

Parallel vs Angle Parking Letters

Company	Address	Categories	Merchant	Owner	Both
Mia Cucina	105-107 Miracle Mile	Furniture & Housewares		1	
Pasha's and Chilorio's (2 separate storefronts)	130 Miracle Mile	Restaurants & Gourmet Foods		1	
I Designs Optical Boutique	210 Miracle Mile	Opticals		1	
Relax the Back	212 Miracle Mile	Furniture & Housewares		1	
Gables Shoes & Handbags	216 Miracle Mile	Shoes		1	
Judy Weissel, prop owner for: Fat Burger, California Pizza Kitchen, Cleber Lopes, Gabriella Arango, Lister Jewelers	232, 300, 330, 332, 334 Miracle Mile				1
John Martin's	253 Miracle Mile	Restaurants & Gourmet Foods	1		
The Dog Bar	259 Miracle Mile	Pet Foods & Accessories	1		
Jose Roca Fine Jewelry Designs	297 Miracle Mile	Jewelers	1		
J. Bolado Clothiers	314 Miracle Mile	Men's Apparel	1	1	1
Bertini European Clothing Men	315 Miracle Mile	Men's Apparel	1	1	1
Cleber Lopes	330 Miracle Mile	Beauty	1		
Century 21 Premier Elite Realty	375 Miracle Mile	Real Estate		1	
Randazzo's	375 Miracle Mile	Restaurants & Gourmet Foods		1	
Sports X-Change	45 Miracle Mile	Restaurants & Gourmet Foods	1		
Tarpon Bend Raw Bar & Grill	65 Miracle Mile	Restaurants & Gourmet Foods	1		
Montica Jewelery	75 Miracle Mile	Jewelers			
			12	6	2
		Total Letters:			16

**Other BID Merchants, off-Miracle Mile, in support of Parallel**

Da Vittorio 270 Giralda  
 Ruth's Chris Steak House 2320 Salzedo  
 Fleming's Prime Steak House 2525 Ponce de Leon  
 Fritz & Franz Bierhaus 60 Merrick Way

**Other Letters & Emails in support of Parallel**

UM President Donna E. Shalala	University of Miami President
Segovia Towers Home Owners Association	C. G. Home Owners Association
Gary Sample	C.G. Resident
Mireya Novo	C.G. Resident
Tom Grabowski	Business Owner/City Signage expert
Eileen Sanchez Medina	Former CG Resident

**Letters & Emails received AGAINST Parallel Parking**

Xinia Foster	Resident	Against Parallel
Ray James		Against Parallel

Entered into the  
 Public Record during  
 the City of Coral Gables  
 Commission meeting  
 of 2/10/09,  
 in connection with  
 Agenda Item H-3

WALTER J. FOEMAN  
 City Clerk

February 6, 2009

Coral Gables City Commissioners,  
City of Coral Gables, Florida

Dear Commissioners:

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As a

property owner  
 business owner

with a great investment in this area, providing jobs and contributing to the City in the form of taxes and fees, I believe the parallel option has the greatest ability to support our status as a destination and our investment.

I respectfully request that you adapt the parallel scheme.

Sincerely,

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name  
\_\_\_\_\_  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

105 Miracle Mile

February 6, 2009

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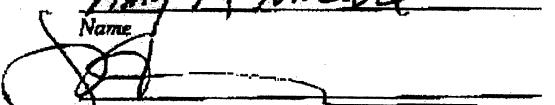
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Sincerely,

Amy Khorasani

Name

  
Signature

130 Miracle Mile

Address

February 6, 2009

Mari Molina  
Executive Director  
Business Improvement District of Coral Gables  
220 Miracle Mile, Ste. 234  
Coral Gables, FL 33134

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As a tenant with a great investment in this area, providing jobs and contributing to the City in the form of taxes and fees, I believe the parallel option has the greatest ability to support our status as a destination and our investment.

Sincerely,

  
Helena Ulloa  
I-Designs Inc.

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Sincerely,

Dona Jordan

Name

Dona Jordan

Signature

212 Miracle Mile

Address

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As a TENANT with a great investment in this area, providing jobs and contributing to the City in the form of taxes and fees, I believe the parallel option has the greatest ability to support our status as a destination and our investment.

Sincerely,

  
TONY GAMBER.  
GABES SHOES  
(305) 446-2447.

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Sincerely,  
Trustee of Mildred W. Brown, LLC.  
Judith S. Wessel, Manager - Trustee  
Name

Judith Wessel, Manager - Trustee  
Signature

232 M.M.

Address

300 M.M.

330 - 336 M.M.

