

**November 9, 2010 - UPDATED**  
**City of Coral Gables - Planning Department**  
**Letters Received from Property Owners**  
**Gulliver Academy Expansion**

<b>Closure of Pedestrian Gate on Campamento Avenue</b>					
	Date Received	Name and Address	Object	No Objection	Comments (Verbatim)
1.	11 08 10	Richard Getz	<b>X</b>		<p>Richard Getz  5801 S.W. 132 Ter.  Pinecrest,FL. 33156</p> <p>Mayor and Commissioners,</p> <p>It is both interesting and disturbing to find that the Gables By The Sea Homeowners Association is attempting to strong-arm Gulliver Schools into permanently closing the access gate on Campamento.</p> <p>Equally surprising and disturbing is that I and numerous other neighbors within our neighborhood in the Coral Gables division and Pinecrest had not been informed whatsoever. I was told of this development just a few days ago.It appears to have been a unilateral decision without the consideration or majority consent of homeowners throughout the neighborhood.</p> <p>As a single parent I specifically chose to purchase my existing home in this specific community so that my sons could walk home from school safely and independently and we relied on the Gulliver gate throughout the years that my sons attended the middle school.My sons are now in college and we have not relied on the gate for several years now. As an eight year resident of the subdivision we have not once experienced any inconvenience associated with the gate or back entrance to Gulliver on Campamento. I have never heard a complaint from a one neighbor. Neighbors viewed it as a substantial convenience and safe pathway for children to safely reach the school campus.</p> <p>As a truly civilized caring community we should enthusiastically and diligently support children getting to school safely and not force them to walk along Old Cutler Road or for their parents to become part of rush hour traffic and traffic jams. The safe and convenient path to the gate provides great peace of mind to the children's parents.</p> <p>One should take note that this gate, and the Gulliver Middle School rear entrance for that matter, have been in their current location for numerous years now and incident free and that residents of homes located on Campamento were aware of the student gate and entrance at the time of purchase of their homes. Gulliver has always, and continues to be, a respectful and excellent neighbor of our adjoining communities.</p> <p>In appreciation of a considerate, balanced, respectful, and sincere compromise and decision.  Respectfully,  Richard Getz</p>

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2.	11 08 10	Dr. Bruce & Mrs. Elizabeth Mahaffey 970 Lugo Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33156		X	<p>From: Elizabeth Mahaffey &lt;addlib@bellsouth.net&gt; Date: November 8, 2010 4:26:53 PM EST To: eriel@coralgables.com Subject: 11/9 Commission Hearing Item no Gables by the Sea Issue</p> <p>Mr. Erick Riel Director of Planning for the City of Coral Gables</p> <p>Ref: Commission Item on Gables by the Sea's Access to Gulliver Campamento Entrance</p> <p>Dear Mr. Riel:</p> <p>This communication is in opposition to any student access from Campamento Street (GBTS) to Gulliver Academy.</p> <p>When GBTS was designing perimeters for our Special Taxing District to support our security gatehouses, Gulliver access was a pariah. Gulliver had to be fenced entirely with the exception of the teacher's parking lot (Campamento Street). In fact, the Special Taxing district had to pay for the chain link fencing all around Gulliver.</p> <p>The demographics of GBTS has not changed (number of children attending Gulliver) since the installation of our guard houses (now with cameras!), so why would we want to undermine our security achievements by allowing for a gate so a few student's parents don't have to be inconvenienced by going in the front door of Gulliver Academy?</p> <p>Act as you see fit, but acknowledge that people don't buy homes in GBTS for easy access to Gulliver's campus. That is a huge misstatement on the part of a few neighbors. GBTS is a bay access, "gated community" and our security is far more an issue.</p>
3.	11 08 10	Steven Hamersmith		X	<p>Dear City Attorney Hernandez,</p> <p>We are residents of Gables by the Sea and, more specifically, reside on Ramiro Street in the Northeast corner of our beautiful neighborhood. In order to get to our home, we have to pass the Gulliver entrance located on Campamento. We have been kept up to date by our HOA on the progress concerning Gulliver's request to expand its campus and understand that Final Approval for this expansion goes before the Commission on Tuesday, November 9th. It is also our belief that a Letter of Understanding between GBTS HOA and Gulliver has been established and, among other items, will ultimately result in the closure of the gate on Campamento and route all traffic, vehicular and commercial, to the existing entrance on Old Cutler or a newly created one in the same general area. As a result, we are directly affected by the actions or inactions of its Students, Employees, Contractors, and Delivery Support as well as the decisions made by the commission on this matter. Unfortunately, we will not be able to attend in person, hence the writing of my letter to your esteemed commission.</p> <p>We are not opposed to continuing progress within our community; however, it should not come</p>

