Date: 22 October 2019
Project: 1903 Bar
Re: Waiver Request #425-RO

Dear Florida Building Commission Members;

This project involves converting the 1903 David S. Walker Library building from a business office to a bar, the 1903 Bar.

The Building Official has visited the site, reviewed the preliminary layout, and indicated that a Vertical Accessibility Waiver will be needed for permitting, along with requesting the possibility of restroom accessibility relief.

The building is in a downtown location and space is limited to its’ footprint and a shared back alley. The issue is there is no location on the exterior of the building to overcome seven existing steps with +50’ of ramp. The front is on a public sidewalk and the side/rear has a single width walkway butting against a drive.

To maintain the historic feel of the open, central interior, I would like to be able to keep the restrooms underneath the mezzanine beam entirely, and not project out into the space. The building area is not accessible by wheelchair so reducing the restroom size would have minimal impact on their use.

Thank you for your consideration.