February 3, 2009

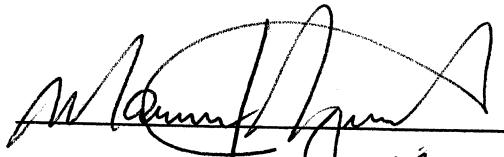
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Sincerely,

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner/Manager Name: Martin Lynch  
Restaurant Name: Sophia Martinis

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Sincerely,

Steven Cohen  
Name  
  
Signature

259 Miracle Mile  
Address  
"The dog bar"

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Sincerely,

Jose Roca

Name

Jose Roca

Signature

297 Miracle Mile, Coral Gables.

Address

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Sincerely,

Name

Jose Bolado

Signature

JB

Address

314 MIRACLE MILE

Pepi Bertini

Pepi Bertini | 315 Miracle Mile | Coral Gables | Fl 33134  
P: 305.443.7972 | F: 305.461.3884 | E: [www.pepibertini.com](http://www.pepibertini.com)

February 5, 2009

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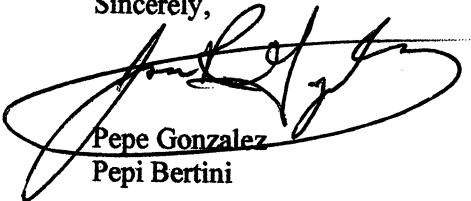
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Sincerely,



Pepe Gonzalez  
Pepi Bertini

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Sincerely,

CLEBER LOPEZ BEAUVILLE INSTITUTE

Name



Signature

370 MIRACLE MILE

Address



**PATRICIA DeLINOIS**  
President, CEO  
Broker-Owner  
Master Brokers Forum

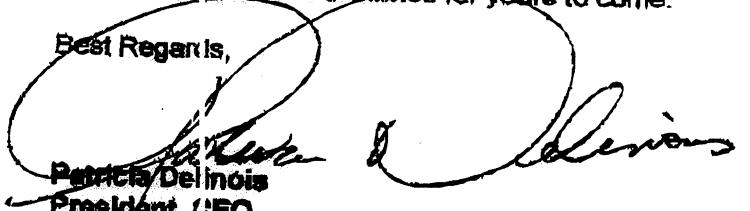
February 3, 2009

**Ms. Mari Molina**  
Executive Director  
Business Improvement District of Coral Gables  
220 Miracle Mile, Suite 234  
Coral Gables, Florida 33134

As owners of the corner building on Lejune Road and the 300 Block of Miracle Mile, a/k/a Miracle Mile Plaza Inc. a/k/a 375 Miracle Mile, we are writing to acknowledge our support of the vision proposed by the Streetscape Design Committee and adopted by the Business Improvement District to design Miracle Mile as a premier main street destination that strikes a better balance between pedestrian and vehicular traffic. This includes moving to parallel parking from the current diagonal, thereby increasing space for sidewalk cafes, and gathering places, creating a greatly enhanced urban main street destination for our community. Such improvements will surely draw a greater number of locals and visitors downtown and will provide new economic opportunities for the city and our local business and property owners.

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Best Regards,

  
Patricia DeLinois  
President, CEO  
Broker-Owner  
Century 21 Premier Elite Realty  
[www.premiermiami.com](http://www.premiermiami.com)

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February 3, 2009

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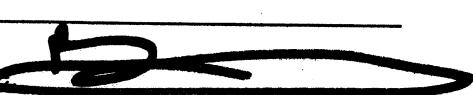
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Sincerely,

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Owner/Manager Name: 

Restaurant Name: Sports Exchange

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Sincerely,

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Owner/Manager Name: WAYNE EURED

Restaurant Name: TARPON BEND Raw Bar & GRILL

**MONTICA**  
JEWELRY

February 6, 2009

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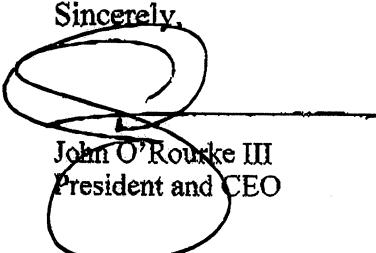
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Sincerely,



John O'Rourke III  
President and CEO

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Sincerely,



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Owner/Manager Name: Fabian Basabe

Restaurant Name: Da Vittorio

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Sincerely,



Owner/Manager Name: Samuel Guelo  
Restaurant Name: Luthi's Othni's Steak House

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Sincerely,

Owner/Manager Name: Paula Maguire

Restaurant Name: Fleming's Prime Steakhouse

February 3, 2009

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Sincerely,

Owner/Manager Name: PETER LERFORS

Restaurant Name: TRIP TRAP GOURMETS

# UNIVERSITY OF Miami

February 5, 2009

Ms. Mari Molina  
Executive Director  
Business Improvement District of Coral Gables  
Suite 234  
220 Miracle Mile  
Coral Gables, Florida 33134

Dear Mari:

I am writing to express my support for the Business Improvement District's Miracle Mile and Giralda Streetscape Design project. This major capital improvement initiative and greatly enhance the downtown area and make Coral Gables an even better place to live, work and play.

