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Peter J. Iglesias, PE City Manager, The City of Coral Gables 405 Biltmore Way Coral Gables, Florida 33134

Re: The Standard at Coral Gables

Property: 1500 Venera Avenue, Coral Gables, FL

File No.: 17L-134

Dear Mr. Iglesias,

My office represents The Standard of Coral Gables that is in the final stages of completion of the mixed use project located at 1500 Venera Avenue at the intersection of Venera, Yumuri and San Remo. A requirement of the approval is for off-site improvements at the intersection of Red Road, Madruga and Venera that are northwest of the project. The Resolution 2018-148 approving the project requires that this work be completed prior to first Certificate of Occupancy or Temporary Certificate of Occupancy.

We respectfully request that this provision of the Resolution be amended to allow for this work to be completed before the final Certificate of Occupancy. The design of the named intersection has proven to be technically difficult due to the geometry of the three-way intersection and the use by delivery trucks to Whole Foods that need to maneuver through there. But for the uniqueness of the situation and the revelation that the redesign could negatively impact an adjacent property and my client advising the City of such, the work could have been designed, permitted and constructed timely. My client has been working diligently with Public Works staff to come up with a workable solution for all that are impacted by that intersection.

The proposed amendment is reasonable under the unusual circumstances. We request that you please place this proposed amendment on the next City Commission agenda.

Thank you and should you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Sincerely,

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