


# CITY OF CORAL GABLES

--MEMORANDUM--



*The City Beautiful*

**TO:** City Manager, Peter Iglesias  
Assistant City Manager, Eduardo Santamaria

**FROM:** Vice Mayor Vince Lago 

**DATE:** October 9, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Halloween Concerns Re: COVID-19

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Each year during Halloween, hundreds of people walk along the residential streets of Coral Gables and participate in traditional Halloween activities such as trick-or-treating.

This year, many residents have contacted me to express their concerns regarding Halloween festivities and stressed the importance of potentially having the city monitor and divert areas where a high volume of people congregate. Many of the concerned residents reside on streets like Santamaria Street. The purpose of monitoring streets like these is to minimize exposure to COVID-19 and refrain from activities that the CDC classifies as 'high risk' for spreading the virus.

I believe we should be prepared to address this issue and promote safe Halloween alternatives such as those listed on the CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html>. By way of this email, I would like staff to prepare an action plan on how they intend to address this concern.