Sidewalk cafes and public art will provide an overall more aesthetically appealing environment on Miracle Mile and Giralda Avenue. Such improvements will surely draw a greater number of locals, visitors, and UM students and employees downtown, and will provide new economic opportunities for the city and our local business and property owners.

We are proud of our City Beautiful and encourage your vision to enhance the area to create a dynamic, lively, thriving downtown destination so that residents and visitors can continue to enjoy Downtown Coral Gables for years to come.

Sincerely



Donna E. Shalala

DES:sa

Office of the President  
P.O. Box 248006  
Coral Gables, Florida 33124-4600  
305-284-5155  
Fax: 305-284-3768



February 9, 2009

**Mari Molina**  
Executive Director  
Business Improvement District of Coral Gables  
220 Miracle Mile, Ste. 234  
Coral Gables, FL 33134

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Segovia Tower Condominium Association, Segovia Tower is located in Coral Gables only a few blocks Miracle Mile. Our homeowners would like to acknowledge and support the vision proposed by the Streetscape Design Committee and adopted by the Business Improvement District to design Miracle Mile as a premier main street destination that strikes a better balance between pedestrian and vehicular traffic. Increasing the sidewalk space better lends itself for cafes, kiosks and gathering places, creating a greatly enhanced urban main street destination for our community making Coral Gables an even better place to live, work and play. Such improvements will surely draw a greater number of locals and visitors downtown and will provide new economic opportunities for the city and our local business and property owners.

Sincerely,

**Louis G. Spelios**  
President, Segovia Tower HOA

**Taciana Amador**

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**From:** carioca3@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 10, 2009 10:50 AM  
**To:** info@shopcoralgables.com  
**Subject:** Streetscape Project

I remember visiting downtown Coral Gables in the middle of Summer back in 1980, it was a hot, empty mass of buildings and pavement. There was little street life or pedestrian activity, and not an inviting place to stroll, linger or much less eager to return to. With that image in mind I fully support "The proposed plan for Miracle Mile will strike a better balance between pedestrian and vehicular traffic by converting the current angled parking to parallel parking to support pedestrian circulation, the creation of natural gathering places and utilization of sidewalk space for cafes, public art and kiosks." One question: I saw the before/after images but how will bikes fit into this proposal.....i.e. making downtown more bike friendly with bike lanes, racks, etc.?

Regards,

Gary Sample  
912 Tangier Street  
Coral Gables, FL 33134

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## Taciana Amador

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**From:** streetsc@westminster.directrouter.com on behalf of Mireya Novo  
[wordpress@streetscape.shopcoralgables.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 09, 2009 11:55 AM  
**To:** tamador@shopcoralgables.com  
**Subject:** [Coral Gables BID Streetscape Project] Comment: "Streetscape Project is Moving Forward"

New comment on your post #52 "Streetscape Project is Moving Forward"

Author : Mireya Novo (IP: 76.109.13.135 , c-76-109-13-135.hsd1.fl.comcast.net)

E-mail : mirel234@aol.com

URL : <http://CGResident>

Whois : <http://ws.arin.net/cgi-bin/whois.pl?queryinput=76.109.13.135>

Comment:

I will not be able to attend the meeting but I think the changes proposed for the Mile and Giralda are terrific.

Make them come true!

