

To: Sebrina Brown

From: Craig E. Leen, City Attorney for the City of Coral Gables

RE: Legal Opinion Regarding Alcoholic Beverage Sales

Date: February 27, 2013

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Hernandez, Cristina

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Leen, Craig

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Wednesday, February 27, 2013 6:38 PM

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Subject:

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