

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION
DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY
ATTORNEY TO REINITIATE THE ANNEXATION
PROCESS FOR HIGH PINES/PONCE DAVIS.

WHEREAS, High Pines/ Ponce Davis is an enclave bounded by the City of Coral Gables to the North, South, and East; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, pursuant to Miami-Dade County Code, Chapter 20 “Municipalities”, Article I “Boundary Change Procedure”, the City conducted a petition process to ascertain support amongst registered voters in High Pines/Ponce Davis for annexation; and

WHEREAS, in response to said petition, 27.9% of registered voters in High Pines/Ponce Davis supported annexation, surpassing the required 20%; and

WHEREAS, soon thereafter, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2018-105, directing the City Manager and City Attorney to prepare and submit an application for the annexation of High Pines/Ponce Davis; and

WHEREAS, the City’s annexation application received a positive recommendation from the County’s Planning Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, then County Mayor Carlos Gimenez issued a memorandum in support of the City’s application to annex High Pines/ Ponce Davis setting forth certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, on July 17, 2019, a public hearing was held on the annexation application before the Health Care and County Operations Committee (HCOG), and the HCOG laid the City’s application on the table; and

WHEREAS, without the approval of the HCOG the annexation application could not proceed any further in the process and was effectively denied without the full Board of County Commissioners ever hearing the matter and without giving residents in the area the opportunity to vote in a referendum; and

WHEREAS, given the documented support for the City’s annexation effort, and the long-term benefits that will accrue to both the City and High Pines/Ponce Davis, the City wishes to re-initiate the annexation process;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

SECTION 1. The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission hereby directs the City Manager and the City Attorney to reinitiate the annexation process for High Pines/Ponce Davis.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TENTH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 2023.