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					<p>at the detriment of our citizens, specifically home values and quality of life disruption, particularly when another option exists. I can assure you, as one who passes it several times a day, that this gate creates a problem for Gables by the Sea residents. In general terms, it severely increases the traffic exiting the area, and in most cases, causes back-ups that result in having to wait nearly (3) light cycles on 128th Street to simply exit the neighborhood in the afternoons. That is not to mention, more importantly, tying up the services of our Security personnel, paid for by us, who spend their entire time writing down license plate numbers for non-residents. More directly to those of us who live on that side of the area, we are faced with street delays, cars and delivery trucks queuing on the street creating a safety hazard, and a general disregard for cleanliness by the endless amount of trash and debris created by kids, parents waiting, and non interested delivery personnel. We have been informed that there may a small contingent of GBTS parents who will argue that the entrance is required so they can drop of their children. By allowing this gate to remain open so a few parents don't have to deal with dropping their kids off at the Old Cutler entrance will almost certainly create an opportunity for countless delivery and construction vehicles to utilize this entrance. Clearly, this is a case of a small minority trying to argue against a far larger majority of us who live here and want to protect our home values, which ultimately benefit Dade County and the City of Coral Gables, as well as the quality of life we choose by living in this community.</p> <p>Your consideration in favor of your loyal Coral Gables citizens who oppose keeping the gate open and our likeminded Pinecrest neighbors is greatly appreciated.</p> <p>Respectfully Yours.</p>
4.	11 08 10	Catherine W. Froelich, M.D. Robert S. Kirsner, M.D., Ph.D.	X		<p>We strongly oppose closing Gulliver's Campamento gate for the residents of Gables/Pinecrest by the Sea. We rented a home on San Pedro for a year before buying in this community to see if using the back gate was convenient and safe for our three children. The ease and safety of the access to their school convinced us to buy here 4 years ago.</p> <p>The HOA promised in a letter to fight for what was "best for our community."</p> <p>They have made an agreement that was only in the best interest of a few neighbors who border the school who bought their homes knowing that the school and gate were there.</p> <p>How is it in the best interest of our community to force more traffic through an already overcrowded intersection and on to a very busy thoroughfare.</p> <p>How is in the best interest of our community to take away a selling point for homes during a time when real estate market is so depressed.</p> <p>But most importantly why would the HOA put our children's safety at risk?Is it in the best interest of our community to jeopardize the safety of our children who will now be forced to cross Old Cutler at busy intersections four times a day.</p> <p>We strongly urge the Commission to allow the residents access to Gulliver through a pedestrian gate for the best interest of our community.</p>

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					Sincerely, Catherine W. Froelich, M.D. Robert S. Kirsner, M.D., Ph.D.
5.	11 08 10	Lisa Mishurda and Mark Lopez SW 59th Avenue residents of Gables by the Sea	X		<p>My husband and I strongly oppose the closure of the entrance gate within Gables by the Sea on Campamento to Gulliver children.</p> <p>This is for the safety of the children. The sidewalk along Old Cutler is on the opposite side of the school, and the children from within Gables by the Sea must cross Old Cutler TWICE in order to walk to school. In addition, if the gate is closed, parents who decide to drive their children to school from within GBTS would be adding to the traffic jam on Old Cutler that is in front of Gulliver every day (which is another HUGE issue, but another topic entirely).</p> <p>Going forward, we would like to restrict the use of this gate to teachers and delivery trucks, as it makes our quiet streets very busy, especially in the mornings. We find many cars entering the southern Pinecrest entrance at SW 134 St and continuing through the streets over to the gate on Campamento. It can only be assumed these are teachers avoiding the traffic up Old Cutler.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Sincerely, Lisa Mishurda and Mark Lopez SW 59th Avenue residents of Gables by the Sea</p>
6.	11 08 10	Mary Mills	X		<p>Wow! I live on Ramiro Street which is directly effected by the gate...and have lived her for the past 18 1/2 years. (Not many complaining can say that) The gate has always been there, always been a part of GBS and is a GREAT idea. No my kids do not attend the Academy...and No it does not effect tons of traffic...IT IS A SCHOOL ZONE LIKE IT OR NOT AND YOU HAVE TO GO SLOW...NOT TO MENTION THERE IS A PARK AND YOU MUST GO SLOW!!! IHence causing traffic on a sharp curved road. I will definitely write the Mayor and commissioners in favor of KEEPING the gate...and yes the HOA is putting words into several of our mouths...that's why my family no longer participates or funds the GBSHOA...and I was the past treasurer for 3 consecutives years after Andrew...</p> <p>Mary Mills</p>
7.	11 08 10	Mary and Richard Kinkade 1507 Coruna Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33156	X		<p>To Whom It May Concern,</p> <p>We would like to let the committee know that we strongly disagree with the Gulliver gate being permanently closed. We have lived in Gables By The Sea for thirteen years and live very close to the gate on Coruna Avenue. We feel that residents should continue to have access through a pedestrian gate to Gulliver. We sincerely hope that Gulliver and GBTS HOA will come to a sensible compromise on the matter.</p> <p>Sincerely, Mary and Richard Kinkade 1507 Coruna Avenue</p>

