



To: Carmen Olazabal

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "CL", is written over the name "Craig E. Leen" in the "From:" line.

RE: Legal Opinion Regarding Placement On Agenda

Date: June 2, 2014

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For all of these reasons, it is my opinion that this matter is not ready to be placed on the June agenda, that additional information is still required of applicant before this can proceed, and that it should be scheduled on an available future agenda in July or August (after consultation with the applicant's counsel). This would be consistent with the Commission's instructions requesting additional information, as well as within your authority as City Manager. Please confirm your approval, and I will inform the applicant's counsel.

Parramore, Carol

From: Leen, Craig
Sent: Sunday, June 29, 2014 11:44 PM
To: Parramore, Carol; Osle, Zilma
Subject: FW: Items Related to 6801 Granada Boulevard

Importance: High

Carol,

Please place this in the opinion folder also.

Craig E. Leen
City Attorney

From: Leen, Craig
Sent: Monday, June 02, 2014 10:58 AM
To: Olazabal, Carmen
Cc: Tompkins, Jane; Birdsill, Cynthia
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