



COCOPLUM Civic Association – Phase I
“Neighbors Working for a Better Neighborhood”

September 26, 2018

Mr. Peter Iglesias, Interim City Manager
City of Coral Gables
405 Biltmore Way, Second Floor
Coral Gables, FL 33134

Dear Mr. Iglesias:

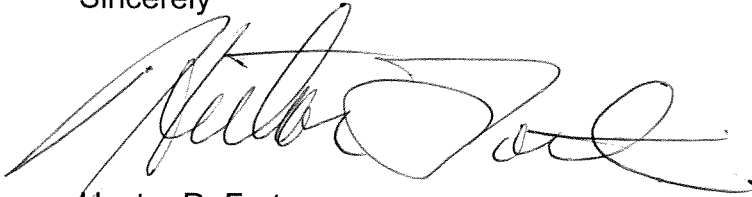
Our volunteer association (commonly known as the “Cocoplum Phase I Civic Association”) has been working with your staff to properly transition services for the Cocoplum Phase I Security Special Taxing District on October 1, 2018 from Miami-Dade County to the City of Coral Gables. Over the years, our community has been very satisfied with the security services that has been provided by Coral Gables Police Officers working in an off-duty capacity. One of the challenges of the transition is that, due to Federal restrictions, the City will not be able to continue use Coral Gables officers at the off-duty rate and the allowed overtime exceeds the available funding. We have considered numerous options and we offer the following implementing terms and facts as a means of providing a satisfactory transition:

1. Cocoplum Phase I Civic Association wishes to insure comparable service to that of City of Coral Gables police, i.e., off duty, armed police service.
2. Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) will provide service at rates that will comply with the budgeted tax payments for fiscal year 2018-19.
3. We ask for your assistance in placing a resolution on the October 9, 2018 City Commission Agenda that would seek Commission approval to transition effective October 10, 2018 for the rest of the fiscal year to FHP service for 16 hours per day.

Please be assured that our organization is the only organized association in the Phase I area of Cocoplum and the desire for off-duty police service is held by the majority of our 149 residents and participants in the Security Special Taxing District.

Thank you for your time and attention. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hector D. Fortun". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Hector D. Fortun
President

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