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					Coral Gables, FL 33156
8.	11 08 10	Mr. & Mrs. de Castro	X		<p>We come from Brazil, we have many friends living at Old Cutler Bay, Gables States, and Pinecrest. We`ve just rented a house at Gables by the sea, at 1420 Lugo, and my son is a 5th grader at Gulliver. We had MANY offers of excellent houses, much cheaper, outside the condo. The ONLY reason we rented this one is: THE GATE. Our son walks (alone) to school, we don`t need to drive him. Of course that we`d never let him go walking or biking across this crazy busy street outside the condo. Gulliver has a very good control of the students that access this gate, they asked us a proof of address. You must live inside the condo to have the permit. When we didn`t have the permit, we drove by red rd entrance, we took 25 minutes !!!! I am sure that if they close the gate, the prices of renting and selling will go down. I don`t know how the homeowners association simply don`t get it.....I am looking for a house to buy here at the condominium, but now, I`m going to look for houses outside the condo, near Gulliver`s gate.</p> <p>Thank you. Mr. &amp; Mrs. de Castro.</p> <p>PS. Yesterday afternoon there was a terrible crash near the red rd entrance, of course it`s not safe to our children go walking or biking.</p>
9.	11 08 10	Catherine Froelich	X		<p>From: "Catherine Froelich" &lt;savethegate@att.net&gt; To: "donslesnick@coralgables.com" &lt;donslesnick@coralgables.com&gt;, "wkerdyk@coralgables.com" &lt;wkerdyk@coralgables.com&gt;, "manderson@coralgables.com" &lt;manderson@coralgables.com&gt;, "wwithers@coralgables.com" &lt;wwithers@coralgables.com&gt;, "rcabrera@coralgables.com" &lt;rcabrera@coralgables.com&gt;, "psalerno@coralgables.com" &lt;psalerno@coralgables.com&gt;, "ehernandez@coralgables.com" &lt;ehernandez@coralgables.com&gt;, "eriel@coralgables.com" &lt;eriel@coralgables.com&gt;, "wfoeman@coralgables.com" &lt;wfoeman@coralgables.com&gt; Subject: Gulliver expansion</p> <p>Dear Mr. Mayor and Coral Gables Commissioners,</p> <p>I have "packaged" together all the emails that have been sent to me in opposition of closing the Campamento gate to Gables/Pinecrest by the Sea residents.</p> <p>I have sent these to Mr. Riel but it was after he had sent out the Agenda item package to you. Also, this includes more emails that I have received over the weekend in support.</p> <p>I look forwarding to meeting you all tomorrow. Catherine W. Froelich, M.D.</p>
10.	11 08 10	Sue and Omar Costa	X		<p>From: skc1990@aol.com [mailto:skc1990@aol.com] Sent: Monday, November 08, 2010 10:57 AM To: Riel, Eric; Slesnick, Donald; Anderson, Maria; Withers, Wayne; rcabrera@coral; gables.com@aol.com Subject: Gulliver's Campamento Gate</p>

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					<p>Dear Sir or Madam,</p> <p>I am writing to request that the pedestrian walkway be made accessible for the children of our community in Gables and Pinecrest by the Sea.                      I use the back gate for the morning drop off and the afternoon pickup for my 8 year old son. I cannot convey to you the major stress and inconvenience it would be for my family to have to go out to an already congested Red Road.                      When we moved to Miami in 2007, one of the reasons we brought our home in Gables by the Sea was for its convenient use of the back gate.                      Please consider the safety and well being of our children.</p> <p>Thank you,                      Sue and Omar Costa</p>
11.	11 08 10	Robert S. Kirsner, M.D., PhD		<b>X</b>	<p>From: Kirsner, Robert [mailto:RKirsner@med.miami.edu]                      Sent: Monday, November 08, 2010 5:02 AM                      To: Slesnick, Donald; Kerdyk, William; Anderson, Maria; Withers, Wayne; Cabrera, Ralph; Salerno, Patrick; Hernandez, Elizabeth                      Subject: Gulliver v. Gables By The Sea</p> <p>Dear Esteemed Civic Leaders,</p> <p>I am a home owner in Gables By the Sea and a parent of children attending Gulliver. I have been informed that an agreement has been reached between the homeowners association of Gables By The Sea and Gulliver to allow for planned construction. One critical element was to close Gables By The Sea to construction traffic but as a consequence closes a walkway for children to get to school. A simple amendment, to which Gulliver agrees, is to put a walkway in place. Despite significant concern about this issue, the leadership of home owners association does not wish to entertain this simple solution to create a Win-Win situation and provides no legitimate reason for not doing so. This raises concerns about legitimacy and motivation of the leadership of the home owners association as additionally on more than one occasion they have provide the home owners false information on this issue.</p> <p>Therefore in sum 1) It is critical that any solution contain a walkway for children of Gables By the Sea residents to get from the development to the school. 2) The leadership of homeowners association has not done due diligence and does not represent the best interests of the home owners.</p> <p>Thank you consideration of these issues.</p> <p>Robert S. Kirsner, M.D., PhD                      Professor, Vice Chairman &amp; Stiefel Laboratories Chair                      Department of Dermatology &amp; Cutaneous Surgery                      Chief of Dermatology University of Miami Hospital                      University of Miami Miller School of Medicine</p>

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					1600 N.W. 10th Avenue, RMSB, Room 2023-A Miami, Florida 33136 305 243 4472 (office) 305 243 6704 (appts) 305 243 6191 (fax)
12.	11 07 10	Donna Kupper donnaakup@yahoo.com 13017 San Mateo Coral Gables, FL 33156		X	<p>From: Donna Kupper [mailto:donnaakup@yahoo.com] Sent: Sunday, November 07, 2010 6:48 PM To: Slesnick, Donald; Salerno, Patrick; Kerdyk, William; Withers, Wayne; Anderson, Maria; Hernandez, Elizabeth; Cabrera, Ralph Subject: Gulliver Expansion - Tues. Nov. 9 Commission Meeting</p> <p>Dear Respective City Officials,</p> <p>I will be out of town and unable to attend the Commission Meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 9th when you discuss the proposed Gulliver Expansion.</p> <p>Please know that I am in agreement with the current plans agreed upon between Gulliver and Gables by the Sea HOA and residents.</p> <p>A very small minority of GBTS residents would like for the gate on Campamento to either remain, or for Gulliver to continue to allow access to students whom are residents through the proposed 5' gate.</p> <p>I oppose this suggestion. The gate on Campamento should be closed to everyone, including resident students. It is unfortunate for the 17 or so students, however this is the only way we can be assured of the safety of all of our residents, users of Coral Bay Park and reduce vehicular traffic as well.</p> <p>I have lived in GBTS for 15 years and remain active on the HOA for the past 14 years. Feel free to contact me with any questions regarding this matter.</p> <p>Thank you, Donna Kupper donnaakup@yahoo.com 13017 San Mateo Coral Gables, FL 33156</p>
13.	11 06 10	Nancy Perez		X	<p>From: Nancy Perez [mailto:ncperez13@hotmail.com] Sent: Saturday, November 06, 2010 3:11 PM To: Slesnick, Donald Cc: Kerdyk, William; Anderson, Maria; Withers, Wayne; Cabrera, Ralph; Salerno, Patrick; Hernandez, Elizabeth Subject: Written agreement with Gulliver Academy to close Campamento Ave. gate</p> <p>Dear Mayor Slesnick and Commissioners,</p>

