

To: The Senior Advisory Board

From: Joan I. Valdes

Re: Application for appointment

Please accept this as my application for appointment to the Board.

My husband and I have been residents of Coral Gables since 1987. I have worked in Coral Gables since 1980. I went to the University of Miami School of Law, graduating in 1987. I serve on the University of Miami's Citizens' Board. My law office is located in Coral Gables, where I have been practicing law since 1988.

Additionally, I have had the pleasure to serve on 3 boards for the City of Coral Gables. I was initially appointed to the Insurance Advisory Board by Mayor Slesnick. He subsequently appointed me to the Parks and Recreation Board, on which I served for many years. I was the Chair. I am currently serving on the Emergency Management Board, appointed by Mayor Cason. A few months ago, Mayor Cason recommended I apply for a seat on the Senior Advisory Board, as I am in the process of retiring my law practice.

I recently learned of the open seat in the Senior Advisory Board and I believe I am very qualified for it. Aside from my vast experience with the other boards, I participate at the Adult Activities Center as both a volunteer instructor and as a student. I was also involved in obtaining the yoga instructor.

My own mother is 89 and active. She lives at The Palace in Kendall. Thus, I am often with the other residents, and I am aware of their interests and concerns. I am familiar with the Palace in Kendall and in Coral Gables.

My law practice is weaning down, thus I have additional time to spend doing other things I like. I know I can be an asset to the Senior Advisory Board. I am an active senior and I enjoy interacting with adults in our community.

My family is terrific. Aside from my husband of almost 36 years, I have a daughter, son-in-law and 3 grandchildren who live nearby. My Yorkie is my best buddy.

Please consider my application. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

*Joan I. Valdes*

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