordinances of the City; that part of the property shall not be leased separately from the rest; and that the covenants shall run with the land and be binding upon the trustees and their successors. A covenant is a promise between the City and UBC, and is not to be breached. • Despite Somerset's representations to the contrary, the proposed traffic patterns will greatly increase traffic in a quiet residential neighborhood. At a recent town hall meeting held at UBC, a police officer from a neighboring city cited his concern based upon professional experience and stressed that traffic during the extended morning and afternoon pick up will present a hardship to this neighborhood. He even suggested that the traffic could be alleviated by building a 6 floor parking garage. **I follow the rules of the City** because I recognize their importance in our community in protecting our neighborhood environment as well as our property values. I do not appreciate Somerset's methods of coming into the area and trying to circumvent the rules of the city to accommodate their business model. At the City Commission meeting last spring, the City offered Somerset Academy a compromise number of 210 students. Somerset rejected the offer since this number does not accommodate their business model. How does this justify a change in the master plan of the City? It seems they should also be flexible or look for a new site. If the city really does need an additional school of this size, then careful planning must be made to accommodate the students by finding a space where there can be a field, a library, in a section of town that is more appropriate.

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						My position is **AGAINST** the request to amend the Coral Gables Comprehensive Plan. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN. I love Coral Gables and this beautiful section of the city for what it IS. A school of this size is not appropriate for the surrounding neighborhood and neither is an amendment to our city's comprehensive plan that is intended for private gain. Sincerely yours, Grey Bryan 718 Aledo Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 T: 305-447-8157 E: gbryan@greybryan.com
912.	11 29 11	Brooke Bagnall-Koger 3100 Anderson Road			**X**	From: Brooke Bagnall-Koger [mailto:bagnallkoger@gmail.com] Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2011 10:34 PM To: somerset school comments Subject: Somerset Charter School I oppose the request for a change in land use and increased enrollment proposed by Somerset Gables. I live in the neighborhood and feel that any changes would negatively impact our neighborhood. With an enrollment of 350 or 436, I feel that everyone involved would see a difference in our quiet neighborhood. It would be the largest school in Coral Gables in a residential neighborhood. And there is every reason to expect that if ANY expansion is granted, Somerset will continue to use any means at it's disposal to further expand the school in the years to come. There is no reasonable compromise with a school that will never accept a bargain as a final settlement. I am most concerned about granting a change of land use for Somerset. If Somerset is granted a change in land use then there is no reason why other places in the Gables wouldn't follow as well. One of the reasons we chose to move into the Gables was because of its strict regulations. By changing land use and putting a large school in a quiet neighborhood you will be changing the integrity of Coral Gables. Sincerely, Brooke Bagnall-Koger 3100 Anderson Road
913.	11 30 11	Janet Nostro 728 Catalonia Avenue Coral Gables, FL			**X**	From: Janet Nostro [mailto:nostro@comcast.net] Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2011 8:20 AM To: somerset school comments Cc: Cason, Jim; Quesada, Frank; Kerdyk, William; Anderson, Maria; Cabrera, Ralph; Riel, Eric; Carlson, Walter; Bolyard, Scot; Menendez, Jill; Salerno, Patrick; Menendez, Maria A.; Leen, Craig; Foeman, Walter Subject: Consider the long term consequences before voting

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						Dear Mayor Cason, Commissioners Quesada, Kerdyk, Anderson, Cabrera and Directors: I urge you to vote against changing the land use plan and increasing the student population at Somerset School in Coral Gables, FL. Both of these changes will have a detrimental effect to the neighborhood and the City of Coral Gables. The proposed change to the land use plan is especially disconcerting since it will allow the City to cede control of a piece of property in a largely residential area and puts our City Beautiful at risk. The change in land use will be to a designation that has never before been used in our city. I don't think that Somerset will allow wild, late night parties to take place on its premises, as Balere Language Academy, a Miami Dade charter school located in South Miami Heights did this summer. Nor do I believe that the directors of Acedemia will charge fees for basic classes to the students nor overcharge rent to enrich themselves as did the owners of the Academy of Arts and Minds, another Miami Dade charter school located in Coconut Grove. However I do believe, a change in the land use plan from religious to the never before used in Coral Gables designation, community service facility, opens the door to unintended consequences. Poorly attended, financially struggling churches throughout the city may want the same rights to open their doors to privately owned charter schools. The new owners may not be as responsible as the politically savvy directors Fernando Zuleueta and Maggie Fresen. I also object to the proposed 436 students attending school at the site which exceeds the amount of students allowed for in a 1977 covenant between the University Baptist Church and the City of Coral Gables which allowed for 110 students. This covenant was supposed to be a permanent, not a temporary agreement. If a covenant can be broken after 30 years, imagine what can happen to a zoning change, where the city will have less control over its outcome! For these reasons, I believe it is imperative that the commission and board put the interests of our city of neighborhoods before the interests of privately run schools and vote NO to changing the land use plan and vote NO to increasing the student enrollment. There are many suitable sites for development in the urban core of the city for school of this magnitude but the neighborhood University Baptist Church site is not appropriate. Janet Nostro 728 Catalonia Avenue Coral Gables, FL
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