

Edward Silva

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FW: Removal of Stop sign at corner of 82nd Ave and 148th Drive

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Date: 9/8/2016 6:15 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: "Levrant, Maria Elena (DIST8)" <LEVRANT@miamidade.gov>, Edward Silva <esilva@palmettobay-fl.gov>, Corrice Patterson <cpatterson@palmettobay-fl.gov>, "Diaz, Claudia (DTPW)" <Claudia.Diaz@miamidade.gov>, "Elbermawy, Ayman (DTPW)" <Ayman@miamidade.gov>

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Also to further clarify, this was a County decision for the sign to be removed. It is our policy to not have unwarranted signs, pavement markings, traffic calming devices ect. throughout the County. This is an initiative that is being implemented in all municipalities and unincorporated Dade County. We also had to remove signs not too long ago in City of Hialeah, Village of Pinecrest, City of North Miami ect. which were installed without the County's knowledge or approval. Please let me know if you have any more questions. Thanks!

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Maria-

We did an analysis of that intersection and it is not warranted as a four way stop it is against MUTCD standards and that is why it had to be removed. As far as safety concerns, stop signs are not used for that purpose. I will have staff observe and see if pedestrians are crossing to add pedestrian signs or a crosswalk but a stop sign is not warranted. Please let me know if you have any further questions. Thanks!

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I believe this is the third email from the area residents.



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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

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Dear Ms. Diaz,

I am extremely disappointed to learn that the County and the Village of Palmetto Bay have decided that the flow of traffic is more important than the safety of children. As I mentioned in my original message, the intersection at 82nd Avenue and 148th Drive is a popular intersection for children to cross when walking to Coral Reef Elementary School or when riding bikes, scooters, or skateboards to Coral Reef Park. Removing the four-way stop sign will have a tremendously detrimental effect on the safety of our children. Not once did your reasoning for removing the stop sign address safety concerns; you focused exclusively on the flow of cars. Nor has there been any public notification of this change. You are making a bureaucratic

decision that will have a tremendous impact on our community, yet community members have not been informed, nor have you requested resident feedback on this plan. This is not how transparent government is supposed to operate. I urge you and our elected officials at the Village and County level to hold public meetings to ask for resident feedback before making a decision that will impact the safety of our children.

One more thing. I have been leaving in this neighborhood for the last 15 years. The 4-w stop have been there since. I have not seen any major stoppage ever....maybe 5, 6 cars around 5pm....

Why you, the elected officials or government employees have this urge to change everything.....

Sincerely,
Regards
Gus Martinez,