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## Coral Gables

### Why I Work Here

"People like coming to the Gables, so to get clients to agree to come to a meeting is much easier now. We can say, 'Meet us at our building, and we can walk somewhere together.' If you're in the center of the Gables, you've got 40 or 50 top-flight restaurants that your clients like to go to, plus there's a whole nightlife with networking. Though there was some initial pushback from staff when we moved, all that complaining dropped away after they were here a week, because of their ability to walk outside during lunch and run an errand or go to the pharmacy or bookstore or go get a coffee."

— **Michael Popok**, Miami-Dade partner-in-charge, Weiss Serota Helfman Pastoriza Cole & Boniske (The law firm moved its office from Coconut Grove to Coral Gables four years ago.)



### Why I Live Here

"The quality of life in Coral Gables is great. You are very close to the airport. You've got a great array of restaurants. It's close enough to go to downtown anytime or to the beach. You don't have to worry about somebody coming and building some monstrosity next to you. The services are very good."

— **Armando Codina**, CEO, Codina Partners



### Why I Live Here

"I like to live near where I work. And I do a lot of work outside of Miami, so I like being close to the airport. I like the quiet nature of Coral Gables. It's got world-class restaurants. It's a great walking city. I love the architecture. It's pretty amazing how it has stood the test of time. I love the Biltmore, and I love that most of the newer office buildings are respectful of the traditional as well."

— **Jeb Bush**, former governor of Florida; current president of Jeb Bush and Associates consulting firm



### Why I Live Here

"You have the community center; you have the library; you have the Biltmore; UM down the street. I enjoy our bike rides on Sundays and Saturdays, and lots of amenities. And the ease to get in and out. It's very central and easy to get around, and there's a sense of community to it."

— **Tere Blanca**, CEO, Blanca Commercial Real Estate