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Subject: Formal Opposition to "The Garden" Project - Request for Denial

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Dear Board of Architects and Mayor Lago,

I write to formally register my strong objection to "The Garden" development proposal ahead of your August 7th review. This project warrants denial due to multiple substantive violations and community impacts:

1. Code Noncompliance

- Violates Coral Gables Building Code setback requirements (25' main entrance/15' other streets)
- Fails to meet basic zoning ordinances

2. Environmental Destruction

- Requires removal of a protected 200-year-old heritage oak
- Eliminates dozens of mature specimen trees (including 100-year-old oaks with Spanish moss)
- Provides inadequate public green space despite 100+ existing trees

3. Historic Preservation Concerns

- Disregards ongoing historic district designation studies
- Incompatible with Women's Club adjacency and neighborhood character
- Ignores contextual scale requirements

As a concerned citizen, I urge you to reject this proposal that so clearly violates our community's standards. The August 6th noon submission deadline compels me to send this now, but I welcome further discussion of these critical issues.

Respectfully,

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