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Hi Lizbeth,

Please process.

Thanks,



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Dear Board Members,

I grew up in Miami Beach- living on Star Island, North Bay Rd, North Meridian Ave, Sunset Island 1, and La Gorce Drive.

I arrived as a small child in 1966. Star Island was an Eden! Beautiful homes from the 20's, 30's , 40's and a few more modern . The homes FIT the property. They were not the overbuilt monsters of today with their fortress like appearance dwarfing the neighborhood. The old homes had lush vegetation and lawns. Each one was different and special in its own way.

I recently drove around several of the islands, and they are barely recognizable. Most all of the houses I remember on Star Island are gone (including mine) or have been totally altered beyond recognition. Hibiscus Island is full of new houses that look like office buildings, all built -out to the max on the smaller lots.

It's a heartbreak to drive around and see house after house being torn down to make room for these awful replacements .

We need to preserve everything we can at this point because we have lost so much already. What would South Beach be about if the Deco Buildings had not been saved? It's our identity. We need to save and respect our past before it's too late. Unfortunately, so many of the people buying and building these new houses are not from the area, and don't really care about our history, which means we must stand up and protect these treasures.

Which brings us to [93 Palm Ave.- Not](#) only one of the original homes on the island , but one with a storied history that adds to the Miami Beach mystique. This house is not only representative of the type of home we should be , and need to be protecting , which is reason enough, but it's unique history makes it doubly important to preserve it and designate it " historic". If this house is not considered historic, then I don't know what is! I was shocked to learn that the board is not in favor of this! How can you call yourself "the historic preservation board " if that's the

case? Boggles the mind!

I sincerely hope that the board will step in and save this landmark property by designating it historic. Give tourists something interesting to see on their sightseeing tours that can't be replicated ! Please designate it historic! We need more than just " memories"!

Sincerely,

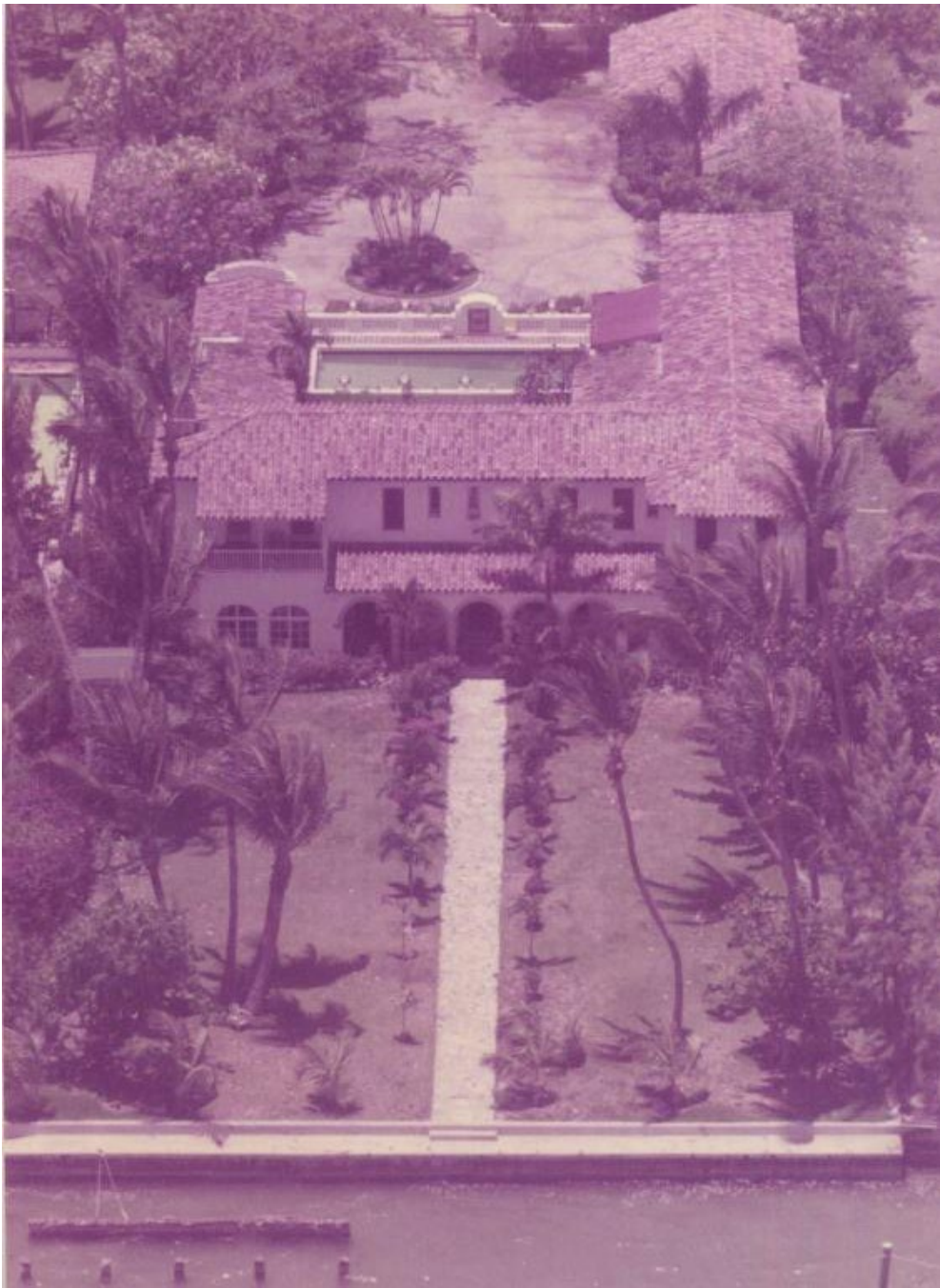
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PS: Attached are photos of my childhood home -37 Star Island taken in the early 70's. (Long gone, though that's another story.) These are the-types of amazing homes that are being lost weekly.



Las Palmas



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