

# Supporting Letters for 1154 Channel Drive Steven Grabowski & Cheryl Olsten

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# MONTECITO PLANNING COMMISSION

October 5, 2015

Jane & Paul Orfalea  
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Re: Case #14BAR-00000-00082 1154 Channel Drive

To MBAR Members:

My husband, Paul Orfalea, and I are writing this letter in support of the proposed project at 1154 Channel Drive. We ask that the Montecito Board of Architectural Review expedite the approval of this project exactly as it is and we hope that the MBAR will let the Olsten family move ahead to the building phase as quickly as possible.

Paul and I are both long term members of the Montecito community and we currently own a home at 1130 Channel Drive, just a few doors down from the Olsten project. Although we've chosen to stay as a one-story residence, we have no objection to any one on Channel Drive building a two-story home; as long as it's within the current height and size restrictions as set out by Santa Barbara County and the MBAR. The Olsten project is well within the rules and codes. In fact, the existing dilapidated house, on this almost 1/2 acre site, is already two stories.

My husband and I have reviewed the plans for the proposed residence and found them to be beautiful, tasteful and moderate. They offer an enormous improvement over what is currently on this site. The Olsten home will be a wonderful addition to an already beautiful street. We would like to point out that improving homes on Channel Drive is not just beneficial to local property owners, but it also adds value to the entire community, especially due to the importance of attracting quality tourism on Butterfly Beach.

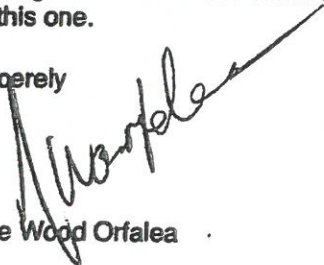
We, as a community, are very fortunate that the Olstens have chosen to make Channel Drive their home. Another owner might decide to keep this house in it's current run-down condition and create a short-term vacation rental. We have enough problems on Channel Drive with litter, late-night parties and homeless people without adding more vacation rentals. Montecito residents who are involved in our local community and care about their properties make Butterfly Beach a safer and better quality area for our entire community to enjoy. Clearly, by looking at the high end designs of the Olsten project, this family plans to cherish their dream home.

On a more personal note, Paul and I had the opportunity to meet Cheryl Olsten and her husband Steve Grabowski when they were last in town. They are a delightful couple with grown children and they are anxious to make Montecito their home. They are from the East coast where they created a wonderful year-round fresh farmer's market in their community, published

a local magazine for many years and are still very active as animal rights activist. Paul and I will be thrilled to have them as new neighbors.

Paul is, unfortunately, out of town on October 12th, but I will attend the MBRA review meeting and speak on behalf of this project. It is very unfortunate that approval for this project is taking so long as it is not in our community's best interest to hold up high-quality building projects such as this one.

Sincerely



Jane Wood Orfalea



Paul Orfalea

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Montecito Planning Commission  
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Re: January 20<sup>th</sup>, 1154 Channel Drive, Olsten Residence

Dear Montecito Planning Commission,

I am writing this letter in support of the proposed project at 1154 Channel Drive that is being presented on January 20th.

Living in Montecito as a permanent resident for 20 years and owning two neighboring properties to the proposed project (1086 Channel, and 1076 Fairway), I have witnessed firsthand the evolution and development of this neighborhood. Since 1969 we have owned five properties on Channel Drive and one on Hill Road. It is pleasing to see that someone is finally updating the property located at 1154 Channel Drive with a remarkable project that will further enhance this community. The proposed contemporary design has a very natural feel complimented by an equally compelling landscape plan. I was surprised to learn that there was even opposition to such a tasteful project and would like to ask that this project be considered for approval by your commission.

Thank you,



Bonnie Damron  
1086 Channel Drive  
Montecito, CA 93108

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Attn: David Villalobos, via email [dvillalo@co.santa-barbara.ca.us](mailto:dvillalo@co.santa-barbara.ca.us)

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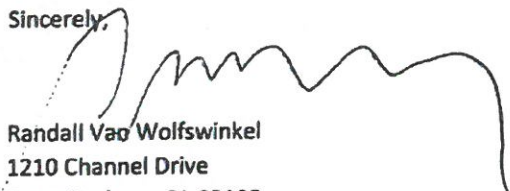
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Re: 1154 Channel Drive

Dear Members of Montecito Planning Commission,

As a local resident of Montecito and neighbor on Channel Drive, I have been following the proposed project at 1154 Channel Drive and have seen the plans and renderings by the architect. The project in front of you is beautifully designed with an elegant landscape plan and is well within its size limits for the neighborhood. This project will not only add to the diverse charm of Channel Drive, but will enhance its character by replacing the existing out-of-date home with a smaller home. This project will be an improvement to the community and therefore I am submitting this letter of support for the January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Montecito Planning Commission hearing.

