



To: Janet L. Gavarrete

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "C. Leen", is written over the end of the "From:" line.

RE: Legal Opinion Regarding Proposed Name Change for Bank United Center

Date: June 10, 2016

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I have reviewed the matter. In my opinion, because the change is merely to the sponsor name in order to ensure the new name is listed correctly, this request may be reviewed and approved administratively. I would note that you both concur that this can be handled administratively. This opinion is issued pursuant to section 2-201(e)(1) and (8) of the City Code, as well as section 2-702 of the Zoning Code.

**From:** [Leen, Craig](#)  
**To:** [Paulk, Enga](#)  
**Cc:** [Ramos, Miriam](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Proposed Name Change for Bank United Center  
**Date:** Thursday, June 09, 2016 8:40:01 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.jpg](#)

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Please publish.

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Leen, Craig" <[cleen@coralgables.com](mailto:cleen@coralgables.com)>  
**Date:** June 9, 2016 at 8:23:58 PM EDT  
**To:** "Gavarrete, Janet L." <[jgavarrete@miami.edu](mailto:jgavarrete@miami.edu)>  
**Cc:** "Wu, Charles" <[cwu@coralgables.com](mailto:cwu@coralgables.com)>, "Abella, Irma Maria" <[iabella@miami.edu](mailto:iabella@miami.edu)>, "Corral, Alicia M" <[acorral@miami.edu](mailto:acorral@miami.edu)>, "Trias, Ramon" <[rtrias@coralgables.com](mailto:rtrias@coralgables.com)>  
**Subject:** **Re: Proposed Name Change for Bank United Center**

Charles and Ramon,

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Craig E. Leen  
City Attorney

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On Jun 8, 2016, at 11:21 AM, Gavarrete, Janet L. <[jgavarrete@miami.edu](mailto:jgavarrete@miami.edu)> wrote:

Dear Craig,

The university is pleased to share that we have a new sponsor with naming rights to the university's basketball arena/convocation center currently known as the Bank United Center. We look forward to making formal announcements in the very near future and have the sponsor's new name in place on the building by September 1.

As background information, the University obtained approval for the

installation of signage at the center via Resolution 2004-112 and No 2005-202. The current permanent sign has been in place for over ten years. We are seeking your assistance with determining the process for gaining city approval to change the name of the current Bank United Center, University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida to the new sponsor name. We will keep the words "Center, University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida". It is only the proper name that we seek approval to change.

If you find an administrative approval is appropriate, we seek a letter of determination so that we may proceed directly to the Board of Architects and subsequent building permit process.

If Commission approval is required, we would like to be on the July 26 City Commission agenda for consideration and approval – so that we are able to have the new sign up by September 1.

As always, we appreciate your assistance and look forward to your response.

Best regards,

Janet

**Janet Gavarrete**

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