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I apologize for not being able to attend tonight's meeting, but Tropic is on deadline for December, going to press in the morning.

I am writing to put my whole-hearted support behind this project, its architect Jose Gomez of Beilinson Gomez ~~and its developers at Encotel~~ <sup>who</sup> who are hard at work completing a beautiful boutique hotel in South Beach as we speak.

Make no mistake, this is NOT a large-scale development, it is tiny by any standard. But, small as it might be, it fills a need for high-end, boutique-style hotel space – a need now served only by The Pillars two blocks away.

The design is stunning and would elevate Fort Lauderdale Beach from some of the more mundane designs of recent years to a level of architectural significance we deserve as a city. The architect's have recognized and followed – to the letter – the vision of the city's own Central Beach Master Plan, creating a spectacular, meaningful, sliver of a building complete with café and restaurant for neighbors to enjoy.

The goal of the design team was to establish a new dialog between the hotel's tropical, South Florida location and the urban character of Fort Lauderdale's Central Beach location. In my opinion, they have succeeded beautifully. Beilinson Gomez' imaginative adaption of that tropical modern architectural "language" already found on the beach is provocative and is sure to make Vintro a chic, destination hotel.

Please allow this project to go forward. Please allow our beach to come up to the level it deserves.

Respectfully,

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