

8901 Arvida Lane
Coral Gables, FL 33156

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Distinguished Commissioners and Honorable Mayor:

Unfortunately, during the last 12 years, the City of Coral Gables has failed to properly maintain my backyard, at 8901 Arvida Lane, free of Seaweeds. It has been a constant struggle to obtain services because our City doesn't have the right leadership and necessary will to perform its obligations.

I have never heard a bad excuse from the City. These are some of them: the Seawitch is too old, different mechanical failures, can't pay overtime, when needed the operator is not available, he might be sick or on vacation, the wind is going to switch N.W. tomorrow, we are busy at another location, we can't start working until after 9:00am and we have to stop cleaning at 2:00pm because we need to unload the barge before 4:00pm, impossible to unload the barge because the dump truck just broke down, etc., etc., etc.

This terrible situation is absolutely unacceptable. It devalues my property by millions of dollars. The Accumulation of Seaweed has caused frequent damages to our Boat. We cancelled a party scheduled for Easter Sunday because of the irresistible stench blowing into our home. Since I moved to this location, I have paid more than \$2.5M on property taxes. Talking about purchasing a new boat or hiring a private contractor hasn't resolved this problem.

I sincerely love the City of Coral Gables. However, this serious problem must be resolved now. The City was put on notice more than a decade ago. I am running out of patience. Please, take action to address this disaster and avoid future problems.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

I remain respectfully yours,


Manuel C. Diaz

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