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February 8, 2013

**VIA EMAIL and HAND DELIVERY**

The Honorable Jim Cason  
Mayor, City of Coral Gables  
City Hall, Second Floor  
405 Biltmore Way  
Coral Gables, FL 33134

**Re: 2013 Coral Gables MS Walk and 5K Race**

Dear Mayor Cason:

I write to wish you all the best for this New Year, and to request the City's support for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's signature event in Coral Gables this April 7.

More than 900 walkers and runners are expected at our annual Walk and 5K Run, each of which begins in the park across Biltmore Way from City Hall. The success of this event depends on our participants and our partners, who support us through in-kind and financial donations. The funds we raise directly support MS research, as well as vital services and programs, for residents of our community living with MS. Our goal this year is to raise \$750,000.

The City's continuing support will be crucial to the success of this event, which directly impacts the lives of more than 6,000 South Florida residents who have MS. As in years past, we request that the City waive its parking fees for our participants and staff that utilize spaces in Garage Four, as well as for the 59 spaces along Biltmore Way. I have attached a copy of last year's City Commission memorandum and resolution for your convenience.

For more than 20 years, Coral Gables has hosted our important Walk. Raising community awareness about MS, as well as funds to combat this illness, are the critical goals of our Coral Gables walk and 5K run. As we continue to strive to find a cure for MS, our continuing collaboration with the City Beautiful is more essential than ever.

Thank you very much for the City's past support, and thank you in advance for your consideration of our request. I would very much

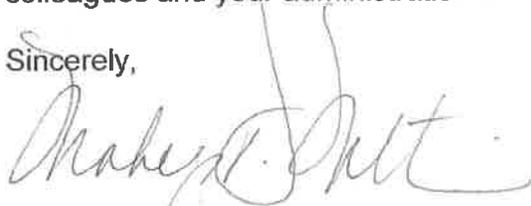
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appreciate this request being placed on the City Commission's next available agenda.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require any additional information; my number is (305) 898-2317. I look forward to working with you, your colleagues and your administration for another successful event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mabel Melton". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Mabel Melton  
Events Coordinator, Miami-Dade County

cc: Mr. Patrick Salerno, City Manager