

**BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
OF CORAL GABLES**

September 28, 2012

Mr. Patrick Salerno
City Manager
City of Coral Gables
405 Biltmore Way, 1st Floor
Coral Gables, FL 33134

Dear Mr. Salerno:

The Business Improvement District of Coral Gables (“BID”) is seeking permission and support from the City of Coral Gables for our fourth annual “Giralda under the Stars.” With your prior support, this series has been well received by the public, our residents and our local businesses. This winter’s series is being planned for the first Friday of each month from November 2012 through April 2013. Pursuant to city code, we respectfully request the waiving of payment for parking meters on the 100 block of Giralda Avenue after 5:30 PM on those six dates: November 2nd and December 7th, 2012; January 4th, February 1st, March 1st, and April 5th, 2013.

74-140(f) of the City Code states that a request for a waiver of payment for parking meters shall be made directly to the City Commission. The meters are in use most of the day, and the revenue in nearby garages and surface lots historically outweighs the revenue loss at the meters when the street is closed in the evening hours.

The BID underwrites this series, with a small contribution from each restaurant, spending over \$25,000 including off-duty police officers, barricades rented from the City, special event fee, insurance, lighting, clean-up and advertising support.

Thank you in advance for considering our request. Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (305) 569-0311.

Regards,



Mari Gallet
Executive Director

