THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES



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OFFICE OF CITY COMMISSIONER

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Honorable Senator Garcia,

It was truly a pleasure to meet with you to discuss the legislative priorities for the City of Coral Gables.

I am writing to you on behalf of the City of Coral Gables and its residents. As I mentioned during our meeting, the City of Coral Gables has identified a great need for the acquisition of COVID-19 vaccinations. Over the last several months, we have received countless emails and calls from our residents who wish to be vaccinated or have their elderly family members vaccinated. In lieu of the various vaccination sites throughout Miami Dade County, our residents have expressed a desire to have the City of Coral Gables facilitate vaccinations since appointments at designated sites throughout the county have become limited.

As you know, a large majority of our residents are elderly individuals who are especially vulnerable populations and meet the criteria of individuals 65 or older who Governor DeSantis has prioritized for vaccination. Due to this, our Emergency Management and Fire Departments have been working together to develop a running list of high priority residents who meet this criterion so that when vaccines become available to the Fire Department, they may continue making home visits and vaccinating residents 65 or older.

Our city has already identified various locations throughout the City of Coral Gables that may be used to administer vaccine. In light of this, the City of Coral Gables would like to request at least 1000 (one thousand) COVID-19 vaccinations to provide to our elderly and compromised population, so that our city may begin setting up locations for the administration of the vaccine and deliver vaccines to those who need them the most.

I admire your passion for our community and appreciate that you took the time to sit down with me to discuss the most pressing concerns of our city. I thank you for your time and implore you to consider our request, so that we may help our residents.

I look forward to your response. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Best Regards,

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