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Date: August 14, 2024

To: Vice Mayor Oscar Puig-Corve  
Councilman Rafael Pineyro  
Councilwoman Maureen Porras  
Councilwoman Digna Cabral

From: Mayor Christi Fraga

Subject: Reserved because you served - Veterans Parking Proposal

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## **Introduction**

By way of this memorandum, I am seeking the support from my colleagues for the attached proposal developed by Mr. Connor Reed Boy Scout Troop 552, which aims to honor the invaluable contributions and sacrifices made by our veterans. This proposal seeks to establish designated veterans' parking spaces in various public areas within the City of Doral.

## **Background**

The contributions of our Veterans to our country cannot be overstated. These brave individuals have served selflessly, often at great personal cost, to ensure our safety and the freedoms we cherish. Their roles do not end with their military service; many veterans return home and continue to serve as doctors, lawyers, and in other essential professions. Their presence brings a unique discipline, experience, and leadership that greatly benefit our community.

Mr. Reed's proposal suggests that the City of Doral can further acknowledge and appreciate these contributions by establishing designated veterans' parking spaces at key public spaces specifically in our parks. These spaces would serve as daily reminders of our gratitude, ensuring that veterans feel recognized and valued not just during special holidays, but every day.

**Fiscal Impact:** TBD

### **Recommendation**

Given Doral's increased military presence, particularly with the US Southern Command located in our city, such a project would positively reinforce our community's relationship with veterans and active military members. The visible acknowledgment of their service through designated parking will be a small but meaningful way to express our ongoing gratitude.

Therefore, I recommend that we move forward with Connor Reed's proposal to create designated veterans' parking spaces in Doral's public areas. This initiative reflects our city's dedication to honoring those who have served and continue to serve our community and country.