

Urquia, Billy

From: Ramos, Miriam
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2019 2:19 PM
To: Raburk; Valdes-Fauli, Raul; Lago, Vincente; Keon, Patricia; Mena, Michael; Jorge Fors; Iglesias, Peter; Urquia, Billy
Cc: Anthony De Yurre; John C. Sumberg
Subject: RE: Please Continue to Fight for Annexation of High Pines

Thank you for your email. I am copying the City Clerk and asking that he makes this email part of the public record on this item.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Raburk <raburk@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2019 2:16 PM
To: Valdes-Fauli, Raul <rvaldes-fauli@coralgables.com>; Lago, Vincente <vlago@coralgables.com>; Keon, Patricia <pkeon@coralgables.com>; Mena, Michael <mmena@coralgables.com>; Jorge Fors <jfors@coralgables.com>; Ramos, Miriam <mramos@coralgables.com>; Iglesias, Peter <piglesias@coralgables.com>
Cc: Anthony De Yurre <adeyurre@bilzin.com>; John C. Sumberg <jsumberg@bilzin.com>; Ray Burkemper <Raburk@aol.com>
Subject: Please Continue to Fight for Annexation of High Pines

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Dear Outstanding Coral Gables Leaders,

I live at 7260 SW 53rd Ct. in High Pines. Previously, I lived on Navarre Ave in Coral Gables and experienced many of the great things the City Beautiful has to offer its residents. I moved away due to marriage and have been in favor of annexation for the 9 years I have been absent. Our area is an isolated & overlooked island in unincorporated Miami-Dade County which results in us receiving inadequate county services. Since we are surrounded by Coral Gables on three sides, it is most appropriate for Coral Gables to provide the services it already renders to the areas bordering us to the North, South and East.

During this annexation process, we had a vote of the proposed annexation area. The community was strongly in favor of annexation. I was disappointed our annexation vote and efforts were nullified by a non-representative and unjust process.

I ask you request Miami-Dade County to reconsider and reverse its vote against annexing High Pines in accordance with the wishes of the neighbors and that you permit us to move to a formal vote to reconfirm our neighborhood support.

Since I am currently out of town with my daughter on a college tour, I will be unable to attend the August 13th meeting. Please be advised my neighbors and I are strongly in favor of your reconsideration of the annexation and seek your continued efforts. We truly value your time and attention dedicated to this most reasonable annexation.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. My cell is (813)857-4193.

Very respectfully,

Raymond Burkemper

Urquia, Billy

From: Ramos, Miriam
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2019 2:17 PM
To: Urquia, Billy
Subject: FW: Annexation of High Pines/Ponce Davis

Billy, please note the same email was sent to all the elected officials.

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From: Renee Diaz-Silveira <renee665@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2019 1:41 PM
To: Ramos, Miriam <mramos@coralgables.com>; Iglesias, Peter <piglesias@coralgables.com>
Subject: Fwd: Annexation of High Pines/Ponce Davis

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Please see email below expressing my support for the proposed annexation of High Pines/Ponce Davis that was sent last week to Mayor Valdes-Fauli.

Regards,
Renee

Begin forwarded message:

From: Renee Diaz-Silveira <renee665@bellsouth.net>
Subject: Annexation of High Pines/Ponce Davis
Date: August 7, 2019 at 11:45:34 PM EDT
To: rvaldes-fauli@coralgables.com

Dear Mayor Valdes-Fauli,

I am writing you to express my support for the proposed annexation of High Pines/Ponce Davis. I understand there is a commission meeting on the 13th of this month to consider asking Miami-Dade County to reconsider its prior negative vote. I am hopeful and request that you vote in favor of requesting the County to reconsider its decision. The County should allow the residents of the neighborhood to vote on the annexation.

I know there may be organized opposition led by the union members who do not live in the neighborhood and a few vocal residents but as someone who has lived in the Ponce Davis/High Pines area for a very long time and has raised 4 grown children here I am confident that the registered voters in the neighborhood overwhelmingly support annexation by The City Beautiful.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Renee Pfeiffer

Urquia, Billy

From: Ramos, Miriam
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2019 2:13 PM
To: Renee Diaz-Silveira; Iglesias, Peter; Urquia, Billy
Subject: RE: Annexation of High Pines/Ponce Davis

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Please see email below expressing my support for the proposed annexation of High Pines/Ponce Davis that was sent last week to Commissioner Fors.

Regards,
Renee

Begin forwarded message:

From: Renee Diaz-Silveira <renee665@bellsouth.net>

Subject: Annexation of High Pines/Ponce Davis

Date: August 8, 2019 at 5:40:41 PM EDT

To: jfors@coralgables.com

Dear Commissioner Fors,

I am writing you to express my support for the proposed annexation of High Pines/Ponce Davis. I understand there is a commission meeting on the 13th of this month to consider asking Miami-Dade County to reconsider its prior negative vote. I am hopeful and request that you vote in favor of requesting the County to reconsider its decision. The County should allow the residents of the neighborhood to vote on the annexation.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Renee Pfeiffer

Sent from my iPhone

Urquia, Billy

From: Ramos, Miriam
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2019 12:55 PM
To: Diaz-Silveira, Jorge
Cc: Iglesias, Peter; Urquia, Billy
Subject: Re: Annexation of High Pines/Ponce Davis

