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The City Beautiful

TO: PACE Board Members

DATE: November 18, 2015

FROM: Commissioner Vince Lago

SUBJECT: Coral Gables Sustainability Efforts

Following the PACE Green Corridor Board meeting held on Friday 13, 2015, I would like to share a few articles of legislation in which the City of Coral Gables Commission has enacted to encourage sustainable practices throughout the City:

- 1) On July 7, 2015, a resolution authorizing support for solar photovoltaic energy and the Florida Solar Financing Action Plan.
- 2) On October 27, 2015, a resolution which encourages City residents, businesses, vendors and visitors to cease using and purchasing products made from expanded polystyrene (more commonly known as Styrofoam) and replacing use with reusable, recyclable and compostable alternatives that is safer for the environment.
- 3) On August 25, 2015, a resolution establishing a preference for products and companies utilizing sustainable and recycled materials, as well as companies dedicated to sustainable practices, in the award of City contracts for goods and services; providing for severability and an effective date.
- 4) On August 25, 2015, a resolution expressing support for sustainable construction, development, and design standards, and directing staff to prepare an Ordinance for the City Commission's consideration incorporating standards into applicable City and Zoning Codes, as appropriate providing for severability and effective date.
- 5) On December 8, 2015, a resolution will be presented to the Commission which would incentivize the use of solar panels in the City by waiving city permit fees. (a copy of the resolution will be provided after the December 8th Commission meeting).

Enclosed: Resolutions