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Bureau of Historic Preservation
Division of Historical Resources
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250
ATT: Architectural Preservation Section

Re: 336 Collins Avenue – Historic Lido Hotel
Request for an SHPO Determination

I am writing in reference to the above noted structure, and the request for an SHPO determination that making the elevator fully comply with the ADA requirements would "threaten or destroy" the historic character of the building. The original *Lido Hotel*, at 336 Collins Avenue is classified as "Contributing" in the Miami Beach Historic Properties Database and is located within the Ocean Beach Local Historic District.

Constructed in 1933 and designed by prominent local architect Lester Avery, the structure at 336 Collins Avenue, which was originally the *Lido Hotel*, is a good example of the Art Deco – Mediterranean Revival Transitional style of architecture constructed in Miami Beach during the 1930s and early 1940's. Its design employs the use of vertical pilasters, symmetrical massing, decorative parapet, scuppers and decorative railings. Other characteristics and features which define the architectural significance of 2-story structure include patterned tile floors and fireplace within public interior lobby space. Collectively, these features and finishes contribute significantly to its special historic character, as well as to that of the surrounding historic district.

The concern in the subject request pertains to code requirements regarding accessible routes and elevators. The interventions required to meet the requirements of the current code would irreparably harm the very significant public interior space of the subject hotel. Specifically, in order to fully comply with the ADA and Chapter 11 of the FBC, a new elevator would need to be introduced within the modestly scaled intimate lobby space. Such an introduction of the elevator would require moving the original tile floor and interior pilaster.

The Planning Department, on behalf of the Historic Preservation Board, strongly supports the subject determination request. If you have any questions relative to the historic significance of the existing structure, or you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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