

# CITY OF CORAL GABLES

## --MEMORANDUM--



The City Beautiful

**TO:** Mayor and City Commission  
City Manager, Peter Iglesias  
Assistant City Manager, Eduardo Santamaria

**FROM:** Vice Mayor Vince Lago

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "V. Lago", is written over the name of the Vice Mayor.

**DATE:** November 6, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Merrick House Coral Wall Updated Cost-Estimate and Fund Allocation

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The Coral Gables Merrick House is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and is a symbol of Coral Gables' history. It was the childhood home of the City's founder and developer, George Merrick. Recently, I met with members of the Coral Gables Merrick House Governing Board who are advocating for the City to build a coral rock wall which was removed at some point in the past but existed during a period of historic significance. I have spoken with our Historical Resources Department and was informed that the City had requested estimates for the wall approximately ten years ago which were in the ball park of \$20,000 (please refer to estimates attached). I would like to request the following items to be addressed and for the funds going toward the construction of the wall and repairs to the entry-way stairs to be allocated in the 2020-2021 budget cycle:

1. Request an updated cost-estimate for a new coral rock wall and to **repair** the stairs leading into the residence (I would like for this to be completed during the 2019-2020 budget cycle).
2. Allocate the necessary funds to recreate the original coral rock wall and **repair** the stairs leading into the residence in the 2020-2021 budget cycle.

CC: Public Works Director, Hermes Diaz



**(Photo Above: Merrick House with the original coral rock wall).**