Sincerely,

  
Randall Vao Wolfswinkel  
1210 Channel Drive  
Santa Barbara, CA 93108

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May 19, 2015

Dear Members of the Montecito Planning Commission,

Subsequent to filing my objection letter to the proposed project, I met with the architect of the record and received certain assurances to mitigate our privacy issues and concerned with the proposed project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Hadi Makarechian", written over a horizontal line.

Hadi Makarechian  
1150 Channel Dr./Homeowner

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**Robert A. Finkelstein**

January 18, 2016

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Re: 1154 Channel Drive

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Dear Montecito Planning Commissioners,

I own the property at 40 Butterfly Lane, which is in the same neighborhood as 1154 Channel Drive. After seeing the proposed design from the architect, I would like to offer my support in favor of this project. It is an attractive design and will be a welcome addition to the neighborhood.

Best Regards,

Robert A. Finkelstein  
40 Butterfly Lane  
Montecito, CA 93108

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Date: 1/17/2016

From: Sam Maphis  
Earthform Design  
1227 De La Vina Street  
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To: The Montecito Planning Commission  
123 East Anapamu Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Re: Proposed Residence at 1154 Channel Drive – Letter of support

Dear Madam Chair Brown & Members of the Montecito Planning Commission,

As a member and previous Chair of the Montecito Board of Architectural Review, I had the opportunity to review the proposed project located at 1154 Channel Drive for the first time in September of 2014. At that time, it was determined that the project was incompatible with the neighborhood due to its larger than existing 2<sup>nd</sup> floor area mass. Since that initial review, the project has undergone many evolutions and iterations in an attempt to address and satisfy the neighbors' as well as MBARS concerns. After careful review of the latest design, as well as the previous re-designs, I can say that the owner and Architects have gone above and beyond what was requested of them to satisfy the demands of the neighborhood. The present and latest design is very well thought out and is greatly reduced in size, bulk, and scale.

The design that was presented to the Commission in May, 2015 was the result of obvious hard work and compromise on the applicant's part as they have addressed the Commission's previous comments in an effort to put forth a wonderfully sustainable project that will be an attractive addition to Channel Drive. The current design is in full compliance with the MBAR guidelines and even reduces the FAR from the existing home at 130%+ over recommended FAR to a much smaller 110% over recommended. The willingness of the owner and Architect to reduce the scope and size of the project is commendable and shows a willingness to work within the County of SB process.

The current design has the same area of glass as the current structure so, the previously mentioned "lantern effect" is no longer a concern for the earlier concerned neighbors. The lush but drought tolerant landscape design will be much healthier asset for the neighborhood than the existing landscaping which is in an advanced state of disrepair.

The latest design also has less or no impact on the mountain views from Channel Drive and on the neighbors' ocean views than the existing structure. Therefore, it is baffling that the comments in opposition of the latest design are the same comments that were aired almost 2 years ago even though the mass bulk and scale of the proposed residence has been greatly reduced from that initial proposed design, again showing willingness to compromise.

Having served the Montecito community for over 18 years and as a member of MBAR for 12 years, I can say without question that this project has endured great attention and scrutiny and is an exemplary project. I hope the Commissioners share my perspective and determine that this residence will be an exciting addition to the Channel Drive neighborhood and the Montecito waterfront community.

Sincerely,

Sam W. Maphis IV

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**Villalobos, David**

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**From:** janeorfalea@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 12, 2016 2:05 PM  
**To:** Villalobos, David  
**Subject:** Re case 14CDH-00000-00014

Dear MPC

We are the owners and full-time residents of 1130 Channel Drive. Although we are unable to attend tomorrow's meeting, we would like the MPC to know that we have no objections to the Olsten's proposed architectural plans and we think it will be much a more attractive house than the existing structure.

Thank you for your time.

Jane Wood Orfalea and Paul Orfalea

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RE: New Resident at 1154 Channel Drive

Dear Montecito Planning Commissioners,

I represent the owner a few houses away from 1154 Hill Road; 1104 Channel Drive and 1157 Hill Road. On behalf of my clients, please accept this as their support of the project that has been presented for 1154 Channel Drive. The house appears to have been carefully redesigned.

