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From: Dan Teixeira <tex954@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2013 4:33 PM
To: ORLANDO RODRIGUEZ
Subject: Fwd: Grand Birch Project to be discussed at the City Commission Meeting on April 16, 2013

My name is Eileen Helfer. I have lived at 95 N. Birch Road in Ft. Lauderdale for over 25 years. I have served on several advisory boards and was privileged to work several years ago with a group of city officials, attorneys, developers and residents to change the zoning laws. Eventually some were changed, for example, reducing heights of buildings in the IOA from 150 feet to 120 feet.

As president of Harbor Haven condo, I am speaking for the residents. I have personally spoken with all of our permanent owners and each one has stated they support the approval of the Grand Birch project. They are impressed with the wave wall effect of the structure and the fact that the first floor being all glass allows a great view of the intracoastal. We feel this building will be an asset to the neighborhood.

Our thoughts went back to the construction of the Ritz Carlton because we would lose our view of the ocean and felt the building was too large. We realized that no one is guaranteed a view and the building was meeting all of the cities requirements. The Ritz Carlton was built and we are happy to have them as our neighbor.

The residents near the Grand Birch are expressing the same concerns we experienced, but, as I stated, we are not guaranteed a view.

Harbor Haven supports the Grand Birch and asks for your approval of this project. Thank you.