You can see all comments on this post here:

<http://streetscape.shopcoralgables.com/archives/52#comments>

Delete it: <http://streetscape.shopcoralgables.com/wp-admin/comment.php?action=cdc&c=65>

Spam it: <http://streetscape.shopcoralgables.com/wp-admin/comment.php?action=cdc&dt=spam&c=65>

## Taciana Amador

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**From:** streetsc@westminster.directrouter.com on behalf of Tom Graboski  
[wordpress@streetscape.shopcoralgables.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2009 9:46 AM  
**To:** tamador@shopcoralgables.com  
**Subject:** [Coral Gables BID Streetscape Project] Comment: "Miracle Mile & Restaurant Row Streetscape - Final Recommendation Oct. 08"

New comment on your post #40 "Miracle Mile & Restaurant Row Streetscape - Final Recommendation Oct. 08"

Author : Tom Graboski (IP: 68.153.189.103 , adsl-068-153-189-103.sip.mia.bellsouth.net)  
E-mail : tom\_graboski@tgadesign.com

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Whois : <http://ws.arin.net/cgi-bin/whois.pl?queryinput=68.153.189.103>

Comment:

The images all address the streetscape in the public sector but I didn't see any mention of what the individual building and land owners will need to do as part of the effort. MUST do as part of the effort!

It has been my experience that many building owners simply collect the rent and let the tenant make all the improvements.

If street front facade improvement is not required of the OWNERS than only half of the results will happen. Successful retail environments both inside and outside type of experiences, usually require by lease conditions a facade make over every 5, 7, or 10 years in order to get a new lease. They require that the store window be changed weekly or monthly. That's good retail sense.

It is easier to do this of course in a mall or built environment where there is one landlord, but it could be a policy of the BID to make this happen.

There are more than one store on the Mile and Giralda that have been there over 20 or even 30 years and the facade and store interiors look the same as day one. Tradition is good but Old looks old.

A constantly changing environment creates a new experience along the streetscape even if it just changing the window display.

The opportunity to do something great in Coral Gables is exciting and now is the time.

The time for re-investment in the community is now.

Both public AND private sector MUST participate because if one party sits back and lets the other do their half we will not get the result everyone wants.

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## **Mari Molina**

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**From:** Eileen Sanchez-Medina [esanchezmedina@bellsouth.net]

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 04, 2009 11:36 AM

**To:** COMMISSIONERS@coralgables.com

**Subject:** Supporting Streetscape

Commissioners:

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Sincerely -

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## Taciana Amador

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**From:** Foster, Xinia M. [XAmadorFoster@dadeschools.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 09, 2009 8:06 AM  
**To:** info@shopcoralgables.com  
**Subject:** New Parking Propsal

I have been a resident of Coral Gables since I was 12 years old. I am now 37 years old. I have seen many ideas come and go in this time, but the idea of changing the parking from its current configuration to parallel parking is the most ludicrous idea I have ever heard of. I am adamantly opposed this idea. I am furthermore offended that you, my board, would put the dollar before the resident. I go to to Miracle Mile to get books, bagels, coffee, my weeding dress, etc and I have never had a problem getting to any shop. I have never had a problem as a pedestrian moving around Coral Gables. This idea is just plain, well as my students would say, "STUPID," not to mention costly at a time when we need to conserve. Do not sell the people who live in Coral Gables out to make the people and companies who live off us happy, this will be a grave mistake.

Xinia Foster  
1620 Ferdinand Street  
Coral Gables, Florida 33134  
305-484-7424

## Taciana Amador

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**From:** streetsc@westminster.directrouter.com on behalf of Ray  
[wordpress@streetscape.shopcoralgables.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 09, 2009 11:55 AM  
**To:** tamador@shopcoralgables.com  
**Subject:** [Coral Gables BID Streetscape Project] Comment: "Streetscape Project is Moving Forward"

New comment on your post #52 "Streetscape Project is Moving Forward"  
Author : Ray (IP: 98.64.56.136 , 98.64.56.136) E-mail : rayjames@usa.com  
URL : <http://CoralGablesResident>  
Whois : <http://ws.arin.net/cgi-bin/whois.pl?queryinput=98.64.56.136>

Comment:

I am in total shock that anyone is thinking of converting the angle parking to parallel parking. The loss of spaces is incredible and the loss of visitors will be even more. Garage parking is expensive and is more time consuming than just being able to drive up and park. Spend the money on attracting a tenants and a great tenant mix. You are missing the boat--especially in these tough economic times!

