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**City of Miami Beach Design Review Board** City of Miami Beach Planning Department 1700 Convention Center Drive Miami Beach, Florida 33139

## RE: 1526 71st St Miami Beach, FL 33141 - Permit # RV2114935 Letter of Intent

To Whom It May Concern:

Florida Smart Energy (the "Contractor") submits this Letter of Intent on behalf of Fernando Mondragon (the "Applicant"), the owner of the above-referenced property (the "Property"). This Letter of Intent is prepared in support of design review approval by the Design Review Board ("DRB") for the installation of solar panels on the Property.

<u>Description of Proposal Design</u>. The Applicant proposes to install solar panels. The Solar system requires for panels to be placed in the front face portion of the roof of the Property for the necessary power production to offset the Applicants power consumption in a meaningful way. The structural and electrical installation of the solar system will not adversely affect the building structure under normal conditions and during a hurricane event of the FBC specified intensity.

<u>Request for Approval</u>. As allowed per the code for single-family residences located with RS-4 district, the Applicant would like to ask the DRB for approve the height and location of the solar panels as an exception under Sec. 142-105(7) because the location and height are integral to the functionality of the whole solar system. First, the electricity needs of the Applicant necessitate the placement of the panels on the front facing roof and second there is insufficient space to place the panels in any other location.

<u>Conclusion</u>. We believe that the approval of the installation of the solar panels in the front of Applicant's Property will permit the Applicant to optimize the use of an installed solar system, while maintaining compatibility with the prevailing character of the property and the neighborhood. We look forward to your favorable review of the application. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our office.

Regards,

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