



MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

NO. LTC # *133-2014*

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: April 15, 2014

SUBJECT: Historic Preservation Board recommendation to explore solutions to the current conditions of sidewalk cafés along Ocean Drive.

Attached, please find a copy of a resolution regarding the current sidewalk café conditions along Ocean Drive, which was adopted by the Historic Preservation Board at their April 8, 2014 meeting. During the meeting, Goldman Properties presented conceptual design strategies for awnings, umbrellas and furniture.

The Board is requesting that the Mayor and City Commission explore options to improve sidewalk conditions and consider incorporating the conceptual Ocean Drive sidewalk café plan presented to the Board by Goldman Properties on April 8, 2014.


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C: Jose Smith, City Attorney
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**CITY OF MIAMI BEACH
HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach Historic Preservation Board is charged by Ordinance as serving in an advisory capacity to the City Commission and other City Boards on issues affecting the City's architecture, design, historic districts and structures; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Board strongly supports the efforts of the City to recall its unique social and architectural history, as well as further the dynamic character and attraction of Ocean Drive; and

WHEREAS, Ocean Drive is a unique, historic and highly significant retail and restaurant promenade, which serves tourists and residents alike; and

WHEREAS, the need to maintain a careful balance between the operational needs of restaurant operators and other businesses, and the architectural character and integrity of the streetscape, is critical for the long term success of Ocean Drive; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Historic Preservation Board and various other stakeholders have a serious concern with the overall quality, aesthetic and pedestrian experience on Ocean Drive; and

WHEREAS, specific areas of concern that need to be addressed by ordinance or policy changes include, but are not limited to, awnings, umbrella structures, canopies, & over sized furniture; and

THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved that the Historic Preservation Board urges that the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Miami Beach explore solutions to the current untenable conditions of sidewalk cafés along Ocean Drive and consider incorporating the conceptual Ocean Drive sidewalk café plan as presented by Goldman Properties at the April 8, 2014 meeting of the Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 8th DAY OF APRIL, 2014.



Debbie Tackett
Principal Planner
For the Historic Preservation Board