

September 28, 2022

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Hon. Chair, Vice Chair & Members
Designed Review Board
1700 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, FL 33139

All -

**Ref: DRB Application No. DRB22-0841 & DRB22-0847
8 and 10 Century Lane, Miami Beach**

My name is Jacob Bercovici, owner of unit 305 – facing Century Lane - of The Vistas Condominium located at 1 Century Lane, Miami Beach, FL 33139.

I am **strongly opposing** the proposed developments and construction proposal for 8 and 10 Century Lane. This is because for all residents families of Century Lane, specially the residents of The Vistas Condominium 23 home units facing Century Lane, the quality of life will be significantly impacted forever.

Unfortunately, the Design Review Board granted permission for 11 Century Lane to proceed. In the words of one of your committee members at the meeting of January 4, 2022'... we make mistakes'. This is very true statement in regards to 11 Century Lane.

For the past 18 months it has been a living hell, excessive disruptive activity in front of the building at all hours, trucks going in and out and obstructing the narrow street, dirt, dust and materials all over the place, loud music and shouting from the construction workers with little disregard and respect for the residents. Century Lane is not a standard sized street and is incredibly narrow and residents of The Vistas inescapably face directly into and at any construction across the lane. You cannot and should not ignore the orientation and design of the impacted residents home units.

I would like you to put yourselves in our shoes and see how you would feel when two new humongous oversized structures that are single family 5 plus mezzanine floor story mega mansions are planned for construction in a very narrow lane. This is not a street. They will take away the view, space and create a claustrophobic enclosed environment for the rest of the impacted families. 23 families directly impacted to benefit 1. Is that in your character, disrupting the many for the 1...?

I would like to know how would you feel with your family living under such circumstances. I am pretty certain you would not accept. The DRB must consider the intent of the code and it was not to build towering 5 story plus mezzanine single family buildings.

Needless to say, with the intended structures the value of our homes will decrease substantially not to mentioned the quality of life being imposed to the residents who face Century Lane.

I am certain that the owners of the project have received letters of endorsement from friends, however, I am also certain that those individuals are not affected by the project at any level, reason why they have endorsed the project.

Once again I asked to put yourselves in our shoes and asked yourselves would I allow my family to live under such circumstances affecting their quality of life.

Respectfully,

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Cc: Thomas Mooney, Planning Director