

**LETTER PRESENTED IN OPPOSITION OF  
DESIGNATION AT THE JANUARY HPB MEETING**

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Historic Preservation Board  
City of Coral Gables  
c/o Historical Resources & Cultural Arts Department  
2327 Salzedo Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
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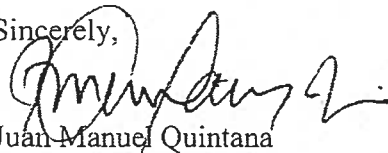
Re: 1208 Asturia Avenue / Opposition to Proposed Historic Designation

Dear Honorable Chairman and Members of the Historic Preservation Board:

I am writing to express my opposition to the City's Historical Resource Department's proposal to declare the ranch house located at 1208 Asturia Avenue as a historic landmark. I cannot attend the hearing on January 15<sup>th</sup>, but I wish for my letter to be made a part of the record.

In 2002, I purchased the property located at 1209 Asturia Avenue, and constructed a new home on the property in 2006. I was disappointed to learn that a young couple's dreams of similarly building their new home on my street are being shattered by the City's attempt to have the ranch home at 1208 Asturia Avenue historically designated. In all the years that I have lived directly across the street from 1208 Asturia Avenue, I had never thought that the ranch house had anything of architectural or historic significance and my mind has not been changed by the reasons that City staff have cited for historic landmark designation. Accordingly, I am opposed to the historic designation of the building located at 1208 Asturia Avenue and I ask that you do what is fair and right and vote to deny this proposed historic landmark designation.

Sincerely,



Juan Manuel Quintana