

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-227**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, OFFICIALLY REQUESTING THAT THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY HEALTHCARE AND COUNTY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE PROCEED WITH A MOTION FOR RENEWAL TO RECONSIDER THE CITY'S APPLICATION FOR THE ANNEXATION OF THE AREA KNOWN AS HIGH PINES/PONCE DAVIS.

**WHEREAS**, on April 30, 2018, after several community meetings and upon obtaining support from over 20% of the registered voters in the area, the City of Coral Gables submitted an application to Miami-Dade County ("the County") for the annexation of the areas known as High Pines/Ponce Davis ("Annexation Application"); and

**WHEREAS**, on June 5, 2018, the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners ("BCC") voted to refer the Annexation Application to the County's Planning Advisory Board ("PAB"); and

**WHEREAS**, on December 3, 2018, the PAB approved the Annexation Application with a vote of 7-2; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Mayor issued a memorandum in support of the Annexation Application and setting forth certain conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, a notice was mailed, to residents within the High Pines/Ponce Davis areas and 600 feet outside the area, of a hearing to be held on May 16, 2019, by the Miami-Dade Health Care and County Operation Committee ("HCOC") of the BCC on the annexation of the area to Coral Gables, but for reasons never explained, the item never appeared on the committee agenda; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 13, 2019, the Annexation Application was scheduled to be heard at a meeting of the County's Healthcare and County Operations Committee ("HCOC") and was subsequently cancelled for lack of quorum; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 17, 2019, a public hearing was held on the Annexation Application before the HCOC and was denied and laid on the table by a vote of 4-0; and

**WHEREAS**, without the approval of the HCOC the Annexation Application can not proceed any further in the process and is effectively denied without the full BCC ever hearing the matter and without giving residents in the areas the opportunity to vote; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission remains committed to allowing the residents of the areas known as High Pines/Ponce Davis to vote on whether they wish to be annexed into the City of Coral Gables;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:**

**SECTION 1.** The foregoing “Whereas” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

**SECTION 2.** That the City Commission hereby officially requests that the members of the HCOC proceed with a Motion for Renewal, within the allowable time period and in accordance with the Miami-Dade County Code, to reconsider the City’s Annexation Application for the areas known as High Pines/Ponce Davis.

**SECTION 3.** That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

(Moved: Lago / Seconded: Mena)  
(Yeas: Fors, Jr., Keon, Lago, Mena Valdes-Fauli)  
(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)  
(Agenda Item: A-1)

APPROVED:



RAÚL VALDÉS-FAULI  
MAYOR

ATTEST:



BILLY Y. URQUIA  
CITY CLERK

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MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS  
CITY ATTORNEY