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9 September 2014

Re: Letter of support to save legacy live oak trees at 1011/1015 Lisbon Street,
Coral Gables

To Whom It May Concern:

As director of the Leonard and Jayne Abess Center for Ecosystem Science and Policy at the University of Miami, I implore you to strongly consider Ms. Jorey Friedman and Mr. Bruce Lecure's appeal of the Coral Gables Board of Architects' approval of building plans on the two lots at 1011 and 1015 Lisbon Street.

Based on the evidence provided to us by Mr. Lecure, and, indirectly, Mr. Jeff Shimonski, we are resolutely supportive of their efforts to oppose the building plans approved by the City. It is clear that these legacy trees will not survive the building plans, in which case, to us, is lugubrious and unnecessary. The aesthetic, ecological, and economic integrity of our neighborhoods rely to a large extent on the green scapes we preserve.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Broad'.

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22 September 2014

Re: Live Oak Trees at 1011/1015 Lisbon Street, Coral Gables

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as a formal retraction of my letter dated September 9, 2014, entitled, "Letter of support to save legacy live oak trees at 1011/1015 Lisbon Street, Coral Gables." The facts of this case were misrepresented to me, and I now understand that the proposed plans will not only preserve the three existing specimen live oak trees, but will also provide much-needed cleaning, trimming and pruning to these trees due to years without maintenance. I am confident that the submitted arborist work plan (consisting of pre-construction, construction, and post-construction monitoring phases) will ensure that the specimen live oak trees are protected during the construction phase of the project and preserved for future generations.

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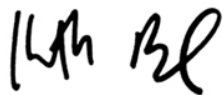
October 7, 2014

RE: Live Oak Trees at 1011/1015 Lisbon Street, Coral Gables

To Whom It May Concern:

I had written a note opposing the removal of the historic oak trees at the above address and then followed that by a retraction letter (September 22, 2014). My letter of retraction was a result of my having incomplete information on the situation and not wanting to give the false impression of botanical expertise. I still do not have all the relevant information on the development plans nor the specifics of the plan to save the tree. Thus I am submitting this letter as a concerned citizen who has watched the disappearance of many critical species of flora and fauna from South Florida - undermining the provision of ecosystem services that benefit the community as a whole and negatively impacting our quality of life, and ultimately, I believe, the value of our properties. I am personally saddened by the fact that there exists the possibility of the loss of a historic live oak tree (cluster of trees, in actuality). Trees of this age are exceptionally unique and contribute to both the ecosystem and cultural value of our landscapes. I am not in a position to judge the validity of different assessments of the probability of survival of the tree by the arborists under the proposed plans, but even a small probability of premature death of the tree is troublesome from my perspective. I urge the committee to give this case its most serious attention.

Sincerely,

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