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## **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

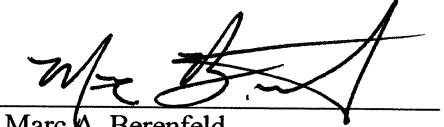
**WHEREAS**, the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce, for many reasons, believes it to be in the best interest of both the residents and the business community for the Downtown Coral Gables Streetscape Project to proceed in an efficient manner; and,

**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

26 Business & Property Owners who are opposed  
to losing parking

we all want to see the streetscape improve

**PETITION TO OPPOSE ANY REDUCTION OF PARKING OR SPECIAL  
ASSESSMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE MIRACLE MILE  
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Signed:

Business Name and Address:

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## Paz, Evelyn

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**From:** Slesnick, Donald  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2009 10:10 PM  
**To:** esanchezmedina@bellsouth.net  
**Cc:** Paz, Evelyn  
**Subject:** RE: Supporting Streetscape

Dear Eileen: Thank you for your thoughtful message – I will certainly consider your opinion. Don Slesnick

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**From:** Eileen Sanchez-Medina [mailto:[esanchezmedina@bellsouth.net](mailto:esanchezmedina@bellsouth.net)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 04, 2009 11:36 AM  
**To:** Commissioners  
**Subject:** Supporting Streetscape

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## Paz, Evelyn

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**From:** Slesnick, Donald  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2009 10:05 PM  
**To:** Paz, Evelyn  
**Subject:** FW: We Need Your Support

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**From:** Slesnick, Donald  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2009 10:05 PM  
**To:** 'Thorsten Kling'  
**Subject:** RE: We Need Your Support

Dear Thorsten:  
Thank you for offering you opinion about Miracle Mile. I will certainly consider it when making a decision on this matter.  
Regards,  
Don Slesnick

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**From:** Thorsten Kling [mailto:[thorsten@kling-web.de](mailto:thorsten@kling-web.de)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 04, 2009 4:18 PM  
**To:** Commissioners  
**Subject:** Fwd: We Need Your Support

I definitely support having a more pedestrian friendly Miracle Mile. I live in walking distance to Miracle Mile and spend a lot of time there mostly for entertainment purposes.

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Thorsten Kling  
Managing Consultant  
SAP Process Integration  
cell: +1 305 491 2824

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** [info@shopcoralgables.com](mailto:info@shopcoralgables.com)  
**Date:** 4. Februar 2009 14:19:42 GMT-06:00  
**To:** [thorsten@kling-web.de](mailto:thorsten@kling-web.de)  
**Subject:** We Need Your Support

**Paz, Evelyn**

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**From:** Slesnick, Donald  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2009 10:04 PM  
**To:** alfmicfood@yahoo.com  
**Cc:** Paz, Evelyn  
**Subject:** RE: Streetscape

Dear Alfredo:  
Thank you for your comments regarding Miracle Mile. They will certainly be considered in my deliberation.  
Regards,  
Don Slesnick

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**From:** Alfredo Lardizabal Jr. [mailto:[alfmicfood@yahoo.com](mailto:alfmicfood@yahoo.com)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 04, 2009 3:46 PM  
**To:** Slesnick, Donald  
**Subject:** Streetscape

Dear Mayor,

As a resident of Coral Gables and frequent visitor (with my family) to Miracle Mile, I would like to see more outdoor cafes, public art displays and enhanced landscaping on Miracle Mile and the Giralda Avenue 's Restaurant Row.

I will be unable to attend the commission meeting that's scheduled for Feb 10th because I will be out of town, but I ask that you give serious consideration to the proposed "Streetscape Initiative".

Best regards,

Alfredo Lardizabal

**Paz, Evelyn**

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**From:** Slesnick, Donald  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2009 10:01 PM  
**To:** Paz, Evelyn  
**Subject:** FW: Support

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**From:** Slesnick, Donald  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2009 10:00 PM  
**To:** 'MNPAGES@aol.com'  
**Subject:** RE: Support

Dear Marta and Ramon:  
Thank you for your comment.  
Don Slesnick

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**From:** MNPAGES@aol.com [mailto:MNPAGES@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2009 5:18 PM  
**To:** Commissioners  
**Subject:** Support

My husband and I, wholeheartedly support the project of improving downtown  
Coral Gables., without any further delay. Get to it!  
Thank you.

Marta and Ramon Pages  
Coral Gables, Fl. 33146

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## Paz, Evelyn

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**From:** Slesnick, Donald  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2009 10:00 PM  
**To:** geoff stone  
**Cc:** Paz, Evelyn  
**Subject:** RE: Miracle Mile Streetscape Improvement

Dear Geoff:

Thank you for your comments about Miracle Mile. They are appreciated and will be saved for my use when this subject comes before the Commission.

Don Slesnick

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**From:** geoff stone [mailto:[geoffstone@hotmail.com](mailto:geoffstone@hotmail.com)]

**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2009 9:11 PM

**To:** Commissioners

**Subject:** Miracle Mile Streetscape Improvement

As residents of Coral Gables, my wife and I are delighted by the idea that Miracle Mile is being redesigned, especially if the sidewalks can be widened and parking changed to parallel. As a city with a European flair, the Miracle Mile district cries out for outdoor seating where a family like ours can sit out at 11pm at night and sip coffee, wine, or beer at a sidewalk bistro. It would be even better if while sitting at this Bistro we could enjoy views of tropical foliage, fountains and tasteful public art. If something like that could be designed, it would truly make Coral Gables a trendy city people that south florida families would flock to.

