

ATTACHMENT

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Mayor and Commissioners
City of Miami Beach
1700 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, Florida 33139

RE: Support for Renewal of Smith & Wollensky Lease at South Pointe Park

Dear Mayor and Commissioners:

On behalf of Continuum on South Beach Master Association, Inc., we strongly support the renewal of the lease by Smith & Wollensky of its restaurant space in South Pointe Park.

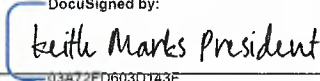
Smith & Wollensky has been a fixture of the South of 5th Neighborhood for over twenty-five (25) years. The character of this prestigious and well-known restaurant has been a great fit for our neighborhood and a wonderful amenity for the many residents of this area. We are strongly in favor of the renewal of Smith & Wollensky's lease.

We are NOT in favor of a new bidding process for this space in South Pointe Park. A new establishment could be completely out of character with our special, residential neighborhood.

We urge you to renew the lease with Smith & Wollensky. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Continuum on South Beach Master Association, Inc.

By: _____
Signature

Print Name: Keith Marks

Title: President

Date: October 12, 2020



Portofino/South Pointe Master Association

October 26, 2020

Mayor and Commissioners
City of Miami Beach
1700 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, Florida 33139

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Dear Mayor and Commissioners:

Portofino/South Pointe Master Association, Inc., is among the closest residential property to Smith & Wollenskys restaurant in South Pointe Park. To the best of my knowledge, we've never received a complaint related to the operation of this nearby restaurant and have found it to be a terrific amenity for the enjoyment of our residents and neighbors.

Given their exemplary operating record and the overall high quality of the restaurant, we enthusiastically support the renewal of Smith & Wollensky's lease with the City of Miami Beach.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alyson Herman', written over a blue horizontal line.

alyson.herman (Oct-26, 2020 13:02 EDT)

Alyson Herman, President
Portofino/South Pointe Master Association, Inc.



Portofino Towers Condominium Association

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Miami Beach, Florida 33139

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Dear Mayor and Commissioners:

Portofino Towers is among the closest residential property to Smith & Wollenskys restaurant in South Pointe Park. To the best of my knowledge, we've never received a complaint related to the operation of this nearby restaurant and have found it to be a terrific amenity for the enjoyment of our residents and neighbors.

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Respectfully,


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Alyson Herman, President
Portofino Towers Condominium Association, Inc.

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April 28, 2021

RE: Support for Renewal of Smith & Wollensky Lease at South Pointe Park

Dear Mayor and Commissioners:

On behalf of South of Fifth Neighborhood Association, Inc., (SOFNA), we strongly support the renewal of the lease by Smith & Wollensky of its restaurant space in South Pointe Park.

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We support the renewal of the lease with Smith & Wollensky. Thank you.

Warm Regards,

South of Fifth Neighborhood Association Inc., Board of Directors

Alyson Herman, President
David Podein, Vice President
Keith Marks, Secretary
Brian Harris, Treasurer
Pamela Brumer, Commerical Director
Clare McCord, Director



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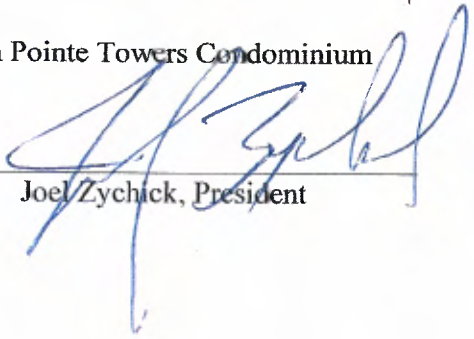
Dear Mayor and Commissioners:

South Pointe Tower Condominium ("SPT") is located directly North of Smith & Wollenskys restaurant in South Pointe Park. We strongly support the renewal of the lease by Smith & Wollensky of its restaurant space in South Pointe Park.

Smith & Wollensky has been a fixture of the South of 5th Neighborhood for over twenty-five (25) years and it has served the community and the residence of SPT and our neighbors without incident. This well-known restaurant has been an wonderful amenity for the many residents of this area. We are strongly in favor of the renewal of Smith & Wollensky's lease.

Very truly yours,

South Pointe Towers Condominium

By: 

Joel Zychick, President

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Dear Mayor and Commissioners:

On behalf of The Courts at South Beach, we strongly support the renewal of the lease by Smith & Wollensky of its restaurant space in South Pointe Park.

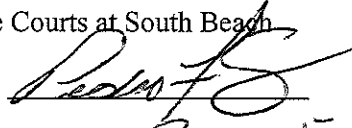
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The Courts at South Beach

By: 

Print Name: Pedro Polcy

Title: Property Manager

Date: 2-4-21



1920 Meridian Ave, Miami Beach, FL33139

A Resolution of the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce in support of extending the ground lease for Smith & Wollensky, which expires in 2025 and in support of placing on the November ballot a resolution proposal in support of the lease extension.

Whereas since it opened its doors on Miami Beach in 1997, Smith & Wollensky has proven to be excellent community partners;

Whereas since it opened its doors on Miami Beach in 1997, Smith & Wollensky has gathered support from neighboring businesses and residents for its quality service and offerings;

Whereas in light of the pending expiration of the lease in 2025, Smith & Wollensky is seeking the renewal for the same term as the original lease, which is a 20 year term, plus two 10 year renewal options in order so it can proceed with a renovation project in excess of \$3,000,000;

Whereas two appraisals have been received and are being reviewed for purposes of arriving at the rent for the new term;

Whereas the new lease requires a city-wide referendum because it relates to waterfront land;

Whereas a competitive bid process can be waived by the Commission by a 5/7 vote upon a finding that the waiver is in the "public interest" which can be validated by the required city-wide referendum which will still allow the commission to engage in a bid process if the community does not support the lease extension;

Whereas the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce has consistently supported efforts over the years to improve Miami Beach through the development of meaningful and impactful projects for the City;

Whereas the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce has consistently supported efforts by long-standing businesses to remain on the Beach;

Whereas the Board has received a complete presentation of the proposed lease extension;

Whereas after careful consideration of the community benefits that will be afforded by the lease extension;

Whereas in order to extend the lease, the extension will need to receive voter approval by way of a resolution(s) set forth on the November 2021 ballot; and

Whereas the Chamber intends to support a positive outcome of ballot resolution regarding the extension to allow a strong business partner to remain on the Beach;

NOW THEREFORE, the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce passes this Resolution in support of the extension of the lease for Smith & Wollensky; the placement of an appropriate resolution(s) on the November 2021 ballot to obtain approval of the extension terms by voter referendum and encourages the City of Miami Beach to facilitate the lease extension and placement of a ballot resolution by waiving the competitive bid process for the lease extension.

Jerry Libbin
CEO & President
Miami Beach Chamber of
Commerce

Robin Jacobs
Chair of Executive
Board of Governors

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