



MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

NO. LTC # 034-2013

LETTER TO COMMISSION

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

FROM: Kathie G. Brooks, Interim City Manager

DATE: February 4, 2013

SUBJECT: Citywide Survey of Single Family Homes

Attached, please find a copy of a resolution pertaining to a citywide survey of all single family homes, which was adopted by the Historic Preservation Board at their January 15, 2013 meeting. The Board is urging the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Miami Beach to consider having the Administration undertake a comprehensive citywide survey of all single family residences, including documentation of the architectural characteristics and a summary of the significance of each residence.

The Administration recommends that the Commission refer this request 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
- Gary Held, First Assistant City Attorney
- Bob Parcher, City Clerk
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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

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Board strongly supports the efforts of the City to promote and enhance its unique social and architectural history and to improve the appearance of new construction; and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach (City) places a strong emphasis on the retention and preservation of existing, architecturally significant single family homes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach Historic Preservation Board deems it appropriate to protect the significant architectural history, existing building scale, and unique character of the single family residential neighborhoods in Miami Beach; and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach Historic Preservation Board has noted that there is currently insufficient documentation of the City's single family residences to fully understand their significance, and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach Historic Preservation Board as well as many local residents have noted with alarm the increasing rate of total demolition of significant homes for replacement with much larger new homes.

THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved that the Historic Preservation Board urges the Mayor and City Commission to consider having the Administration undertake a comprehensive citywide survey of all single family residences, including the documentation of their architectural characteristics and a summary of the significance of each residence, for the purpose of creating a comprehensive single family residence data base while many of these homes still exist.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF January, 2013.



William H. Cary
Assistant Director of Planning
For the Historic Preservation Board