CITY OF CORAL GABLES

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Coral Gables City Commission

FROM: Commissioner Ariel Fernandez

DATE: February 5, 2024

SUBJECT: City Manager Succession

My esteemed colleagues,

The five of us have been entrusted, by the residents of our great city, with the responsibility of leading their government and ensuring the proper operation of the same.

Our Coral Gables Charter dictates that the direction of the city is decided on by the City's Commission, the elected body we equally make up, and enacted by a City Manager, who's role is to follow the directives of the City Commission.

At our last City Commission meeting, City Manager Peter J. Iglesias' stated, "as far as I'm concerned, this is not going to happen. If the commission wishes for that to happen, the commission can go ahead and do it." This was a direct and public insubordination of this body which has raised much concern for residents about the Manager's willingness to address their needs and concerns. It has become clear during the last few months, and more so following this incident, that the time has come to remove and replace the City Manager with a new City Manager who will faithfully follow the directives of this Commission and the residents we represent.

Ensuring the stability of our city is paramount to providing the services residents expect and deserve. To that point, we have an internal candidate who is ready to assume the position immediately and guide our city in the direction the Commission sets forth. Our Assistant City Manager, Alberto N. Parjus.

Assistant City Manager Parjus has over three decades of experience in delivering results in South Florida. He served as Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation and Public Works at

Miami-Dade County. While there, he oversaw a budget four times the size of that of Coral Gables. Parjus was responsible for overseeing finance, information technology, and procurement. Throughout his time at Miami-Dade County, he worked in Human Resources, Management and Budget, Transit and Community Action. He also worked as an assistant city manager, in Miami, responsible for capital improvement, transportation, code compliance, and economic development.

Since joining Coral Gables just under two years ago, he has been overseeing Community Recreation, Economic Development, Historic and Cultural Resources, Parking, and Public Works.

Parjus' knowledge and experience present this Commission with an opportunity to promote an extremely qualified candidate from within, who is prepared to take on the responsibilities immediately, ensuring our services to our residents continue uninterrupted.

As such, I have placed an item on the agenda for next Tuesday, February 13th's City Commission meeting, and I am requesting a 10:00AM time certain, with the purpose of openly discussing the direction residents want for our city and how to proceed with the immediate succession of the City Manager.

cc: Peter J. Iglesias, City Manager
Alberto N. Parjus, Assistant City Manager
Billy Urquia, City Clerk
Cristina M. Suarez, City Attorney