

June 11, 2023

To: City of Coral Gables Mayor and Commissioners

Re: Item F-8 June 13 Commission – Roundabout at Coral Way/Anderson/ S Greenway

My name is Maritza Jacobson. My husband Robert and I are residents and owners at 2401 Anderson Road Apt 1, Coral Gables, FL 33134 since 2002. Our building is directly in front of this intersection. My husband is also on the Board of Directors of our building's association. We are writing this letter on behalf of ourselves and the Board of Directors of Avignon in the Gables in support of the roundabout. I was present at both the HPB meeting of March 16, 2023 and the recent Transportation Advisory Board Meeting to present our support for this roundabout.

Over the last 21 years, we have witnessed hundreds of accidents in this intersection including rollovers. My husband and I use this intersection regularly to walk our dogs on the golf course and drive through it only if absolutely necessary preferring to go the back way to Granada in order to head west on Coral Way. This intersection is extremely dangerous for both drivers and pedestrians with the high rates of speed of the cars on Coral Way. These cars are "blind" to the cars and pedestrians trying to cross Coral Way from both Anderson Road and So. Greenway until they are at the intersection which is the cause of all these accidents.

We were very distressed that the roundabout was turned down during the HPB meeting and that priority was given to the aesthetics and historic aspect of this intersection rather than the safety of the residents. We are all for historic preservation and the importance that is given to that is one of the reasons we moved to the Gables over 30 years ago. But Historic Preservation needs to take into consideration Public Safety. Our population and traffic patterns have changed significantly since these city "Plazas" were built.

Various proposals have been discussed over the many years that the safety issue of this intersection has been raised. The roundabout seems to be the most viable solution. Miami-Dade County in coordination with the city's transportation board have approved it and it is my understanding that the County is funding most of the cost for this project.

We urge you to approve the roundabout and accept the county's proposal and the city's Transportation Advisory board's recommendation.

Sincerely,

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Board of Directors Avignon in the Gables