

CORAL GABLES



**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR DOWNTOWN CORAL GABLES
"STREETSCAPE DESIGN PROGRAM"**

The undersigned Chairman and President of The Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce, a Florida not-for-profit corporation ("The Chamber"), does hereby certify that the following resolution was duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors of The Chamber (the "Board"), duly called and held in Coral Gables, Florida on October 29, 2008 in which meeting a quorum was present and acting throughout:

WHEREAS, Downtown Coral Gables has formed a Streetscape Design Committee with consultant planners and urban designers from the University of Miami and they have conducted a series of studies including existing conditions, exemplary urban main streets and streetscape elements in other communities and reviewed several streetscape design scenarios for the redevelopment of Miracle Mile including substantial enhancements to the streetscape of this area; and,

WHEREAS, the Coral Gables Chamber supports the vision proposed by the Streetscape Design Committee and adopted by the BID to design Miracle Mile as a premier main street destination that strikes a better balance between pedestrian and vehicular traffic; and,

WHEREAS, the Coral Gables Chamber supports the reconfiguration of Miracle Mile's streetscape to create a greatly enhanced urban main street destination that is highly visible, colorful, and attractive while greatly increasing space for sidewalk cafes, kiosks and gathering places all of which, in the aggregate, will render the downtown as a "Destination"; and

WHEREAS, the Coral Gables Chamber supports the design plans for changing the existing angle parking to parallel parking on Miracle Mile and implementing a shared street design for Giralda's Restaurant Row; and,

WHEREAS, the Coral Gables Chamber supports the BID in their search for funding options for the redevelopment Miracle Mile; and,

WHEREAS, the Coral Gables Chamber supports the Streetscape design priority of improving drainage, alley conditions and paseos connecting parking garages to Miracle Mile. Improving connections and paseos between downtown garages and the street will further encourage walkability, mitigate losses in on-street parking, and position the area as a destination; and,

WHEREAS, the Coral Gables Chamber encourages the City of Coral Gables to minimize the amount of assessments that would be passed through to the property owners; and,

WHEREAS, the Coral Gables Chamber encourages the City of Coral Gables to provide a favorable repayment structure for any assessments imposed as a result of this Streetscape project; and,

WHEREAS, the Coral Gables Chamber believes that this is a positive project for the economy and prestige of the City of Coral Gables; and

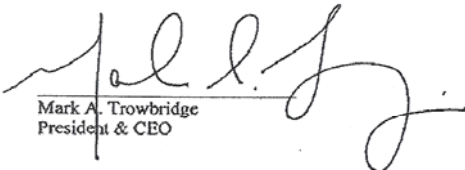
WHEREAS, the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce, for many reasons, believes it to be in the best interest of both the residents and the business community for the Downtown Coral Gables Streetscape Project to proceed in an efficient manner; and,

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce hereby supports and endorses the Miracle Mile Streetscape Project of Downtown Coral Gables to the Coral Gables community and urges the City of Coral Gables to work constructively with Downtown Coral Gables BID; and its affiliates, to ensure that the "Downtown Coral Gables Streetscape Design Program" moves forward successfully and in a timely manner.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Resolution effective as of October 29, 2008.

THE CORAL GABLES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

By: _____
Marc A. Berenfeld
Chairman



Mark A. Trowbridge
President & CEO