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July 8, 2019

Hon. Gail Coniglio and Town Council
c/o Clerk Kathleen Dominguez
(TownClerk@townofpalmbeach.com)
Town of Palm Beach
360 South County Road
P.O. Box 2029
Palm Beach, FL 33480

Re: Ordinance Number 30-2019

Dear Mayor Coniglio and members of the Town Council,

On behalf the Young Lawyers Section ("YLS") of the Palm Beach County Bar Association, I am writing to first express our gratitude that special event permits that have been granted for the past four years for our annual 5K event. We have always found the process in obtaining these permits to be very efficient and truly appreciate your continued support of our organization and event beneficiaries. The young lawyers, members of the judiciary, and community leaders that compose the membership of YLS take pride in organizing events that benefit and give back to our community. One such event is our annual 5K, which your Town has so graciously accommodated for the past four years at Bradley Park. Each year the YLS board selects a local nonprofit organization that it wants to bring awareness to and raise funds for. In the past, proceeds of our annual 5K have gone to the Historical Society of Palm Beach County and Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc. (a non-profit), entities which celebrate our community by promoting its history or ensuring equal justice for all.

We were recently advised of the proposed Ordinance No. 30-2019, Amendment of Article VII, Section 106 of the Town Code, Relative to Special Event Permits on Public Property, which will be considered by you at a first reading on July 9, 2019. If approved in its current form, this ordinance will require Town Council approval for all special event permit applications, including YLS's Annual 5k. We ask that this letter be incorporated in the official record of the Town's consideration of this ordinance. Each year that YLS requests a permit for our annual 5K, we assure the Town Clerk's Office that we will comply with the provisions of the Town Code of Ordinances relating to special events on public property. Over the past four years, our event has drawn a relatively small number of participants that is composed of local lawyers and their families and members of the judiciary who come together for the benefit of our charitable

beneficiaries. Many of these individuals are Town residents. Participants have always appreciated the event's beautiful setting within the Town. Each year, we encourage participants to carpool to the event in order to minimize disruption to the Town's residents. Volunteers are always scheduled to stay late after the race to make sure that we leave the premises in the pristine condition that we find it in. Our event has always been very successful; and, to the best of our knowledge, there have never been any complaints made to the Town.

Considering that we have had such an efficient and great working relationship over these past years, we hope that this relationship will continue and that the Town will continue to host our Annual 5k. If the Town moves forward with passing this ordinance, we hope the current and future composition of the Town Council will consider our event's previous successes that have not created a disturbance for Town residents. If the Council chooses to impose a moratorium on the issuance of special event permits for 5K races, we hope the Annual YLS 5K will be grandfathered in.

Thank you so much for your time. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at sperry@murrayguari.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Perry'.

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