



GABLES GOOD GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

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Candidate Survey for Coral Gables Election – April 13, 2021

The **Gables Good Government Committee (GGG)** invited the 13 candidates running for the offices of **Mayor, Commissioner-Group II** and **Commissioner-Group III** to respond to five questions asking about their vision for the future of the City of Coral Gables, how they would engage residents in policy discussions and their reasons for pursuing public service in our community.

GGG thanks the 12 candidates that responded with their thoughtful, insightful comments on the state of our City and its path forward. **We urge all voters** to become more informed by reading the candidates’ answers before they cast their ballots.

To read the complete responses, go to www.GablesGoodGovernment.org

GROUP I (MAYOR)

What is one decision made by the current or a previous commission you would like to rescind and why?

Jackson “Rip” Holmes:



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The Zoning Code rewrite just passed. This RUNAWAY DEVELOPMENT insider giveaway to developers was hidden from, and never adequately explained to, the voters. IT ENDS CORAL GABLES AS A SUBURB IN MY OPINION. The new Code increases allowable size of

residential houses, apartment buildings, and multi-family buildings, as well as increasing Miracle Mile height to four stories, without providing parking to support the massive buildings.

on a 1 to 1.5 ratio of width of street to height of buildings. Therefore, taller buildings are on Ponce, LeJeune, Douglas, Alhambra, US1, etc., and lower buildings are on the narrower side streets.

Vince Lago:



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The upzoning of Miracle Mile would be a decision made by the City Commission that if I could, I would rescind. It should be our role as elected officials to preserve the historic nature of our city and the essence of

what makes it so special. The Commission should not be approving zoning changes easily, but instead should focus on working with all involved parties to ensure that residents have plenty of opportunities for input on large scale projects. Only when solutions to the concerns of residents have been identified, should items move forward to the City Commission for review.

Pat Keon:



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I would rescind the approval of 100 Miracle Mile that allows a 148ft building on the Andalusia facing of the project. The land use at this site on Andalusia is commercial mid- rise which allows 70 feet and with bonuses could develop to 90 ft. Merrick planned the city

Gables Good Government Committee was organized to support issues and causes that preserve and improve the quality of life in Coral Gables and promote the effective and efficient management of its government.

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