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### **Licensed Design Professional Comments**

(Waiver# 307-R0)

The scope of work needed to restore the 28<sup>th</sup> Street Obelisk and Pump Station to the 1296 design and configuration, has triggered compliance with the 2017 Florida Building Code – Existing Building – Accessibility.

Access to the Obelisk will be provided by two new accessible walkways connecting existing sidewalks to a new plaza surrounding the Obelisk. Currently there is no plaza and no access to the Obelisk.

The existing Pump Room, which finish floor elevation is 3'-11" below grade is not open and will not be open to the public.

The open terrace is 7'-10" above the plaza and the "Building" Division of the City of Miami Beach Building Department has requested vertical accessibility. The only way to provide access to the terrace would be by means of an elevator or a LULA (Limited use/Limited application) lift.

To place the elevator or LULA lift inside the Pump Room is not possible due to the small area available, and the large size of the existing Pump Room equipment to remain.

The other option is to place the elevator or LULA lift outside the building. The Obelisk was designed as a single stand-alone "Octagon Pedestal" architectural monument. In my opinion to place a large vertical element adjacent to the Obelisk, will completely alter and compromise the integrity of the historic design.