


CITY OF CORAL GABLES

--MEMORANDUM--



*The City Beautiful*

**TO:** Members of the City Commission  
City Manager, Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark

**FROM:** Commissioner Vince Lago 

**DATE:** July 17, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Recycling Initiatives in the City of Coral Gables

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Over the last few years, we have discussed recycling in depth. Although we have made some strides, there are still several items regarding this topic that require immediate action.

It is well-known that once cardboard becomes wet, it could no longer be recycled. At one point, we considered the possibility of launching a pilot program throughout certain neighborhoods in which we could test recycling bins with lids. In addition, we have also spoken about adopting a recycling plan for our downtown. Respectfully, I would like to request that we come to an agreement as to what strategies we would like to implement in both our commercial and residential areas and adopt these methods as soon as possible.

During the August 29 Commission meeting, I would like to engage in a formal discussion on this topic and request a presentation from staff to include a proposed schedule for implementation of these initiatives. If there are budgetary constraints for these items, I would like to discuss them in more detail since I would like to prioritize these initiatives as our next budget meeting approaches.

**CC:** Assistant City Manager, Peter Iglesias  
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City Attorney, Craig Leen  
Walter Foeman, City Clerk