Sincerely,



Phyllis Noble

Zacara, LLC Managing Member

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Attn: Members of the Montecito Planning Commission  
Re: 1154 Channel Drive (14CDH-00000-00014 Olsten Trust SFD)

Dear Chair Brown and Members of the Montecito Planning Commission,

I am a local architect and represent the owners of 1206 Channel Drive. The owners and architect for the project at 1154 Channel Drive reached out to us to see if we, as neighbors, have any objections to what is being proposed. I am pleased to say that we are in favor of this project. There doesn't seem to be any issues with the second story blocking views of the mountains, the FAR of the project is well within its neighborhood compatibility, there is an unobtrusive amount of glass facing the ocean, and the architectural style is harmonious with the neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Daniel M Longwill, AIA  
Representing:  
1206 Channel Drive



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**Thiep Cung**

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**From:** Hadi Makarechian <hadim@MakarProperties.onmicrosoft.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 12, 2016 9:51 AM  
**To:** Thiep Cung  
**Subject:** Design of 1154  
**Attachments:** support letter from Hadi Makarechian 05 19 2015.pdf; ATT00001.txt

Dear Theip,

Thank you for sending us the latest version of revisions to the design.  
I have attached the letter we wrote a few months past.  
Our concerns for the design have been mitigated.

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LETTER OF SUPPORT  
TO MONTECITO PLANNING COMMISSION  
RE: 1154 CHANNEL DRIVE

January 15, 2016

Dear Chair Brown & Montecito Planning Commissioners:

I am pleased to be writing to you in support of the project at 1154 Channel Drive.

As some of you know, I the principal of the local firm Winick Architects, recently completed serving as the Vice Chair of the Historic Landmarks Commission and served this last year as the AIA SB Chapter president and continue to serve on the AIA Board. In my practice as well as in my public service, I have supported sustainable design, the protection of our environment, and the consideration of others' enjoyment of our unique coastal setting.

I've had the opportunity to review the proposed project to be located at 1154 Channel Drive, and I feel that the it is sensitive in site planning, scale and design that it fits into its context and is an exemplary addition to this coastal setting. As the Project Architect for the Coral Casino and the Four Seasons Biltmore Spa, I greatly value this neighborhood and know that the approvals process, though arduous is very well calibrated. Only well designed and considered projects emerge from the Montecito BAR. This project has very sensitively and successfully evolved through the MBAR process with a great result.

I urge the Commission to approve this design knowing you that you have skilled professionals on MBAR who have helped to shape the project. And most importantly the project merits approval as it respects all zoning requirements, it doesn't have a visual impact on the mountain views from the ocean, and it fits in nicely with the character of this seaside neighborhood.

Sincerely,

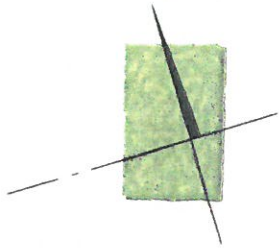


Barry Winick, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP  
Principal, Winick Architects, Inc

*2015 President of AIA Santa Barbara  
American Institute of Architects*

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JEFFREY BERKUS  
ARCHITECTS



March 18, 2016

Montecito Planning Commission members,

I have reviewed the drawings proposed for 1154 Channel Drive and find the design to be very well considered.

The mass, bulk and scale are compatible with the neighborhood character. Views from neighboring sites have been taken into consideration in this design and the house has been placed carefully with the sensitivity to the surrounding neighbors and streetscape.

The architectural character is well composed and would be a nice addition to the neighborhood. The height of the house is below the allowable height limit and the proposed square footage is a reasonable 9.8% over the recommended F.A.R.

It is my understanding that the proposed residence is almost 700 square feet less than the existing residence.

In conclusion, I believe that Warner Group Architects has done an admirable job on this project and that the Planning Commission should support its approval.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Berkus AIA

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Commissioners,  
Montecito Planning Commission  
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re: Grabowski-Olsten Residence  
1154 Channel Drive  
Santa Barbara, CA 93108

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Dear Members of the Commission,

As a longtime local resident and owner of ocean front properties, I know the difficulty of obtaining approval to build, and having followed the above named project for 18 months and witnessing the Owners' extraordinary efforts to respond to community comments by redesigning & modifying their home, I believe the current proposal for the house and its landscape would be a significant enhancement to Channel Drive and should be approved. So, I plan to speak at the hearing in support of the project.

