

**Honorable Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale; and
Honorable Members of the Historic Preservation Board**

— December 2008 —

STATEMENT IN FAVOR OF DEMOLITION

of structure at 716 Bryan Place, Fort Lauderdale, FL

We the undersigned are property owners/residents of the Sailboat Bend neighborhood living in close proximity to 716 Bryan Place.

All of us regret that the City of Fort Lauderdale and the Historic Preservation Board allowed, without a completion bond, this previously inhabitable structure:

- to be re-sited from its original and optimum placement on the property;
- to be elevated and damaged to the extent that it poses a windstorm threat to neighboring properties;
- to have the foundation excavated so as to create ponding for mosquitoes and a haven for alligators;
- to have substantial mounds of soil loaded atop the seawall, accelerating its collapse into the New River.
- to have a mound of concrete debris stacked on the front of the property in plain view of the street.
- to have the once-substantial canopy of trees totally destroyed.

The structure's now uninhabitable condition is an unsightly and dangerous nuisance to the neighboring properties and causes insufferable devaluation of our own homes. Regrettably, the cost of repairing the damage and making this relatively small-sized structure habitable is now so significant that no buyer is likely to salvage the property and it will inevitably sit in its current condition for many years.

Even with its gates locked, curious passers-by, boaters and the homeless routinely trespass on the property which causes a further unsettling nuisance to the neighbors.

It is too late to undo the damage done to 716 Bryan Place, but the City of Fort Lauderdale has an obligation to the surrounding residents and property owners to now remedy this situation by allowing the immediate demolition of the structure as recommended by the City's own Unsafe Structures Board and Code Department.

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