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Sent: Friday, April 7, 2023 1:55 PM
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Subject: FW: HPB23-0564, 1245 Michigan Avenue, An Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the introduction of a temporary facility within Flamingo Park

Hello bcc'd Board members and Staff,

Please see below public comment. Should you have any questions please contact us.

Thanks so much.

Kind regards,



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Hi Gaby,
Please process.

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Dear Board Members and elected officials

I am writing to express my deep concern about the recent decision to tear down the community center in Miami Beach without any concrete plans for a new one. As a member of the community, I strongly believe that the community center is an important resource for the 16% of people in our city who live in poverty and the 1,500 kids in zip code 33139 who can use the daycare services at the center.

This decision has made life very hard for 16% of the people who live in this city, especially the seniors who no longer get a hot meal every day and the 1,500 kids in zip code 33139 whose daycare space has been cut.

The community center plays a vital role in the lives of so many people in Miami Beach. It gives people a safe place to get together, talk to each other, and do a lot of different things. For many seniors, the community center is their only link to the outside world. It gives them a sense of belonging and much-needed social interaction. For the 1,500 kids living in zip code 33139, the daycare at the community center is essential for their development and well-being, providing them with a safe and nurturing environment while their parents are at work.

In our diverse community, the community center is the place where people gather for social and cultural events. It gives people a safe place to meet up and take part in a wide range of programs and events. From after-school programs and summer camps for kids to senior citizen activities and community events, the community center has become an essential part of our city's fabric.

The decision to tear down the community center without any market study and without plans for a new one is a failure on the part of the city. It has left many residents feeling abandoned and neglected, and it has had a significant impact on the quality of life for so many people in our community.

As a member of this community, I urge you to think again about this decision and do everything you can to make sure that the community center is replaced with a new and better building that can continue to provide **essential services** to our residents. Losing the community center would be terrible for our town, especially for those who depend on the daycare services there.

Please take action to preserve this important community resource and ensure that our city remains a welcoming and inclusive place for all residents.

I urge you to take immediate action to address this situation. Please work to develop a plan for a new community center that meets the needs of all residents in Miami Beach, particularly the seniors and children who rely on it the most. Please do not overlook the importance of the daycare center and the role it plays in the lives of the 1,500 kids in zip code 33139.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I hope that you will take the necessary steps to ensure that the community center is restored to its rightful place as a cornerstone of our community.

Sincerely,

Francoise Capdeboscq

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