Sincerely,

Michael Barnick

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Re: Proposed Residence at 1154 Channel Drive

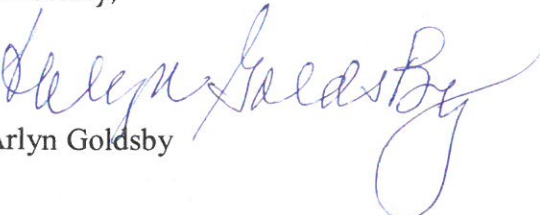
Dear Montecito Planning Commission,

My late husband and I have lived in this beautiful coastal paradise for over 50 years. I have a background in design and for the last 20 years, I have had the privilege of owning and operating the ladies fashion store in Montecito named 'Objects' on Coast Village Road where I feel I've done my very best to support our community through environmental consciousness as well as philanthropic efforts. During my time here, I've met many wonderful people who care about the visual beauty of this town as much as I do, but I've also come across some people who only have their own agenda in mind and the good of Santa Barbara is not a concern to them.

One of my husband's and my favorite things to do was to enjoy sunrises and sunsets at Butterfly Beach. We would always marvel at the creativity in architectural design that, when done correctly, can blend in with the neighborhood while still being exciting and organic. I've had the pleasure of reviewing the latest design, as well as several other iterations, for the proposed residence at 1154 Channel Drive, and I have to say it will be a welcome upgrade to the property from its current state as well as a wonderful addition to the scenic views of the mountains from the vantage point of a pedestrian at street level walking or driving along our treasured coastline.

I've watched the evolution of the design as the owner and Architect have seemingly bent over backward to accommodate the neighbors' concerns, yet it appears that they are still being obstructed by a part-time resident from out of town. This is frustrating indeed to hear that someone, protecting their own interests, is preventing a homeowner from building a home that will obviously be better for our environment and our community than what currently occupies the property. I hope you'll approve this project and let our coastline benefit from this beautiful home.

Sincerely,

  
Arlyn Goldsby



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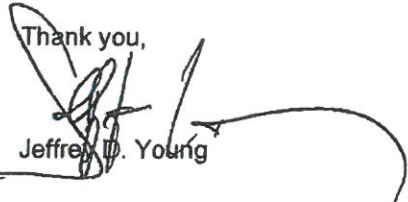
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Re: 1154 Channel Drive

Dear Montecito Planning Commission,

As a long time Montecito resident and member of the Coral Casino, I have been following this project over the last year and a half. I've had the pleasure of meeting the owners and architect, and have seen the latest design for 1154 Channel Drive. The project, as it's designed, will be a wonderful addition to the community. It is unfortunate to learn that the neighbors behind the project are stating that the house is incompatible with the neighborhood and blocking mountain views in order to protect their own private views of the ocean. Having seen the story poles and the proposed design, this is clearly not the case. I plan on attending the January 20<sup>th</sup> hearing and would like to ask that this project be considered for approval.

Thank you,

  
Jeffrey D. Young

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Dear Montecito Planning Commission,

My husband and I have been residents of Montecito for many years and we feel that Channel Drive is probably the single most iconic street in Montecito. Having said that, several of the houses along that street are beginning to show their age and take away from the overall feel of the neighborhood and especially the existing house at 1154 Channel Drive. The project that is being proposed for 1154, although contemporary, is actually quite charming and a much needed improvement for that site, therefore we are submitting this letter of support for the proposed project.

Sincerely,



Walt & Lynne Clay

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Tom & Chris Frisina  
396 Woodley Road  
Santa Barbara, CA 93108

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Montecito Planning Commission  
123 East Anapamu Street  
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Dear Madame Chair and Members of the Planning Commission,

My wife and I are fortunate enough to live in beautiful Montecito. One of our favorite daily pleasures is to walk along Butterfly Beach and Channel Drive from our home just a few minutes away to enjoy the beautiful scenery and marvel at the wonderful architecture being built along our beloved coast. I've followed the progress and evolution of the design of the proposed residence at 1154 Channel Drive, and I have to say that the latest is by far the best version that I've seen so far. The design of the house is contemporary and rich and warm and clean all at the same time, and it still somehow manages to feel right for the neighborhood. The landscape design is sustainable and drought tolerant while still looking lush and full and natural. It is disheartening that one of the neighbors has been spreading misinformation in an effort to "preserve" his own property's ocean view when in reality, the new design would allow him the same view that he currently enjoys. As a homeowner who built his home in Montecito not ten years ago, I know the trials and tribulations that come with building in Montecito. Therefore, it is infuriating that a part time resident of Montecito has decided to impede someone else from building his dream home in our beautiful little slice of heaven. On behalf of homeowners everywhere, I strongly urge you to allow Mr. Grabowski and Mrs. Olsten to build their dream and prove that you are a board of fairness as well as a planning commission.

