



**City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
January 26, 2010**

**ITEM TITLE:**

Presentation of excerpts from the International Affairs Coordinating Council Meeting of December 16, 2009, recommending the following action:

That the City of Quito, Ecuador, be removed from the Sister Cities Program of the City of Coral Gables.

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY MANAGER:**

Before taking any further actions on the status of this relationship, the Mayor would like to continue to communicate with Quito, Ecuador to re-activate the Sister City relationship, and we concur.

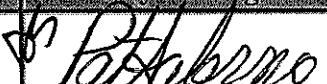
**BRIEF HISTORY:**

Quito, Ecuador became a Sister City of Coral Gables on February 24, 1976.

Although there has been little interaction between the cities for many years, on September 8, 2009 Mayor Slesnick sent a letter to Augusto Barrera Guarderas, Mayor of Quito Ecuador, expressing interest in reactivating the Sister City relationship with Quito (see attached).

An e-mail from Eduardo Dousdebes, Secretary of Productive Development of the City of Quito, Ecuador, was sent on December 9, 2009 to the Mayor's office thanking the mayor for the letter and stating that he was hopeful that the two cities could find ways of mutual cooperation (see attached translation).

**APPROVED BY:**

| Department Director | City Attorney (If Applicable) | City Manager  |
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**Attachments**

1. Excerpts from IACC Meeting of December 15, 2009
2. Letter dated September 8, 2009 from Mayor Slesnick to Mayor Guarderas
3. Translation of e-mail dated December 9, 2009 from Eduardo Dousdebes in Quito to Mayor's office