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Honorable Mayor Seiler and fellow City Commissioners of Fort Lauderdale,

The board of directors of Harbor House East located at 9 North Birch Road and a Class "A" (10 votes) member of the Central Beach Alliance at this time have taken a position on the Vintro hotel proposed. Our condominium is located around the corner from Alhambra street and we are directly on the Intracoastal near the Pillars hotel.

We did not support this project at either our central Beach Alliance meeting where a vote was taken nor did we support the project at the planning and zoning hearing. After attending both of those meeting and the recent meeting with the Beach Council of the Chamber of Commerce our questions were answered most satisfactorily by the developers representative Mr. Backman. The developer made changes to the original hotel design after listening to our questions and comments and now we believe you have a much better designed project. Most important is the streets pedestrians experience and keeping cars off our streets. Their traffic consultant Mrs. Hughes answered numerous questions to every one's satisfaction. Whereas every other building on Alhambra street has outdoor parking, the Vintros designed garage keeps cars off the street and out of site. When the Ritz Carlton was announced directly across the street from our condominium we were concerned with traffic buildup on Castillo street. With over 250 rooms, multiple restaurants and ballrooms the Ritz Carlton to our surprise traffic has never been an issue with anyone in our neighborhood.

When our past board members worked with the city on the beach revitalization and vision plans back in 1994 and 2002 our board advised the city that a "mix" of buildings and structures in various sizes would be ideal to break up the monotony and not end up with another Galt Mile of just large structures that basically all have a similar design. ~~Our building along with three other buildings founded and incorporated the Central Beach Alliance and were involved heavily with both vision plans under the leadership of Alyson Chile who was our first President.~~ We presently have many large hotel structures on the oceanfront but not one new building has emerged as requested by both master plans to be of various sizes and have any unique architectural design. .

In addition to a unanimous vote by our board of directors (5-0) we also have 28 of 30 owners who have signed individual letters of support that I will personally deliver to your office next week. ~~Our board members will also attend your upcoming hearing to personally speak in support of this proposed hotel. Please contact us at 954-394-4100 if you wish any further clarification on our position to fully support bringing this hotel to our neighborhood.~~ We are eager to help in any way to truly make our neighborhood a world class destination. We ask you for your consideration to please support Vintro hotel.

Sincerely

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