Currently when we walk miracle mile after dinner, we see a street with numerous empty storefronts and few pedestrians. Many stores close promptly at 6 or 7pm, making this beautiful street feel abandoned after dark. There are many great restaurants, but their ambiance is hidden behind their front doors, not mixing with the pedestrians out on the sidewalk. Partly this is due to the narrow sidewalks and the lack of outdoor seating at the many restaurants, partly due to the current urban planning that has made pedestrians feel like they are secondary to the cars and trucks/SUVs that take over most of the street. Widening the sidewalks and using signage to encourage cars to park in the many parking garages along Miracle Mile sounds like a smart step in the right direction. Increasing the foliage and making the street feel pedestrian-friendly (perhaps diverting rush hour traffic to non-pedestrian streets south of Miracle Mile) is another potential improvement.

Whatever the recommendations of the street improvement committee, it is now time to get moving with long-overdue streetscape improvements to Miracle Mile and Restaurant Row.

Sincerely,

Geoff Stone

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**Paz, Evelyn**

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**From:** Slesnick, Donald  
**Sent:** Friday, February 06, 2009 8:47 PM  
**To:** conde\_sara@yahoo.com  
**Cc:** Paz, Evelyn  
**Subject:** RE: Miracle Mile

Thank you for your input – your opinion will be considered. Don Slesnick

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**From:** Sara Conde [mailto:[conde\\_sara@yahoo.com](mailto:conde_sara@yahoo.com)]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 06, 2009 5:21 PM  
**To:** Commissioners  
**Subject:**

I support this effort. Shaded walkways would be helpful for walking in the Gables.

Please use native plants and trees. They do not need any water.

## **Paz, Evelyn**

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**From:** Slesnick, Donald  
**Sent:** Friday, February 06, 2009 9:07 PM  
**To:** gmackenzie@rsmas.miami.edu  
**Cc:** Paz, Evelyn  
**Subject:** RE: NO to streetscape improvements

Thank you for your thoughts - you are wrong about our millage rate and should check your information source. Don Slesnick

-----Original Message-----

From: gmackenzie@rsmas.miami.edu [mailto:gmackenzie@rsmas.miami.edu]  
Sent: Friday, February 06, 2009 9:36 AM  
To: Commissioners  
Subject: NO to streetscape improvements

while encouraged to vote for miracle mile etc. improvements by this email link I feel that in the current economic climate I cannot in good faith do this. Not only is it a poor use of resources but it sends the wrong message. Coral Gables has one of the highest millage rates in south florida. Lets reduce our tax levels to those of key biscayne. greta mackenzie

## Paz, Evelyn

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**From:** Slesnick, Donald  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 08, 2009 9:59 PM  
**To:** Psendra@aol.com  
**Cc:** Paz, Evelyn; Mari Molina  
**Subject:** RE: Miracle Mile Improvements

Thank you – I will add this note to my file.

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**From:** Psendra@aol.com [mailto:Psendra@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 08, 2009 2:02 PM  
**To:** Slesnick, Donald  
**Cc:** Paz, Evelyn; Swanson, Catherine B.; mmolina@shopcoralgables.com  
**Subject:** Re: Miracle Mile Improvements

Dear Mayor Slesnick:

Thank you so much for your very prompt reply--much appreciated! I wanted to add another point based on the ad I also read in the Neighbors today. It indicated that the BID is relying on a 2006 parking study that notes that garage parking is the key to this proposal. Garage parking will not mitigate this incredible loss of parking as it does not offer the immediate convenience. Time is valuable to the modern shopper.

- Small businesses which make the Mile unique, such as Wolfe's would suffer from this. For example, we go in sometimes just to pick up a bottle or a case of wine. If we had to park in a garage & thus we were not directly in front or near of the store, we would be hard pressed to go. I'd rather visit Wolfe's Dixie location then.
- We do not have to negotiate stairs & elevators and/or wait in a line of cars to leave the garage. We simply park, put money in the meter and go. Same thing when we leave. Convenience is key
- We work in the Grove yet shop in the Mile during lunch. That would end if the Mile eliminated parking and forced me to a garage. We simply would shop in the Grove which has convenient meter parking at lunch.
- Also, if we had to park in a garage or wait for valet to eat, time & expense would force us elsewhere. Many times we avoid Giralda simply because there is no parking.

