



April 6, 2021

Board of County Commissioners
111 NW 1 Street
Miami, FL 331

VIA Email

Re: Application No. 202000099 Property Address: 29150 SW 167 Ave, Homestead, FL (Unincorporated)

Greetings:

This correspondence is regarding the rezoning of the property by Lennar from Agriculture "AU" to Estate Modified "EU-M"(64 acres). Lennar is requesting to rezone and replat the property which includes multiple folios. One parcel is home to an historic 1920's bungalow style home that was built by early South Dade pioneer Robert Caves. There are no plans on file to preserve the bungalow. Neighbors have expressed concerns regarding the destruction of one of the few remaining historic structures in South Dade – The Redland - currently not designated.

Dade Heritage Trust works with partner organizations and Miami-Dade County groups/residents to assist in their efforts to preserve the quality of life within their neighborhoods. In this case, we were called upon by the newly formed Concerned Citizens of South Dade to bring this situation to the attention of the County Commission.

The Redland area is a treasure. In 1993, the Knight Foundation awarded Miami-Dade County a substantial grant to research the history of the area and devise a plan to preserve and protect its aesthetic and potential as a tourism destination. The study is attached. Recently, I have been in talks with Commissioner Higgins-Cohen's office, the Miami-Dade County Historic Preservation Department and one of the authors of the study to discuss the potential for an updated survey because the area has changed greatly since 1993.

With its variety of historic architecture, agricultural assets, farm-based cultural and environmental assets, residents' concerns about the continued loss of the area's wonderful aesthetic cannot be ignored.

We urge Miami-Dade County to investigate the subject property and provide staff the appropriate time to research the original Caves' homestead to determine its historic significance.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine Rupp".

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cc: Concerned Citizens of Dade
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