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Mr. Ramon Trias
Planning and Zoning Director
City of Coral Gables
405 Biltmore Way
Coral Gables, FL 33134

Re: **5500 Granada Blvd. / Addition to Temple Judea**

Dear Mr. Trias:

This firm represents Temple Judea, the owner of the property located at 5500 Granada Blvd., relative to an addition to the existing building. The temple is required to obtain Site Plan Approval from the City for the above described property due to its "S" zoning designation.

As a means of background, the temple was designed by the renowned architect, Morris Lapidus. The structure is one of only four buildings located in Coral Gables designed by Mr. Lapidus. In September 2013, the City designated the property as historic. Currently, the proposed addition has received approval from the Historic Preservation Board. The temple was constructed in 1967 and it now desires to construct an addition to the building in order to meet the needs of the congregation. To quote Joseph Krefetz when the congregation was planning to construct Temple Judea "[w]e have built not for ourselves, but for our children and our children's children" and that is what is currently being done with the proposed addition.

The existing building consists of approximately thirty one thousand (31,000) square feet. The temple intends to remodel the existing classrooms in order to meet current code requirements and would like to place an addition of eight thousand nine hundred seventy nine (8,979) square feet to the south end of the building. The design of the addition will complement the existing Morris Lapidus designed building.

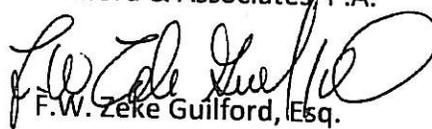
The reason for the new addition is to increase the number of classrooms. Currently, the existing classrooms are shared by not only the preschool children but also by youth and adult groups. It is the intent to have independent rooms for the each segment of the congregation and not to increase the preschool population. The preschool's current, licensed enrollment is one

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hundred forty (140) students. The preschool operates between the hours of 8am to 3:30pm with an after school program until 6pm.

If you have any questions regarding this application or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very sincerely,
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