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On Aug 13, 2019, at 11:49 AM, Diaz-Silveira, Jorge <jorge.diaz-silveira@hoganlovells.com> wrote:

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Please see email below expressing my support for the proposed annexation of High Pines/Ponce Davis that was sent last week to Mayor Valdes-Fauli. Regards, Jorge

Jorge Diaz-Silveira

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From: Diaz-Silveira, Jorge
Sent: Wednesday, August 07, 2019 1:12 PM

To: rvaldes-fauli@coralgables.com

Subject: Annexation of High Pines/Ponce Davis

Dear Mayor Valdes-Fauli, I hope all is well with you. I am writing you to express my support for the proposed annexation of High Pines/Ponce Davis. I understand there is a commission meeting on the 13th of this month to consider asking Miami-Dade County to reconsider its prior negative vote. I may be out of the country on business on the 13th so may not be able to make it to the meeting but respectfully request that you vote in favor of requesting the County to reconsider its decision. The County should allow the residents of the neighborhood to vote on the annexation.

I know there may be organized opposition led by the union members who do not live in the neighborhood and a few vocal residents but as someone who grew up in in the Ponce Davis/High Pines neighborhood and has lived there for more than 50 years I am confident that the registered voters in the neighborhood overwhelmingly support annexation by The City Beautiful. Thank you for your consideration. Warm regards, Jorge

Jorge Diaz-Silveira

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To: Anthony De Yurre; Urquia, Billy
Cc: Valdes-Fauli, Raul; Lago, Vincente; Keon, Patricia; Mena, Michael; Jorge Fors; Iglesias, Peter
Subject: Re: In Support of High Pines/Ponce Davis Annexation

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Thanks,

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On Aug 13, 2019, at 11:27 AM, Anthony De Yurre <adeyurre@bilzin.com> wrote:

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Mr. Mayor, Vice Mayor and Commissioners,

I write you today to express my strong support for annexation of High Pines/Ponce Davis.

The opposition consists of the "tyranny of the minority" who significantly lost the vote in the survey of BOTH High Pines and Ponce Davis. More specifically, the opposition is limited to the multifamily buildings on two blocks which have the victim of scare tactics that their taxes and rents will increase significantly if the area became Coral Gables. When the survey is examined from the standpoint of single family homeowners, the support is even more overwhelming.

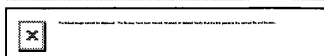
Secondly, politics are being played with the right to vote our own destiny. There can be no doubt that the minority opposition's goal is to frustrate the right to vote, because if the issue goes to a vote they will lose. This is why the minority is pushing so hard right now because it is their last stand. This minority has been joined by the Fire Union, which has depicted Gables fire in a negative, if not light of incompetency. There is a complete CONFLICT OF INTEREST behalf of the Union that represents both the County and the City. The City Fire Department should immediately file a grievance with the Union preventing the Union from further opposing the one member (the City) versus supporting another member (the County) due to their clear conflict of interest.

Say no to the politics and let the neighbors vote their own destiny.

I look forward to further expressing my support this evening and thank you all again for your continued civil service.

Regards,

Anthony De Yurre



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Urquia, Billy

From: Ramos, Miriam
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 2:10 PM
To: Valdes-Fauli, Raul; Commissioners; Iglesias, Peter; Keller, Jessica
Cc: Urquia, Billy
Subject: RE: Annexation Ponce Davis High Pines

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Thank you,

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From: Valdes-Fauli, Raul
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 1:07 PM
To: Commissioners <Commissioners1@coralgables.com>; Iglesias, Peter <piglesias@coralgables.com>; Keller, Jessica <jkeller@coralgables.com>; Ramos, Miriam <mramos@coralgables.com>
Subject: FW: Annexation Ponce Davis High Pines

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From: RJ de Varona <rj@mecdevelopment.us>
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Subject: Annexation Ponce Davis High Pines

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Dear Mayor,

I am Raul J. Sanchez de Varona and reside at 8790 SW 54 Ave., Miami, FL 33143 in Ponce Davis. I have been a resident in the High Pines/Ponce Davis annexation area for over 14 years and I have been in favor of annexation by Coral Gables all that time. Our area is an isolated island in unincorporated Miami-Dade County and services like police coverage are difficult. Since we are surrounded by Coral Gables on three sides, it would be easy for Coral Gables to provide the services it is already providing to the areas that border us on the North, South and East.

During this annexation process, we had a vote of the proposed annexation area, and the community was strongly in favor of annexation. I was disappointed that our annexation vote and efforts were nullified by a well organized union voice that a) does not represent our residents and b) were paid protesters. Paid protestors making noise at a hearing should not outweigh the vote of the neighborhood.

I ask that you request that Miami-Dade County reconsider and reverse its vote against annexing High Pines/Ponce Davis in accordance with the wishes of the neighbors and that you permit us to get to a formal vote to reconfirm our neighborhood support.

Since I am currently out of town, I will be unable to attend the August 13th meeting, but please be advised that my neighbors and I are strongly in favor of your reconsideration of the annexation.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. My cell is 305 793 6969.

Thank you.



RJ de Varona

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