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					<p>My family and I have lived at 1440 Campamento Ave., Gables by the Sea, across from Gulliver Academy for the past 31 years, and we have been Gables residents since 1963. My siblings and I have attended Coral Gables Elementary, Ponce de Leon Middle School, Coral Gables High School and the University of Miami. We love living in Coral Gables and enjoy everything it has to offer. Part of that attraction is having the quite streets and pedestrian- friendly environment of our neighborhoods. But our neighbors and us haven't been able to enjoy this last attraction in Gables by the Sea, especially on Campamento Ave. We are tired of having trucks making deliveries at Gulliver Academy at all hours of the day (including as early as 5:00AM) , parents dropping off and picking up students in the middle of the street (major safety issue), trucks and parents' cars blocking the neighborhood street, parents using our driveways to make a U-turn, unauthorized use of the teacher parking lot by parents and students of other schools, and, not to mention, the noise and safety issues that all this traffic brings. There is a lot of pedestration traffic on Campamento Ave since there is a park there, Coral Bay Park. The traffic is a big concern because of children using the park. Let's prevent some tragic incident from happening before it happens.</p> <p>The Campamento entrance to Gulliver Academy was to be an entrance utilized by teachers only when the Special Taxing District was formed in Gables by the Sea in 1997. Back In 2000, Gulliver Academy placed a student entrance next to teacher entrance without authorization of the Special Taxing District Department, to accommodate the students being dropped off and picked up illegally in that entrance. At that time, the Gables by the Sea Homeowners' Association notified the Special Taxing District Department, and the pedestrian gate was sealed. Throughout the years, though, the Campamento entrance has been used by anyone and everyone that wants to use it with minimal, if any, supervision by Gulliver Academy. The Academy has never shown any consideration with the neighbors, especially after many requests by the neighbors, me included, to improve the situation, and quite frankly, we are tired of putting up with this abuse anymore.</p> <p>Finally, after many months of negotiations, an agreement with Gulliver Academy and the neighbors of Gables by the Sea, about the future building of a gymnasium, natatorium and miscellaneous improvements (PAD No. 09-09-092), a settlement was reached on September 15, 2010. Part of that agreement was that the Campamento entrance would be permanently closed to all traffic. I don't think that because a few people who are now refusing to use the other entrance to Gulliver, who have no interest in the overall quality of life of the neighborhood, this agreement shouldn't go forward. Every interested party was informed of the multiple meetings with the Planning and Zoning Board in a timely fashion. We can not keep going back to the drawing board every time someone disagrees with a minute detail, especially when it's in the best interest of the neighborhood that the Campamento entrance be closed. Just because some people would have to drop off and pick students in another entrance doesn't mean that the whole neighborhood should suffer for the convenience of a few.</p> <p>I hope that you will study this carefully and make a wise decision that benefits the quality of life of all the residents of Gables by the Sea.</p>

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					Respectfully yours, Nancy C. Perez
14.	11 06 10	Markus & Christiane Jung	X		<p>From: Markus &amp; Christiane Jung [mailto:jungmc@att.net] Sent: Saturday, November 06, 2010 12:24 PM To: Slesnick, Donald Subject: RE: GULLIVER EXPANSION - COMMISSION MEETING</p> <p>Dear Mr. Mayor,</p> <p>Thank you for your prompt response!</p> <p>The HOA is a voluntary organization who speak for a small number of homeowners in our community.</p> <p>Unfortunately, they made an agreement with Gulliver and the Planning and Zoning Board that was against the safety and best interests of many in this community without informing those who would be most affected.</p> <p>We have tried to get them to amend their agreement such that the children of our community could continue to access their school in a safe and monitored environment but as you can see the board not only refuses to meet with us, they also misrepresent our plea for a PEDESTRIAN gate to our neighbors and try to undermine our efforts.</p> <p>Since the agreement that was made to keep that gate open when our community was gated in the late 1990's was with the City of Coral Gables, we felt that you and the commissioners would be able to help us correct this hazard ridden situation.</p> <p>Sincerely, Markus &amp; Christiane Jung</p> <p>From: Slesnick, Donald [mailto:donslesnick@coralgables.com] Sent: Saturday, November 06, 2010 12:53 AM To: Markus &amp; Christiane Jung Subject: RE: GULLIVER EXPANSION - COMMISSION MEETING</p> <p>Dear Christine &amp; Markus: Thank you for sharing your thoughts about the Gulliver application and the position taken by the homeowners association. Unfortunately, I would suspect that your disagreement should be addressed to the association board.</p> <p>Regards, Don Slesnick</p> <hr/> <p>From: Markus &amp; Christiane Jung [mailto:jungmc@att.net] Sent: Friday, November 05, 2010 8:57 PM</p>

