



To: Commissioner Patricia Keon

From: Craig E. Leen, City Attorney for the City of Coral Gables

RE: Legal Opinion Regarding Artwork on Segovia

Date: September 7, 2016

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process. In the event the City has notified the Artist that it intends to remove the work as set forth herein, and the work is not to be relocated by mutual agreement, and Artist fails, within one hundred and eighty (180) days of receipt of the City's notice, to remove the Artwork, City shall have the right to proceed with the removal of the Artwork, and the City shall have no further liability as to the Artwork, and Artist shall be deemed to have waived any and all claims that it may have against the City as a result of any resulting City action pursuant to this subsection and the Agreement. The provisions of this Section 8.2 shall be non-transferable and only apply to the Artist, and shall not apply or be enforceable by any assignees, transferees, and/or any other successors in interest of Artist. Notifications to the Artist should be in writing, by registered mail or overnight carrier to the address provided under the Notices section of this Agreement."

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**From:** [Leen, Craig](#)  
**To:** [Paulk, Enga](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Artwork on Segovia  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 07, 2016 12:29:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image002.png](#)  
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Please publish.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 07, 2016 12:29 PM  
**To:** Keon, Patricia; Olga Ramudo  
**Cc:** Commissioners; Swanson-Rivenbark, Cathy; Foeman, Walter; Ramos, Miriam; Suarez, Cristina; Throckmorton, Stephanie  
**Subject:** Artwork on Segovia

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**From:** Keon, Patricia  
**Sent:** Monday, September 05, 2016 8:49 PM  
**To:** Olga Ramudo; Leen, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Petition to move artwork - follow up #2

Craig, please respond to Ms Ramudo on the legal issues that affect the sculptures on Segovia so she and other petitioners understand why these sculptures can not be easily relocated.  
Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone  
Commissioner Keon

On Sep 5, 2016, at 12:11 PM, Olga Ramudo <[oramudo@expresstravelus.com](mailto:oramudo@expresstravelus.com)> wrote:

Mr. Mayor and Commissioners:

Attached find an updated letter of residents requesting that the artwork installed at the Segovia/Coral Way/Biltmore Way circles, be moved to a more suitable location.

There is tremendous discontent among the residents and business owners in the City.

This is only a representation of names gathered so far. You can also look at the Gables Central survey with 88% of the almost 400 respondents either not liking the artwork or requesting that it be moved.

Please consider the resident's preference.

Thank you,

*Olga M. Ramudo*

*President & CEO*  
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**From:** Olga Ramudo  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 09, 2016 4:50 PM  
**To:** 'jimcason@coralgables.com'; 'fquesada@coralgables.com'; 'pkeon@coralgables.com';  
'vlogo@coralgables.com'; 'cswanson@coralgables.com'; 'slesnick@coralgables.com'  
**Cc:** Spain, Dona  
**Subject:** Petition to move artwork - follow up  
**Importance:** High

Dear Mayor and Commissioners.

Thanks to those of you that responded to my e-mail of August 5<sup>th</sup>; I am sorry to say that many of you did not.

As a follow up to the original e-mail, attached find an updated petition with 103 Signatures.

Additionally the Gables Central site has done a survey with 350 votes casted, out of which 61% hate the artwork, 20% have proposed to have it relocated and 19% love it.

You now have **386** Residents of the City Beautiful, totally opposed to having this artwork were it is. Further comments are available in the Gables Good Government Facebook page as well.

I am not sure if any of you saw the feature news report that Univision had last Friday at 6 pm – you can look it up on their site.

We certainly do hope that you consider the petition of the residents that we have gathered so far, and that the sculptures be moved to a more suitable location with something more representative of our city being installed in the referred to rotundas.

Sincerely,

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**To:** [jimcason@coralgables.com](mailto:jimcason@coralgables.com); [fquesada@coralgables.com](mailto:fquesada@coralgables.com); [pkeon@coralgables.com](mailto:pkeon@coralgables.com);  
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Dear Mr. Mayor and Commissioners:

I don't think it is any secret of how upset residents are with the selection and installation of the artwork in the Biltmore/Coral Way intersections with Segovia.

Attached find a letter with the petitions that have been received so far (68) , with more being received by the minute.

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