Its a tough economic environment and do hope you take an in depth look at the proposal. It doesn't seem this is the time to be making streetscape improvements when the focus should be on attracting tenants and improving the tenant mix. That's what makes an area work--not eliminating convenience which is now our only advantage.

Thanks again for your attention--it makes a difference to us, the residents and current customers!

In a message dated 2/7/2009 10:09:36 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, donslesnick@coralgables.com writes:

Thank you for your thoughtful input on the Miracle Mile proposals. I will certainly consider your comments and enter your message on the record (if we have a hearing on the item). I believe that your thoughts are very valid from a resident's and a customer's perspective (and that is most helpful) – but I will rely on the retailers (shops, restaurants, banks etc.) to determine what

is best for their economic future. In fact, I am forwarding your e-mail to the Business Improvement District and asking that they comment directly as to your specific "bullet" points regarding "focus". Don Slesnick

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**From:** Psendra@aol.com [mailto:Psendra@aol.com]

**Sent:** Saturday, February 07, 2009 1:33 AM

**To:** Slesnick, Donald

**Subject:** Miracle Mile Improvements

Dear Mayor Slesnick:

We were just reading the online newsletter, Great Gables, and were surprised to read that the Miracle Mile 'streetscape' improvements were still being considered. As long time residents of Coral Gables, we practically live on Miracle Mile. The nice part about it is being able to drive up and park in the immediate area.

Miracle Mile is a major thoroughfare and its difficult enough having to negotiate your way around the valets.

If now, these spaces become parallel, there will be so many less spaces in the vicinity, and will make Miracle Mile a less desirable destination. Plus it will be more disruptive as its not as easy for everyone to pull into the parallel spaces.

Especially with the amount of vacancies on the Mile, reducing parking and eliminating convenience may be a deathblow to many of the businesses. I, myself, never valet park having two cars damaged in past years by valets as well the added expense and the time it takes to get your back when you have limited time.

The focus should be on:

- Vacancies: This is the #1 issue. Need to attracting solid retailers--too many vacancies on the Mile.
- Retail Mix: Attract better retail mix. Bridal shops are great but these are usually one time shoppers. Look at what Barnes & Noble (national retailer) to Wolfe's Wine Shoppe (local business) have done to activate the Mile on an ongoing basis.
- Code Restrictions: Relax any restrictions, if existing, on sidewalk dining or even street performers for example. The sidewalks do not have to be bigger. As long as an accessible route is maintained, you can plan accordingly. Pascal's has nice little tables right outside on Ponce. In Europe, the charm is the close-knit areas. Even on Ocean Drive, one walks right tables set close together.
- Facade Renovations: Have the BID have the building owners require facade renovations from their tenants. Spruce up and modernize the Mile. It can become a picturesque destination to be enjoyed by tourists and residents alike. And advertise the district in innovative ways.

We have a great street that can be a major destination once again. But Streetscape Plans are not the answer. Lets think outside the box but definitely not eliminate the parking which is the only thing keeping the Mile together! Its a bad idea in difficult economic times. Lets aim for 100% occupancy instead and maintain our edge which is diversity, fine dining & entertainment AND convenience in the beautiful surroundings which are our Coral Gables.

We thank you in advance for your time and hope the commission makes the right decision next week!

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**Paz, Evelyn**

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**From:** Slesnick, Donald  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 08, 2009 10:03 PM  
**To:** Paz, Evelyn  
**Subject:** FW: MIRACLE MILE/GIRALDA STREETSCAPES

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**From:** Slesnick, Donald  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 08, 2009 10:03 PM  
**To:** 'mesterfoo@aol.com'  
**Subject:** RE: MIRACLE MILE/GIRALDA STREETSCAPES

Thank you, George, for your input. Your opinion will certainly be considered in my deliberation on this item. Don Slesnick {I saw your letter to the Editor in the Herald – you have been busy lately.}

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**From:** mesterfoo@aol.com [mailto:[mesterfoo@aol.com](mailto:mesterfoo@aol.com)]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 08, 2009 11:36 AM  
**To:** Commissioners  
**Subject:** MIRACLE MILE/GIRALDA STREETSCAPES

To all,

It is time to move forward and implement the long overdue changes we deserve in our Miracle Mile. History has proven the lack of vision the merchants have shown throughout the years dating back from the 1960's not allowing Burdine's to set up shop. Even during the last improvement with Date Palms installed in the median brought a beautiful addition and they fought against it. During these last economic boom times the Mile missed the boat with not being able to attract a better selection of shops. People shop based on a destiny and not because they can park in front of a store. These merchants need to realize that trees that cover their signs and not being able to park in front is not the real issue here. It is time our City Commission takes charge and brings the Mile to the 21ST Century.