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					<p>To: Slesnick, Donald; Kerdyk, William; Anderson, Maria; Withers, Wayne; Cabrera, Ralph Subject: FW: GULLIVER EXPANSION - COMMISSION MEETING</p> <p>Dear Mayor Slesnick and the Board of Commissions,</p> <p>In reference to the letter below, I would like to clarify that the statement of the Homeowners Association is UNTRUE!</p> <p>I do not believe that the interests of the majority of the residents in the community were considered, especially given that NOT A SINGLE RESIDENT who is directly affected by the gate closure was informed by the board! The information given to the homeowners was that access to the back gate will be restricted for trucks, teachers and service vehicles who currently use this gate but there was never a mention of denying access for our children who live in this community! We were blindsided by their decision! We the affected residents of this community are NOT requesting for the gate to remain open, we are simply requesting that our children can remain within the boundaries of GBTS and have safe access to the school. Many of the children including my own walk or ride their bikes to school. Closing the gate will force these children to cross Red Road – this is an accident waiting to happen!</p> <p>The statement that students living outside of GBTS use this gate is also untrue! Gulliver has a security guard stationed at the back gate every day, who ensures that ONLY residents access this gate. Any non-resident who attempts to use the back gate is immediately reported to Mr. Krutulis and appropriate disciplinary action is taken! In the 20+ years that the gate has been within this community there have no incidents or police reports filed! – the comments of the HOA are completely exaggerated and false!</p> <p>In closing I would like to question in who's favor the board voted? – it certainly was not in favor of protecting our children?</p> <p>Sincerely, Markus &amp; Christiane Jung</p>
15.	11 06 10	Catherine Froelich Robert Kirsner	X		<p>From: robert kirsner &lt;rkirsner@bellsouth.net&gt; Date: November 6, 2010 7:18:02 AM EDT To: donslesnick@coralgables.com, wkerdyk@coralgables.com, wwithers@coralgables.com, psalerno@coralgables.com, rcabrera@coralgables.com, eriel@coralgables.com, wfoeman@coralgables.com Cc: manderson@coralgables.com, ehernandez@coralgables.com Subject: Fw: GULLIVER EXPANSION - COMMISSION MEETING</p> <p>Dear Mr. Mayor and Commissionners,</p> <p>The following is the type of misinformation that the HOA of Gables/Pinecrest by the Sea is spreading.</p> <p>The residents do not want the gate to remain open for all traffic ONLY FAMILIES OF OUR</p>

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					<p>NEIGHBORHOOD.</p> <p>The residents who want a PEDESTRIAN gate are not all Gulliver parents but those who worry about the safety of the children who will have to cross Old Cutler twice each way to school.</p> <p>I have been in contact with the HOA on many occasions about our requests for a PEDESTRIAN GATE and they have repeatedly created a hostile environment in our community.</p> <p>I look forward to meeting you all on Tuesday and presenting our argument for the safety of our children.</p> <p>Very Sincerely Yours, Catherine W. Froelich,M.D.</p>
16.	11 05 10	Catherine Froelich Robert Kirsner			<p>From: robert kirsner &lt;rkirsner@bellsouth.net&gt; Date: November 5, 2010 5:20:33 PM EDT To: eriel@coralgables.com Subject: Fw: GULLIVER EXPANSION - COMMISSION MEETING</p> <p>This is the kind of misinformation that the HOA spreads. We only asked for a Pedestrian gate for our families to use. What about the safety issues of our children on Old Cutler?</p> <p>Appalling. Catherine W. Froelich, M.D.</p> <p>----- Forwarded Message ----- From: "Hepsonen@aol.com" &lt;Hepsonen@aol.com&gt; To: hepsonen@aol.com Sent: Fri, November 5, 2010 4:03:31 PM Subject: GULLIVER EXPANSION - COMMISSION MEETING</p> <p>We know most of you are aware that the final approval for the Gulliver expansion goes before the Coral Gables commission this coming Tuesday, November 9th. One of the items agreed upon in writing with Gulliver was the closing of the Campamento gate. Our neighborhood has seen a large amount of traffic due to this gate. Gulliver students living outside of Gables by the Sea have used the gate as a short cut. Oversized trucks have made it through the neighborhood on their way to making deliveries to the school. Traffic tie ups and safety issues have been a great concern. These were the arguments brought to the HOA over the last 9 months and the arguments our attorney has used in pursuing the closing of the gate. It seems now that there are some GBTS residents that are Gulliver parents who would now like to see the gate remain open. The HOA understands they will make their plea at Tuesday's commission meeting.</p> <p>Our HOA strongly believes it has negotiated with Gulliver with the interests and desires of the majority of the residents in our community. Thus, the HOA would like to see the gate closed.</p>

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					<p>We would hate for the wishes of the majority to be overshadowed this Tuesday by the presence of the minority. We, therefore, are requesting that each of you consider attending this Tuesday's commission meeting. At the least, please email the commission and let them know where you stand on the issue.</p> <p>CORAL GABLES COMMISSION MEETING  TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2010  315 BILTMORE WAY  MEETING BEGINS 9 A.M. WITH GULLIVER ON THE AGENDA FOR 10 A.M.</p>
17.	11 05 10	Carolyn McCarthy	X		<p>From: Carolyn McCarthy [mailto:dmc13@bellsouth.net]  Sent: Friday, November 05, 2010 5:47 PM  To: Slesnick, Donald  Cc: Kerdyk, William; Anderson, Maria; Withers, Wayne; Cabrera, Ralph; Salerno, Patrick; Hernandez, Elizabeth  Subject: GULLIVER GATE CLOSURE</p> <p>Dear Mayor Slesnick and Commissioners,  I am a Gables by the Sea Resident and definitely want the gate closed to all delivery and construction trucks. Regarding access for our Gulliver school children I feel there may be a compromise... they could install a simple pedestrian gate for the neighborhood children. My children do not attend Gulliver but if they did I would appreciate not having to drive out of the community. I'm also a little self centered. I have to drive my kids to Epiphany so the less cars in front of me going to Gulliver the better=□  Carolyn McCarthy</p>
18.	11 04 10	Debbie K. Friedlander 1300 Lugo Ave. Coral Gables, FL 33156	X		<p>From: debfriedlander@aol.com [mailto:debfriedlander@aol.com]  Sent: Thursday, November 04, 2010 6:59 PM  To: savethegate@att.net; Riel, Eric  Cc: maca@gulliverschools.org  Subject: Gulliver's Campamento gate</p> <p>Dear Mr. Riel:</p> <p>I am in favor of keeping the pedestrian walkway at Campamento entrance of Gulliver academy open to the children of Gables by the Sea. I have lived in Gables by the Sea since 1991. I do not feel that it would negatively affect our neighborhood. It is a wonderful convenience and a safe access to residents of GBTS whose children attend Gulliver.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Debbie K. Friedlander  1300 Lugo Ave.  Coral Gables, FL 33156  Ph. 305-663-4488</p>

