

BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
OF CORAL GABLES

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City of Coral Gables
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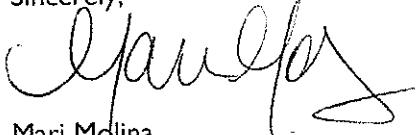
Dear Ms. Jimenez:

As a follow-up to our presentation at the November 18th Commission meeting, the Business Improvement District of Coral Gables ("BID") respectfully requests the opportunity to appear before the Commission in order to retain services of one of the City's onboard architectural firms to begin the Downtown Coral Gables Streetscape improvements. As we all know, time is of the essence in order to avoid losing the \$1.34 Million County General Obligation Bond funding which we hope to access and activate for this initial phase. We would also like to be ready in the event the US Conference of Mayors' Main Street Stimulus Package on Infrastructure Job Potential for 2009-2010 becomes available for this project, or any other stimulus funding.

Agreement to proceed with the improvement will allow the Streetscape program to remain a viable project while the BID helps in developing a funding and payment plan. Although our goal is to secure all available funding sources, the BID acknowledges that a portion may have to be funded through a special assessment to property owners. We look forward to proceeding with this critical project to our City Beautiful.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Mari Molina
Executive Director

cc: Alberto Delgado, Public Works

