

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item D – Mayor’s Comments
January 26, 2021
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli
Vice Mayor Vince Lago
Commissioner Pat Keon
Commissioner Michael Mena
Commissioner Jorge Fors

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City Manager, Peter Iglesias
City Attorney, Miriam Ramos
City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

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Mayor Valdes-Fauli: And my comments. Last week our country Inaugurated a new President of the United States and I would like to use this opportunity to thank and recognize the 27 Coral Gables Police Officers, led my Assistant Chief Nurrudin, who joined in the Inauguration to ensure a peaceful transition of power. I think President Ronald Regan expressed it best when in 1981 he said, to a few of us here today, this is a solemn and most momentous occasion and yet in the history of our nation, it is a commonplace occurrence. The orderly transfer of authority as called for in the Constitution routinely takes place as it has for almost two centuries and few of us stop to think how unique we really are. In the eyes of many of the world, this every four-year ceremony we accept as normal is nothing less than a miracle and it happened again in spite of everything that took place. So again, thank you to our team and the many teams from around our country. Thank you for allowing us to witness the miracle of democracy in action. Passing unto another subject, I think we can all agree that the Covid-19 Pandemic has been devastating globally. However, the vaccine provides us with optimism. This challenge continues and the challenge to lower the positivity rate is in front of us. Our Emergency Management Department, through the Fire

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Department continues to seek and any and all opportunities to make vaccines available to our residents. We have a plan in place to dispense vaccines that involves our personnel, as well as public and private partnerships. Thanks Chief de la Rosa and team.