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19.	11 04 10	Denise Madan	X		<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>I am casting my vote to keep the back gate open in your community Gables by the Sea. I have several friends and clients who live in your community. They are fortunate enough to send their children to Gulliver Academy. One of the key selling points besides all the wonderful families that live in the community is the luxury of taking their children to Gulliver every day by way of the back gate.</p> <p>As you are aware Monday through Friday from about 7 a.m. until 9 a.m. the traffic on Old Cutler can be very exasperating. With the gate open it alleviates traffic that would normally travel on Old Cutler. Also if there ever is an emergency, which I hope and pray that day never comes, you have another way in and out of Gulliver school grounds.</p> <p>I have a family right now who is renting a home and now they are ready to purchase a home in the community. One of the first things my client said was..."This is perfect. I never have to drive on Old Cutler in the morning. I can take the kids to the back gate".</p> <p>Please reconsider leaving this gate open.</p> <p>Yours truly, Denise Madan, CRS, CDPE, GRI, e-PRO Certified Luxury Home Marketing Specialist RE/MAX Advance Realty South Miami, FL 33143</p>
20.	11 04 10	Debbie K. Friedlander 1300 Lugo Ave. Coral Gables, FL 33156	X		<p>Dear Mr. Riel:</p> <p>I am in favor of keeping the pedestrian walkway at Campamento entrance of Gulliver academy open to the children of Gables by the Sea. I have lived in Gables by the Sea since 1991. I do not feel that it would negatively affect our neighborhood. It is a wonderful convenience and a safe access to residents of GBTS whose children attend Gulliver.</p> <p>Thank you. Debbie K. Friedlander 1300 Lugo Ave. Coral Gables, FL 33156</p>
21.	11 04 10	Seth 13306 SW 58 Court	X		<p>Catherine, my view is that the HOA is organized to represent the interests of the homeowners and a resident should need not fear the association intends to act adversely to any number of its residents, which is exactly what it did here. The HOA could have simply sought agreement, for example, that the gate not be used for any commercial traffic, but instead it availed itself of an opportunity to close completely an entrance which provides convenience and safety to our children. The HOA breached its obligations and acted selfishly by knowingly and aggressively pressing an agenda it knew was adverse to some residents.</p> <p>I, in fact, have stopped and talked to many of HOA representatives at the entrance to the</p>

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					community when they were passing out materials pre-meeting and each time stated that I understood their concerns, but as a Gulliver parent wished to see a balanced resolution.  Seth 13306 SW 58 Court
22.	11 04 10	Georgia Hernandez, D.M.D.	X		Dr. Dr. Froelich,  I have just become aware of the issue concerning the closure of Gulliver's gate including the closure of the residential-pedestrian walkway.  As a parent and a Gables by the Sea resident I do urge the director of planning and their staff to consider maintaining the residential-pedestrian walkway available to the Gables by the Sea residents.  I do agree that it would be a hazard for the children to be walking on the very busy congested street of Old Cutler.  Sincerely, Georgia Hernandez, D.M.D.
23.	11 04 10	Maria Feldman		X	I would vote NO to closing the Campamento gate! This is just an accident waiting to happen. Maria Feldman Deva St .
24.	11 04 10	Laurie Sukert	X		Catherine,  I sympathize with your position and agree that there should be a way for Gulliver students who live in Gables/Pinecrest by the Sea to enter the School by the back gate. My kids went all the way through Gulliver Academy and Prep and we enjoyed the back gate during their middle school years.  Laurie Sukert
25.	11 04 10	Rhiannon Barton	X		Hi, your email was forwarded to me.  Yes, I oppose the closing of the Campamento Gate to residents.  Although we rent in Gables By the Sea, we offered more in rent to secure the house so that we could live here with side access to the school.  Proximity to the school and access via the Campamento Gate puts Gables By the Sea in an advantageous position increasing rents and house prices. It also helps to ease congestion on the main road approaching the estate which is of benefit to all residents.  The number of residents using the back gate is minimal and causes no disruption even at the two short periods of time during the day in which it is used. Not withstanding that for 3 summer months of the year there is no school!

