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**Subject:** Letter in Support of Preserving Burger Bob's

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Coral Gables Commission

This letter regards the current situation relating to the Coral Gables icon called Burger Bob's.

It is to offer further support for preservation of this important Coral Gables establishment in character, scale, style and indeed menu.

In addition it is to join the avalanche of opposition from Coral Gables residents to the proposal by the large scale hospitality group or any other group presenting plans that are inappropriate for the area and inconsistent with the purpose, function, and profound value of Burger Bob's.

If the glaring issue is unclear to any member of the City Commission or the Mayor then those public servants are encouraged to read the excellent editorial by 30 year neighbor of that charming and quiet corner that Coral Gables residents are joining together today to protect. The article referenced can be found in Gables Insider, published August 12, 2021 by Burger Bob's neighbor Mr. Luis Uriarte and is titled Granada Boulevard Not The Place For A Major Restaurant.

The proposal from the large Barreto Hospitality Group is similar to that by large developer Allan Morris for the inappropriate Ponce Park Tower proposal across from the disproportionate Plaza project that is currently under construction. These proposals are being presented and that construction is being conducted without critical analysis such as comprehensive crime or traffic studies to allow forecasting and planning for their impact on residential life.

The current discussion regarding Burger Bob's is emblematic of the ongoing discontent with overdevelopment in Coral Gables and adds to the call for a referendum. The residents of Coral Gables are encouraged by the referendum carried out by residents of the Village of Bal Harbour in January 2021, setting the precedent for success in preserving the character, scale, and life of our quiet neighborhoods. The webpage with referendum content and results is herein provided [www.balharbourfl.gov/government/village-clerk/elections](http://www.balharbourfl.gov/government/village-clerk/elections).

Sincerely  
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