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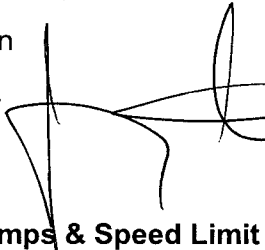
LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and
Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: April 30, 2013

SUBJECT: **Pine Tree/La Gorce Speed Humps & Speed Limit**



The purpose of this Letter to Commission is to provide you with correspondence received from the Transportation and Parking Committee regarding the above subject.

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Transportation & Parking Committee

Mark Weithorn, Chairman
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Members:

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TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Mark Weithorn, Transportation & Parking Committee Chair

DATE: April 16, 2013

SUBJECT: Pine Tree/La Gorce

Members Present: Jo Asmundsson; Scott Diffenderfer; Al Feola; Del Fruit; William Hahne; Corey Narson; Eric Ostroff; Josephine Pampanas; Seth Wasserman; and Mark Weithorn

Members Absent: Maria Mayer and JP Morgan

Dear Mayor and Honorable City Commission:

The Transportation and Parking Committee met on April 8, 2013, and held a discussion with Jeff Cohen from Miami Dade County/Public Works Division.

The Committee discussed the speed humps and 20 mph speed limit on Pine Tree and La Gorce. Mr. Cohen stated that from an engineering and traffic planning perspective, the speed humps were a terrible idea. The 20 mph speed limit was a result of having an overabundance of speed humps; ten (10) on each street.

Mr. Cohen stated that a better traffic-calming solution would be to turn these two streets (which are major collectors for Miami Beach) into two-way streets, and suggested removing the island planters during the conversion. He also stated that the neighborhood association was in favor of this. The price tag for this conversion would be around \$2 million.

The Committee also agrees that these speed humps and the 20 mph speed limit are terrible solutions for this major roadway and would like the City to explore turning these two streets into two-way roads.

Sincerely,

Transportation and Parking Committee