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Members of the Florida Building Commission & Accessibility Advisory Council
c/o Chip Sellers
Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation
1940 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100

**RE: 8260 Byron Avenue
ACCESSIBILITY WAIVER # 170-R0**

Dear Mr. Sellers and Members of the Commission and Council,

I am writing in reference to the above noted structure, and the request for an accessibility waiver. This project consists of a two story historic apartment building constructed in 1946, contains 20 apartment units and is designated as contributing in the North Shore Historic District listed on the National Register of Historic Places, as indicated in the letter of support by our Planning Department Director, Mr. Thomas Mooney.

Pursuant to Florida Statute 553.509 Vertical Accessibility and the Florida Building Code 5th Edition (2014), Accessibility – Section 201.1.1., vertical accessibility shall be provided to all levels above and below the occupiable grade level. In order to accommodate vertical accessibility, substantial demolition and modifications to the architecturally significant exterior would be required and would alter the original exterior design, scale and massing of the structure, also noted by the Planning Director in his support letter.

Based on the reasons stated above we recommend that the requested waiver be granted.

Respectfully,

Mariano V. Fernandez, P.E., BU 689
Building Department Director/Building Official