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Dear Mayor Vince Lago
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City Manager Peter Iglesias
City Clerk Billy Urquia,

We are writing on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Coral Gables Museum, which approved a motion to request that the City Commission adopts a resolution granting a minor amendment to Exhibit A (Mission Statement) of the Amended and Restated Agreement for Operation of the Coral Gables Museum, dated February 8th, 2011. We propose to add the words “the visual arts” and “artistic” to Exhibit A to bring our Mission Statement in line with current programs and the collection.

Current Statement:

The Museum's mission is to celebrate, investigate and explore the civic arts of architecture, and urban and environmental design, including fostering appreciation for the history, vision, and cultural landscape of Coral Gables to promote beauty and planning as well as historic and environmental preservation for a broad audience, including children, families, and community members, as well as local, regional national and international visitors. The museum optimizes its mission by cultivating effective partnerships, and providing programming that includes exhibitions, collections, educational offerings, lectures, tours, publications, and special events.

Proposed Statement (additions in **bold**):

The Museum's mission is to celebrate, investigate and explore the civic arts of architecture, and urban and environmental design, **and the visual arts**, including fostering appreciation for the history, vision, and cultural landscape of Coral Gables to promote beauty and planning as well as historic, **artistic** and environmental preservation for a broad audience, including children, families, and community members, as well as local, regional, national and international visitors. The museum optimizes its mission by cultivating effective partnerships, and providing programming that includes exhibitions, collections, educational offerings, lectures, tours, publications, and special events.

Respectfully submitted,



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