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					Thank you for bringing this to my attention and let me know what else we can do to help. Kind regards, Rhiannon Barton
26.	11 04 10	Christiane Jung & family	X		Dear Catherine,  WE STRONGLY OPPOSE THE CLOSURE OF THE CAMPAMENTO GATE TO RESIDENTS .  We are one of the affected families who have been “blindsided” by this proposal. We have 2 children who attend the Academy and are shocked and extremely disappointed that this gate will be closed. One of the reasons we actually chose to move to GBTS 2 years ago, was because our children now had the opportunity to walk and ride their bikes to school – why should this privilege be taken away from them? Having our boys walk along Red Road is certainly not an alternative, as there is an extreme danger of them getting hit and killed! We have used the gate since we moved here and I would like to emphasize that the pick up process from the parents is organized, quiet and quick; never have I witnessed any screaming, honking or disruptive behavior! The few cars who wait in front of the Academy gate to pick up their children is no different than the cars who park at the intersection of Lugo and SW 57th Ave in order to pick up their children from the school bus.  Apart from ourselves I know of many other families who are appalled by this decision. Not once were they informed about the gate closure or included in any voting !!  I urge all residents to rethink this decision or to find an proper alternative for our children to safely commute to and from school, ensuring that they stay within the gated boundaries of GBTS.  Sincerely, Christiane Jung & family
27.	11 04 10	Yuriy Shulhan, PhD	X		Dear Catherine,  you're absolutely right - the only reason we've chosen this residency was direct access to the school. I fully support you, let's fight.  Yuriy Shulhan, PhD
28.	11 04 10	Claudia Azevedo	X		Catherine,  I've sent recently an email to Helen about this issue (please see attached email). My proposal to her to be included in the Settlement Agreement was to leave a pedestrian ONLY gate on Campamento Avenue . This would allow our children to come and go to school, and at the same time would avoid the heavy traffic into our neighborhood from service trucks, deliveries etc. She said she would be sending my proposal to the GPBS Board.

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					<p>Please let me know what you think about my proposal. Regards,</p> <p>Claudia Azevedo</p>
29.	11 04 10	Sue Costa	X		<p>Closure of the Back Gate will certainly be a stress and inconvenience to my family. I currently use the back gate both for the morning drop off as well as the afternoon pickup. Having to go out to Red Road in the morning will definitely add another 10-15 minutes to an already hectic school morning, not to mention adding another car to the traffic jam. One of the main reasons my husband and I purchased our home in Gables by the Sea was for its proximity to Gulliver and for the advantageous use of the back gate. I know that many Gulliver parents that currently live either in Gables by the Sea or Pinecrest by the Sea feel as strongly as I do.</p> <p>Thank you, Sue Costa</p>
30.	11 04 10	Mary and Mark Mills	X		<p>Just for the record...I was one of the neighbors that did buy in GBS 18 years ago...and loved using the gate. I don't need the gate for my personal use any more' but am opposed to closing it for the neighbors that do want to use it. I live on Ramiro Street so I would be effected by the gate and feel for the safety of the children in the neighborhood that the gate should DEFINITELY remain in operation for Gulliver Academy students that live in GBS.</p> <p>Sincerely, Mary and Mark Mills</p>
31.	11 04 10	Jean Pollock 5854 SW 131ST Terrace	X		<p>Hello Catherine,</p> <p>I have lived in the neighborhood for over 25 years and I totally agree with you about the gates. Although we no longer have children at home, taking that entrance away from the neighborhood children is the height of folly. I am happy to see the service entrance being moved to reduce delivery traffic, but closing the neighborhood gate is ridiculous.</p> <p>It would just seem like such a simple thing to continue to let the neighborhood children walk into Gulliver's grounds without having to risk walking out of our gates and up to Old Cutler, where pedestrians are at risk everyday and there are NO sidewalks to get through the Lugo guard gate, or on Red Rd. And how foolish it would be to have parents fighting all of the traffic on Old Cutler and adding to it to, when the kids could just slip in the side gate. I do believe that the gate has always been monitored well to only allow children from our neighborhood through, and I was unaware of any problem in the past few years with the current system.</p> <p>Jean Pollock 5854 SW 131ST Terrace</p>
32.	11 04 10	Wilson Grava 13452 SW 57th CT	X		<p>We oppose the closing of the Campamento gate for access to Gulliver. We have 2 children at Gulliver and we use that gate on a daily basis.</p> <p>Wilson Grava</p>

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33.	11 04 10	johncayala@comcast.net	X		<p>Re: Campamento Gate            From: "johncayala@comcast.net" &lt;johncayala@comcast.net&gt;            View Contact            To: Catherine Froelich &lt;savethegate@att.net&gt;            Cc: "Hepsonen@aol.com" &lt;Hepsonen@aol.com&gt;</p> <p>There must be access for the children who live in this community. Eliminating that access makes no sense.</p>
34.	11 04 10	Lorna and Richard Loretto	X		<p>We definitely oppose this since, as you say, we chose the location of our home based on the access to GA.</p> <p>Regards,            Lorna and Richard Loretto            (305-905-9392)</p>
35.	11 04 10	Anita & Jerry Britt	X		<p>Our son attends Gulliver and we specifically selected Gables by the sea for the very reason of safe easy access to the campus. we live at 1385 bella Vista Ave and are very disheartened by this news. We certainly hope this does not happen.</p> <p>thank you for bringing it to our attention,            Best regards,            anita &amp; jerry britt</p>
36.	11 04 10	Lilian Grava	X		<p>Hi Catherine,            count on me as one of the parents opposing to the closing of the Gulliver gate. Thanks for organizing this for all of us who have children, and will eventually sell our houses with the benefit of the gate through Gulliver. Your neighbor, Lilian Grava</p>
37.	11 04 10	Malek Torbay 1300 Campamento ave Coral Gables ,FI 33156	X		<p>I am surprised to find out that the Campamento ave gate to Gulliver will be closed for students who live in Gables by the Sea. I understand closing it for service vehicles and even for teacher parking access, but not for the students that live in Gables by the Sea.            When I bought my house, a year ago, the most important reason for buying there, was the direct access to Gulliver, since my children attend the school.            Closing this gate to students is shortsighted to say the least.</p> <p>Malek Torbay            1300 Campamento ave            Coral Gables ,FI 33156</p>
38.	11 04 10	Elizabeth Janowitz Warren Janowitz MD JD	X		<p>To whom this may concern:</p> <p>We are residents of Gables /Pinecrest by the Sea.</p> <p>We don't see why a gate to offer access to Gulliver School by foot or bicycle should be closed to resident's students.</p> <p>Please keep access open to them. It would be very dangerous and inconvenient for those</p>

