

MIAMIBEACH
HALL of FAME

Nominee's Name: Tony Goldman

Nomination Submitted By: Adrian Chamberlin



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Application #HOF0012

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Applicant Profile

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Nominee's Information

1. Nominee's Name:

Tony Goldman

2. Nominee's Category of Expertise:

Business Leader

3. Date of Death:

(if a posthumous nomination)

2012-9-11



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Nomination Package

1. Please provide a brief biography highlighting the nominee's personal history and connection to Miami Beach. Please put the nominee's accomplishments in context and show how they are relevant and valuable to Miami Beach.

Tony Goldman was born December 6th, 1943, in Wilmington, Del., to a single mother, and was adopted at birth by Tillie and Charles Goldman of New York City, who named him Richard Anthony Goldman and raised him in New York City, along with a brother and a sister. Goldman's first job was at 15, working at his father's coat factory in New Jersey, where he learned the basic understanding of how important every member of a team is, from a dishwasher to the person running the company. He went on to study drama at Boston's Emerson College, where he met Janet, whom he married in 1966, divorced in 1977, and remarried in 1986. Goldman served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War era, and later learned the way of real estate from an uncle in New York, and went into business for himself in 1968.

Shortly thereafter, in the 1980s, he first became famous for a real estate maneuver in New York City - purchasing 18 properties in disrepair in New York's South of Houston area: known now as SoHo, a trendy residential neighborhood. By all accounts Goldman was able to see past the grime present at the time and envision the value of the neighborhood - vision he showed once again after visiting Miami Beach in 1985, when he purchased one Art Deco property along Ocean Drive every month for 18 months. Goldman reportedly liked to invest in an area "five to seven years before it happens" and saw major similarities between Miami Beach and SoHo, which he described as having "architectural integrity, a small scale and the community was obsessed with preservation." Goldman was drawn to the character of Ocean Drive as much as its potential, saying in an interview with The Miami Herald in 1986 that "It's spicy. It brings life to the old and wisdom to the young. But you have to give people a place to come, a clean, reasonably priced product. And that's my expertise."

According to Goldman's daughter, Jessica Goldman Srebnick, his childhood inspired his passion for saving old buildings, which he did prolifically in New York City and Miami Beach. She described her father, saying "He never felt like he had his own roots. Historic preservation is about preserving roots. He didn't know his own history so preserving history was very important." That philosophy was reflected in his investment in Miami Beach on Ocean Drive, which revitalized the area without losing its Art Deco History while still in sync with the vision of Barbara Baer Capitman. Goldman is widely credited with bringing prosperity and vitality to Miami Beach by making Ocean Drive the international icon it became, as well as recognized for his visionary investments in SoHo in New York and the revitalization of Wynwood in Miami. In 2009, Goldman opened the first full-service restaurant in Wynwood and created the iconic Wynwood Walls, a permanent art installation of three sprawling courtyards of art by the country's top graffiti artists. In 2010, when Goldman won the National Trust for Historic Preservation's highest honor, the Louise du Pont Crowninshield Award, Trust



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president Stephanie Meeks said, "At its core, preservation is about recognizing the value of historic buildings and neighborhoods, and restoring life to places that define and enrich our communities. That is what Tony Goldman does."

Via Miami Herald

2. Provide a letter explaining the nominee's accomplishments in context, provide a reason and state eligibility for the nomination; and show how they are relevant and valuable to Miami Beach.

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Letter of Recommendation 1

JessicaGoldmanSrebnick-TonyGoldmanLetter.pdf

Letter of Recommendation 2

NancyLiebman_TonyGoldmanLetter.pdf



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N/A



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Nomination Package Checklist

Before submitting the City of Miami Beach Nomination Form via Go Smart, make sure you have done all the following:

Completed the nomination form. Please refrain from sending petitions, photographs, books, resumes, Curriculum Vitae (CV), etc. in lieu of completing the nomination form.

Included two (2) letters of recommendation. The letters of recommendation must be submitted in conjunction with the nomination form.

I am honored to have the opportunity to support the nomination of Tony Goldman to the City of Miami Beach's Hall of Fame.

Of the many people I have known throughout my years of involvement with the city, Tony is, by far, star quality.

Tony left a grand legacy in South Florida. He was a true leader who brought the world to Miami Beach and beyond.

I look forward to celebrating Tony as his name is placed in memory on our city's Hall of Fame.

Nancy Liebman
Former Commissioner, City of Miami Beach

In 1993 I began my employment with the City of Miami Beach as a Senior Planner overseeing the Design Review and Historic Preservation process for the City. One of the first people I met was Tony Goldman. He was a person that embodied the very rare combination of vision, design sense and a high standard for business practice and ethics. He was someone who I would have wanted to work for in the private sector.

Tony was one of the 2 most important persons in the re-birth of Miami Beach in the early 1980's. The reason is that he was able to take the vision and appreciation Barbara Capitman had for the special architecture in South Beach and apply much needed private sector investment. His purchase of the Park Central Hotel in 1984 forever changed the trajectory of urban development, as well as the image and brand of in the City.

I could write a tome on the impact that Tony has had on Miami Beach, but the simple summary is that the induction of Tony Goldman into the Miami Beach Hall of Fame is both well-deserved and well earned.

Tom

Thomas R. Mooney, AICP

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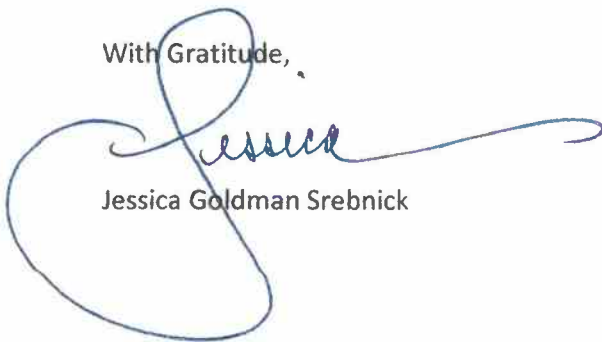
Letter of Recommendation for Tony Goldman into the Miami Beach Hall of Fame.

My father fell in love with Miami Beach the moment he turned the corner on Ocean Drive and Fifth Street in 1986. He felt as though he had discovered the American Riviera. From that moment on, it was a love affair that continued for decades and a city he poured his heart into. He was a two term chairman of the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Chair of the Ocean Drive Association, received the Urban Land Institute Award of Excellence for our Private Public Partnership with the City of Miami Beach for the public Garage built on Collins Avenue and 7th street, and before his death the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce awarded him with the 2012 Lifetime Achievement Award.

Awards have been named in his honor as he was a leader like no other. He was a pioneer, a passionate contributor, a visionary thinker, a pure optimist, a devoted husband and friend and a magnificent father. At the end of his life, it was important to him that people knew that "Tony was here". He certainly changed the landscape of Miami Beach for the better, helping to elevate our city into a globally recognized International destination and made an imprint on the lives of millions.

Thank you for considering my father, Tony Goldman for this extraordinary and well-deserved honor. Our family is deeply grateful.

With Gratitude,



Jessica Goldman Srebnick