

**BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
OF CORAL GABLES**

October 19, 2009

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

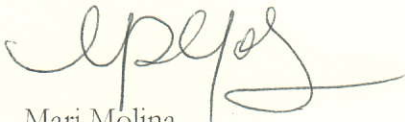
Dear Mr. Salerno:

The Business Improvement District of Coral Gables ("BID") is seeking permission and support from the City of Coral Gables for a pilot program, tentatively called "Giralda under the Stars," designed to increase traffic to the City's famed "Restaurant Row" during these tough economic times. The concept is to close the 100 block of Giralda Street on the first Friday of each month from November or December 2009 through May 2010. Restaurants in the 100 block would set up their tables in the street and provide music, creating a festive and village-like atmosphere for diners to enjoy. This effort is unanimously supported by the restaurants located on this block.

Enclosed please find a breakdown of the estimated cost of one evening. The BID is trying to minimize and mitigate costs as much as possible. Section 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. We respectfully request the opportunity to do so before the October 27<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting, with your permission.

Thank you in advance for considering our request. Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (305) 569-0311.

Regards,



Mari Molina  
Executive Director

Enclosure

