

November 9, 2021

Town of Palm Beach Landmark Preservation Commission c/o Mr. Richard Rene Silvin P.O. Box 2029 Palm Beach, Florida 33480

Sent via CRRR, via first class mail & electronic mail

Re: Hearing for Landmark Designation 1250 N Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach

Dear Mr. Silvin & Landmark Preservation Commission:

I am writing you in response to the proposed consideration and designation of my property located at 1250 N. Ocean Blvd, hereinafter referred to as (the "property"). I truly appreciate the work that Landmark Designation Commission is doing for the city of Palm Beach but believe the selection of my property is a mistake and is based on unfounded statements and is misguided. I am opposed to the Landmark Preservation Commission's proposed designation of my property as a Landmark and believe it will have a detrimental impact to the landmark commission and the integrity of future designations. My objection to the proposed landmark designation includes but is not limited to the following matters:

Errors in the Designation Report of Significance:

- The property was re-built in 1994 and during that construction changed the majority of the original design work of Eugene Bartholomew including but not limited to the windows, doors and archways.
- "The residence at 1250 North Ocean Boulevard was constructed of wood framing surfaced with stucco." To the contrary, the property exterior surface doesn't contain any stucco and is made of dryvit.
- The referenced stone facades / cast-stone surrounds and columns are constructed of Styrofoam
- The referenced "Pecky cypress ceilings" is faux and actually stained plywood
- The property doesn't have cast stone window and door surrounds, nor does it have cast stone sills with brackets. All are made of Styrofoam with drivit over them
- The referenced tile floors are misstated and false as the only flooring in the property is made of wood

Despite the vast amount of background information provided in the Designation Report dated April 21, 2021, it doesn't consider or accurately recite all the significant changes and substantial remodeling completed to the property. I have provided pictures of the property that will further illustrate the construction changes. Accordingly, should the Commission proceed with designating this property as a Landmark will to have a detrimental impact and will set a bad precedence to the landmark commission and future designations.

Sincerely,

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