

November 3, 2022

The Chairperson and Members of the
Miami Beach Historic Preservation Board
c/o Mr. Thomas R. Mooney
City of Miami Beach Planning Department
1700 Convention Center Drive, 2nd Floor
Miami Beach, Florida 33139

**Re: Letter of Support for HPB22-0515 / 1665 & 1667 Washington Avenue / Item 5
on the November 8, 2022 Historic Preservation Board Agenda**

Dear Chairperson & Board Members,

I am the owner of the Crest Hotel, the eastern abutting neighbor of the proposed project. I have reviewed the proposed project and am of the opinion that the project is not only compatible with the historic Crest Hotel, but will also substantially improve the current conditions of the 24/7 surface parking lot that exists at that property today.

The property owner/developer went above and beyond in making sure our property is not negatively impacted by the proposed project. The addition of a luxury Class A office building would improve the area our hotel is located around.

As a result, I respectfully urge and encourage you to review and vote favorably on the application. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Camilo Matarraz, President
Crest Hotel
1670 & 1666 James Avenue
Miami Beach, Florida 33139