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Dear Mayor and Town Council and Staff:

Please excuse the late email regarding our request before you today regarding 800 S. County Road, however, we were blindsided by two letters from Harvey Oyer late in the day now voicing the objection to our request for the mechanical equipment. Mr. Oyer now states he represents the neighbor, Michele Kang, who bought the 790 S. County Road property in February 2021 and have refused to reveal her identity until yesterday after numerous offers to meet with her. This was a surprise as we have been negotiating with Tim Hanlon in good faith for months about the merits of our application and the offer to replace dangerous portions of her wall that are in disrepair and leaning onto the 800 SCR property. The bottom line is the neighbor is now trying to extort a new wall for the full length of her property and will not support the variances unless we agree to this. The proposal before you has been studied by the professionals and will be an improvement and best solution for the mechanical equipment. To reiterate the hardships that relate to this property:

1. Renovating one of palm beach's most historic homes that NO ONE (for years) would touch.
2. The Team has explored all options and considering the mandated FPL easement and equipment that was a condition of prior approvals - the most logical location is the one being proposed. A chiller is much more sensitive than a dozen plus a/c units and by tucking the mechanical building in the front corner, it preserves the view and vista of passerbys who will be able to see through the gate all the way to the water.
3. The proposed location for the mechanical equipment moves it further away from the living space of the neighbor and closer to a noisy busy street and both driveways so it will be less of a nuisance.
4. Landmarks unanimously approved this location and design.

The offer to remove any portions of the neighbor's wall that is leaning and replace it with a new wall is still on the table, but it isn't fair to extort an entire new wall in exchange for consent to the variances, especially when the variances are warranted on their own merits.

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