Best,

George Blet

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**Paz, Evelyn**

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**From:** Slesnick, Donald  
**Sent:** Monday, February 09, 2009 9:04 AM  
**To:** David Yoblick  
**Cc:** Paz, Evelyn  
**Subject:** RE: Streetscape (miracle mile)

Thanks, David, for your opinion. You know I value your thoughts. Don

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**From:** David Yoblick [mailto:DYoblick@pantheroffice.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 09, 2009 8:35 AM  
**To:** Ralph Cabrera - Alt; Kerdyk, William; Anderson, Maria; Withers, Wayne; Jimenez, Maria A.  
**Cc:** Slesnick, Donald  
**Subject:** Streetscape

If I may put my two cents in I believe the proposed changes to the mile are long over due. When I choose a place to eat I always look for some place with out door seating. Over and above the restaurant issue the changes will create a much more pleasing walk area .The angled parking take away from the shops (to many cars )

**Paz, Evelyn**

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**From:** Slesnick, Donald  
**Sent:** Monday, February 09, 2009 5:03 PM  
**To:** Stephen Bittel  
**Cc:** Paz, Evelyn  
**Subject:** RE: Miracle Mile Streetscape Improvement Project

Thank you, Stephen, for your input. Don

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**From:** Stephen Bittel [mailto:[sbittel@terranovacorp.com](mailto:sbittel@terranovacorp.com)]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 09, 2009 2:36 PM  
**To:** Slesnick, Donald  
**Cc:** Stephen Bittel  
**Subject:** Miracle Mile Streetscape Improvement Project

I write to you as a life long resident and customer of the Coral Gables trade area, a significant operator of retail real estate in South Florida and the owner/operator of eight separate buildings on Miracle Mile.

We have given the proposed streetscape improvement project under consideration the greatest possible thought and remain opposed to it as currently planned. We believe the continued maintenance of the angle parking along the sidewalks in front of the stores remain an essential element of the Mile's continued resurgence. The proposed change to parallel parking, substantially reducing the number of parking spaces for customers, would have a damaging effect on commerce along the Mile. We are also opposed to plans along Giralda to close off the street to enable "street festivals" as these types of event are more logical on Miracle Mile, the center of the community.

We remain supportive of all efforts to improve the parking garages and alleys behind Miracle Mile buildings including their lighting, ground materials and connectivity to the Mile.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the discussion about making our future better all the time.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Slesnick, Donald  
**Sent:** Monday, February 09, 2009 5:08 PM  
**To:** Paz, Evelyn  
**Subject:** FW: Report: Safety Comparison of Angle and Parallel Parking

**Attachments:** Comparison\_of\_Angle\_and\_Parallel\_Parking.pdf

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**From:** Mari Molina [mailto:[mmolina@shopcoralgables.com](mailto:mmolina@shopcoralgables.com)]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 09, 2009 1:55 PM  
**To:** Slesnick, Donald  
**Subject:** Report: Safety Comparison of Angle and Parallel Parking

Good day.

I was reviewing research over the weekend sent to me by our UM professors regarding parallel vs. angle parking and found the attached article to be most informative, and wanted to share it with you.

Regards,

*Mari Molina*

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**From:** Slesnick, Donald  
**Sent:** Monday, February 09, 2009 11:10 PM  
**To:** Orestescarnaval@aol.com  
**Cc:** Paz, Evelyn  
**Subject:** RE: "Streetscape" (Miracle Mile)

Hello Orestes:  
Thank you for your e-mail input. Your opinion will certainly be considered.  
Don Slesnick

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**From:** Orestescarnaval@aol.com [mailto:[Orestescarnaval@aol.com](mailto:Orestescarnaval@aol.com)]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 09, 2009 10:40 PM  
**To:** Slesnick, Donald  
**Subject:** "Streetscape"

Dear Mayor Slesnick:

Please note that as much as I enjoy your City at present with constant visits to the area, I support the Business Improvement District of Coral Gables initiative to make it "Streetscape"

As I walk the Mile and see the number of restaurants and pedestrians that constantly block the sidewalk, it makes it very difficult to enjoy it.

I look forward to the Streetscape project during the Commission meeting on February 10th to make the right decision and not loose to competitive markets. I thank you and wish you all the best.

Yours truly

Orestes Wrvs

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