

Oct 5, 2022

Historic Preservation Board Members
c/o Deborah Tackett, Chief of Historic Preservation
Planning Department
City of Miami Beach
1700 Convention Center Drive, 2nd Floor
Miami Beach, Florida 33139

Re: **HPB21-0498** – Request for Certificate of Appropriateness for Demolition and Design and One Variance for Proposed Boutique Hotel **Located at 7418 Harding Avenue - LETTER OF SUPPORT**

Dear Board Members:

I am the owner of the property located at 421 75th St, Miami Beach, Florida, which are located in close proximity to the above-referenced property. I had a conversation with the applicant's representative regarding the above-referenced application associated with the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness and one variance to reduce the minimum hotel unit size. I reviewed the plans and renderings of the proposed project and understand the requests, including the retention, renovation and rehabilitation of all contributing structures on the property, and the variance needed to preserve the historical window configuration of the structures. Given the applicant's goal to renovate and activate the existing structures in a manner consistent with the property's historical architectural character, the variance request is justified and should be granted. The proposed boutique hotel is well designed because the applicant is renovating and restoring the existing structures to align with the historical nature of the North Shore local Historic District and reinvigorate the North Beach neighborhood. Overall, the project will complement the architectural character of the North Shore local Historic District and be a welcomed addition to the area.

Based on the foregoing, I fully support the applicant's requests, including the variance, the proposed boutique hotel, and ask the Historic Preservation Board to approve the application.

Sincerely,



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Name