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Dear Mrs. Paladino,
Dear Mr. and Mrs. Amling,

My husband, Carlos, and I were devastated to hear that you are appealing the unanimous vote of the Architectural Commission regarding the plans for our home.

I wanted to reach out to you really just to offer some friendship and let you know us a little better. We both have deep ties to Palm Beach as my family lived at 66 Middle Road (and later bought number 54 and made it apart of 66) for many decades. Later my widowed father moved to 273 List Road. I lived and have worked as a flower and garden designer in Palm Beach from 1997 until retiring 2 years ago. Carlos' business, Unisa, had a shop at 313 Worth Avenue from 2003 until 2008.

Originally, Carlos came to Palm Beach from Cuba in 1960 where his family lived on the Phipps property as Mr. Phipps and his grandfather were great friends. Later his grandfather developed Kawama Lane with the Fanjul family each owning 3 properties. Carlos still has family ties in Palm Beach with his cousins Toinette and Amanda Boalt Coleman-who is also a neighbor on Angler Road.

All three of our sons grew up in Palm Beach and attended school there. My son, Graham Faught, went to Palm Beach Academy and the Day School. Young Carlos and Tony Musso attended Rosarian.

Carlos and I married in 2005 and while living in Coral Gables we have always dreamed of returning to Palm Beach. We have worked on these plans for the last 5 years. I know where you are coming from (and agree) in the sense of disliking the super modern, cold and bright white boxy houses that have been built in Palm Beach of late... but our design is not really at all going to be like those. It is impossible to get a true feeling what it would look like from a CAD print. First of all, we value our privacy and will restore the Seagrape hedge to cover the 2 stories. The stucco finish will be very rounded, a warmer white, to imitate the older homes in Ibiza where we found our inspiration. And being a garden designer, I am very sensitive to the edges of the roofline and will be softening those with pale pink Pandorea vines. I know you say that the architecture should stand alone but that is not really fair as you will not be impacted after construction.

As far as the house not being your taste, there's nothing I can do about that except say that I am sorry! But do you really want every house to look similar? That would be perfect in a development but Palm Beach is not about that. There are many, many Spanish inspired homes

and buildings in Palm Beach! I'd like to think that Addison Mizner would have liked our little house by the sea.

I ask that you please give us the opportunity to build our dream home and, given the chance, become good neighbors to you.

Most sincerely,
Claire and Carlos Musso

P.S.
Please call if us if you like. My number is 561-379-3269 and Carlos 305-606-9800