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					<p>students not to have access through their neighborhood.</p> <p>Elizabeth Janowitz Warren Janowitz MD JD</p>
39.	11 04 10	Catherine Froelich	X		<p>On Nov 4, 2010, at 10:26 AM, "Catherine Froelich" &lt;savethegate@att.net&gt; wrote: Dear Mr. Riel,</p> <p>I would like to thank you for speaking with me at length the other day about the Gulliver expansion that will go before the Commission on November 9th.</p> <p>As I expressed in our conversation, I feel that closing the gate will cause increase in traffic in an already overcrowded area and a safety hazard for children who would have to exit our community and cross Old Cutler twice to get to school.</p> <p>In a search of accidents, I found only one in 10 years inside the gates of our community in the vicinity of Gulliver.</p> <p>I found no police reports against Gulliver from our community.</p> <p>I now have about 25 emails that I would like to send to you opposing closure for the community families.</p> <p>I will send them to you in a "packaged" version as you suggested and will make several copies of each to give to you and any of the Commission members who would like a copy.</p> <p>I had a few questions for you about the proceedings on November 9th. Please call me at your convenience.</p> <p>Thank you, Catherine Froelich</p>
40.	11 01 10	Claudia Azevedo Gables by the Sea Resident	X		<p>Dear Mr. Riel,</p> <p>As a resident of Gables by the Sea Community and a Gulliver parent, I would like to express mine and other neighbors voice on the issue of the Campamento gate closure. I was always in favor of the closure for vehicles, however, never for pedestrians!!!!</p> <p>I bought my house in Gables by the Sea, counting that I would not need to go through the hassle of early morning traffic and that my kids would have a safe way to school. I can tell you that I even paid a "premium" on the house based on that. Now, aside from already having lost money on the house due to the real estate crisis, I feel my house will be further devaluated due to the removal of this "gate benefit". Then the question that remains is: who will pay for my loss??? This is the question that many of us that support the "pedestrian gate" keep asking....</p> <p>I fully supported the settlement with Gulliver, however it was never said to the neighbors that</p>

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					<p>could not make to the meetings, that pedestrian access would also not be given. Please help us leave open a single pedestrian access, exclusively for the Gables by the Sea Residents to come and go!</p> <p>I appreciate your support. regards Claudia Azevedo</p>
41.	10 28 10	Jose Luis Machado, Esq. Machado & Herran, P.A. 8500 SW 8 Street Suite 238 Miami, Florida 33144	<b>X</b>		<p>From: Jose Luis Machado [mailto:jose@machadolaw.com]                      Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2010 5:26 PM                      To: Riel, Eric                      Subject: Gulliver Gate Closure Issue (Campamento Gate)</p> <p>Dear Mr. Riel:</p> <p>I have been notified that the Gables by the Sea Homeowners' Association, Inc. ("Association"), has requested and the City of Coral Gables is considering the closure of the gate for pedestrian access located on Campamento Street which gate provides access to the Gulliver Academy property. As a resident of Gables by the Sea ("Community"), residing at 1060 Lugo Avenue and as a parent whose three children attend Gulliver Academy, I am greatly opposed to such a measure.</p> <p>First I would like to point out that the Association, is not a mandatory association that all owners of Gables by the Sea must belong to, but is instead a voluntary association. This Association does not speak for the owners living within the Community nor does it have a proxy to do so, as is typical of communities in which there are mandatory associations in place. Instead this is a voluntary association and no homeowner within the Community is required to join or pay dues to the Association as a requirement to live within the Community. While I fully understand the Association's concern regarding the possibility of construction vehicles entering the Gulliver property through the Community via public streets, I do not know what purpose would be served by denying the children living within the Community from entering Gulliver on foot by way of the gate located on Campamento.</p> <p>One of the main reasons that the Association opposed the new construction on the Gulliver property was that it would increase traffic on Old Cutler Road. There are approximately thirty families that live within the Community, whose children attend Gulliver. If those families are not permitted to use the Campamento gate to drop off their children then they must use Old Cutler Road to drop off their children. This will create further congestion on this street, at peak traffic times, when people are going to work or dropping off their children at school. The closure of the gate for pedestrian access to the Gulliver property would actually create more traffic. In addition to the increased traffic that would be created by the closure of the gate on Campamento, there is a safety issue to consider. As a family with two working parents sometimes our children must walk home from school. The closure of the Campamento gate would force children living within the Community to walk along a busy street, with no sidewalk along the east side of the street in order to enter their Community. How can the City of Coral Gables put children at risk by walking along a busy thoroughfare, when there is an existing and much safer route for such children to</p>

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					<p>walk from home to school and vice versa?</p> <p>Finally the closure of the gate on Campamento, which gate has existed and been in use for at least thirty years, would serve no purpose. It would not stop the construction on the Gulliver property nor will it alleviate traffic. It would only appease certain homeowners within the Community who have had a contentious relationship with Gulliver and would injure the families who children attend Gulliver and who have chosen to live within the Community.</p> <p>Jose Luis Machado, Esq.  Machado &amp; Herran, P.A.  8500 SW 8 Street  Suite 238  Miami, Florida 33144  Ph.: 305-261-5355  Fax: 305-261-4199</p>