

CITY OF CORAL GABLES

--MEMORANDUM--



*The City Beautiful*

**To:** Mayor and Commissioners  
City Manager, Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark

**Date:** October 13, 2017

**From:** Commissioner Vince Lago

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "V. Lago", is written over the name of the sender.

**Subject:** Trees on Granada Groves Ct.

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I am writing this memo to bring to your attention a request made by a resident who would like to change the Silver Buttonwood trees along Granada Groves Court.

A few days ago, I met with this resident and during our meeting; he explained how he, along with the neighbors of his street, would prefer to have shaded trees than the existing variety. To provide some background, the resident mentioned he met with our Landscape Services Director, who explained that if the residents of Granada Groves Court collectively agreed, they would be able to change the Silver Buttonwoods to a different tree variety. After hurricane Irma, many of the trees on Granada Groves were damaged and many of them are in frail condition (see photos). The resident has provided a comprehensive list of the individuals who live on his street, all of which are in favor of removing the Silver Buttonwoods and replacing them with a tree similar to mahogany or oak.

I will be adding this item on the agenda for the October 24 Commission meeting at which point I ask for your feedback on the matter. Please review the signatures of the residents on Granada Grove, the photos enclosed and the resident's email correspondence.

**CC:** Craig Leen, City Attorney  
Peter Iglesias, Assistant City Manager  
Ed Santamaria, Public Works Director  
Brook Dannemiller, Landscape Services Director























Commissioner Lago,

Thank you again for meeting with me today. I appreciate the time you spent listening to my concerns and am grateful that you are willing to assist the residents of Granada Groves Ct with this project.

There are 34 silver buttonwood trees remaining on our street after the hurricane. 2 were completely destroyed during the storm, and of the 34 remaining, approximately half are damaged. Should we be successful in obtaining larger shade trees to replace the Silver Buttonwoods, I imagine that fewer than 34 would be needed so as to accommodate the increase in the size of the new trees.

Attached are 3 of the 6 pictures you requested which provide a representative sample of some of the trees on our street. I will send a second email with the other three photos.

Thank you for your help and I look forward to working with you on this and other projects.

Sam



Thursday, September 14, 2017

Esteemed City Officials:

The Residents of Granada Groves Court in Coral Gables, Florida, hereby respectfully request that our Mayor and City Commissioners consider the removal and replacement of the few remaining Silver Button Wood Trees that survived Hurricane Irma. We ask that they are replaced with Florida No. 1 Live Oaks.

Best Regards.

Residence	Resident	Signature
836 Granada Groves Ct	EUSTAVO LOYOLA	[Signature]
832 Granada Groves Ct	Samuel Brandt	[Signature]
908 GRANADA GROVES CT	ERNESTO ESTRADA	[Signature]
840 GRANADA GROVES Ct.	JOSE INFANTE	[Signature]
833 Granada Groves Ct	VERONICA SCHOLTZ	[Signature]
900 GRANADA GROVES	MARIA S. FIDUATE	[Signature]
904 GRANADA GROVES	ANIBAL MARRERO	[Signature]
837 GRANADA GROVES CT	WINSTON SOSA Luis Sosa	[Signature]
418 GRANADA GROVES	ANDRES MONARSE	[Signature]
919 Granada Groves	Javier + Lourdes Milian	[Signature]
917 Granada Groves	Alex + Leslie Rothman	[Signature]
909 Granada Groves	Teresita Carbonell	[Signature]
903 Granada Groves	Donna Stasiak	[Signature]
841 Granada Groves Ct	Maria Angulo	[Signature]
828 Granada Groves	Vanessa Dargier	[Signature]
824 GRANADA GROVES	SUZAN BAKER	[Signature]
820 Granada Groves	Rojaro R. Boujal	[Signature]
816 GRANADA GROVES CT	Alfredo Carr	[Signature]
811 Granada Groves Ct	FARA B. ESCOBAR	[Signature]
817 Granada Groves Ct	Lidia Gutierrez	[Signature]
825 Granada Groves Ct.	Alicia Martinez	[Signature]
812 Granada Groves Ct	ERIC Kjallberg	[Signature]
829 Granada Groves Ct	FATIMA GONZALEZ	[Signature]
821 GRANADA GROVES	ENRIQUE RODRIGUEZ	[Signature]