

January 7, 2015

Members of the Florida Building Commission & Accessibility Advisory Council
% Ms. Mary-Kathryn Smith
Office of Codes & Standards
Florida Department of Community Affairs
2555 Shumard Oaks Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2100

Re: Royal Polo Hotel
2940 Collins Avenue
Miami Beach, FL 33139

Members of the Commission & Council:

The Embassy Hotel was designed by architect Martin Luther Hampton, and constructed in 1935. Now known as the Royal Polo Hotel, it is an excellent example of the Art Deco style of Architecture, and is designated "contributing" in the Miami Beach Historic Properties Database, and is located within the Collins Waterfront Local Historic District as well as the National Register Collins Waterfront Historic District.

The historic significance of the existing structure necessitates that the areas we are requesting waivers for be maintained as per existing conditions. The subject structure is a qualified historic building under the Federal ADA regulations, the ADA Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG), the 2012 Florida Accessibility Code for Building Construction.

Your kind consideration would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,



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