



MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

NO. LTC # **006-2012**

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: City Manager Jorge M. Gonzalez

DATE: January 6, 2012

SUBJECT: Historic Preservation Board Resolution – Pine Tree Drive

Attached, please find a copy of a resolution pertaining to the existing Australian Pine Trees located within the designated portions of historic Pine Tree Drive, which was adopted by the Historic Preservation Board at their November 8, 2011 meeting. The Board is urging the City Commission to explore all legal avenues to waive the restrictions on planting new Australian Pine Trees in order to allow for the ongoing replacement of damaged trees along Historic Pine Tree Drive with new Australian Pine Trees.

As indicated in LTC 308-2011, dated December 2, 2011, no decision has yet been made concerning the species of trees that will replace Australian Pines removed from Pine Tree Drive. Australian Pine has been designated an invasive exotic species that is prohibited by State, County, and City regulations.

The Administration is continuing to investigate the steps necessary to replant Australian Pines. Once the process of determining the permits and variances required for planting new Australian Pine trees is fully reviewed and understood, the available options will be developed and forwarded to the City Commission.

The Administration recommends that the Commission provide any appropriate policy direction on this matter, including a referral to the Land Use and Development Committee for review and consideration.


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C: Jorge G. Gomez, Assistant City Manager
Jose Smith, City Attorney
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**CITY OF MIAMI BEACH
HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach Historic Preservation Board is charged by Ordinance as serving in an advisory capacity to the City Commission and other City Boards on issues affecting the City's architecture, design, historic districts and structures, and historic roadways; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Board strongly supports the efforts of the City to promote and enhance its unique social and architectural history through the preservation of significant landscape features throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Board strongly supports and encourages the efforts of the City to maintain, preserve and protect its significant and historic landscape features as valuable historical, educational and visual resources for its residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Pinetree Drive Historic Roadway (HPS-9) was designated by the Miami Beach City Commission on June 6, 2001 and contains a very defined and controlled area of historic Australian Pine Trees.

THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved that the Historic Preservation Board urges the City Commission of the City of Miami Beach to explore all legal avenues to waive the restrictions on planting new Australian Pine Trees in order to allow for the ongoing replacement of damaged trees along Historic Pine Tree Drive with new Australian Pine Trees.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 8th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2011.


HERB SOSA
Chair
Historic Preservation Board