Tom A. Frisina  
Christina V. Frisina

Sincerely,

Tom & Chris Frisina

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Montecito Planning Commission  
County of Santa Barbara  
123 East Anapamu Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Subject: 1154 Channel Drive, Olsten Residence

Dear Members of the Montecito Planning Commission,

Being a realtor that has worked with many clients in Montecito, I understand the importance of developing quality projects that add value to a community. This project certainly meets that criteria and is well within its limitations expressed by the Montecito Guidelines. Additionally, the architecture and landscape design that is proposed will further enrich Channel Drive and we are thankful to have the Olsten's as part of this community. I plan on attending the hearing on January 20<sup>th</sup> to express my support for the proposed project.

Sincerely,



David Lacy  
Berkshire Hathaway Home Services  
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1170 Coast Village Rd.  
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**Alexandra Nourse**  
538 Crocker Sperry Drive  
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JANUARY 15, 2016

**Montecito Planning Commission**  
123 East Anapamu  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Dear Planning Commission Members,

My husband and I moved to Montecito in the mid 90's after retiring and we've had the distinct pleasure of watching our little village evolve into the beautiful sea-side retreat it is today. In the last 20 years, we designed and built two homes in Montecito so we understand the importance of having a great design while also respecting the neighbors' wishes. We often walk from the Coral Casino to the end of Channel Drive.. Bob and I have seen the design for the new house at 1154 Channel Drive, and we think it's charming and elegant. I can't imagine why this design would be in any way controversial or be considered out of character with the neighborhood. We understand the architect and owners had to redesign the house several times to satisfy some of the neighbors. We hope you'll approve the latest design because it will make a wonderful addition to our community.

Sincerely,



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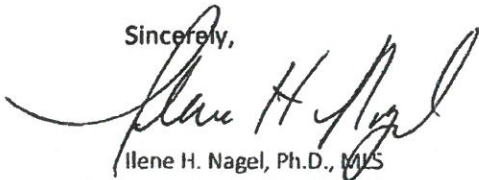
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Re: 1154 Channel Drive, Grabowski/Olsten Residence

Dear Montecito Planning Commissioners,

I am a local resident of Montecito, have an office on Coast Village Road, and frequently walk Butterfly Beach with my husband. I am very excited about this new project proposed for the site at 1154 Channel Drive; as such, I am submitting this letter of support for the January 20<sup>th</sup> Hearing.

Sincerely,



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Re: 1154 Channel Drive

Dear Montecito Planning Commissioners,

My family has been in Montecito for five generations and longtime member of the Coral Casino. I now live on Middle Road and take daily walks down Channel Drive. I have reviewed the proposed design for the project located at 1154 Channel Drive and find that it is an elegant improvement to a rather mediocre house as it now stands. I am happy to give my support for this project.

Sincerely,



Forbes H. Perkins  
267 Middle Road  
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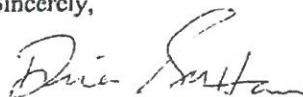
Re: 1154 Channel Drive, 14CDH-00000-00014

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Dear Montecito Planning Commissioners,

My family and I have been residents of Montecito for over 30 years and own a condo in Montecito Shores next to the Coral Casino. We frequently visit the Biltmore, Butterfly Beach, and Channel Drive and consider this area our neighborhood. I had a chance to view the materials submitted for the design of this project and am extremely pleased with the design direction and feel that it will be a great update for this property on Channel Drive. The modern style of this house is actually quite modest and attractively uses natural materials to blend in with its surroundings. Additionally, the proposed landscape design is exceptional and well integrated with the architecture. The existing house and property is so unattractive and in desperate need of an owner like this willing to go through the arduous process to build something that this neighborhood deserves. My family and I are fully in favor of this project and look forward to its completion.

Sincerely,



Dina Sultan  
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