

Jackson Tower Las Olas Condominium  
100 South Birch Road  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316

Code Enforcement  
Fort Lauderdale

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to bring to your attention the issue of noise pollution in our community. Over the past 6 years, there has been several incidents of loud music and excessive noise coming from the back, Almond Avenue, of a neighbor property, "ROCK BAR" causing disturbance and inconvenience to Barrier Island community's residents, where Jackson Tower Las Olas is located.

On many occasions we called the police to report the noise. Last call was made on Monday, March 4, 2024, but the issue persists. The noise is often heard from 11:00 AM to late at night and early in the morning, disrupting our sleep and affecting our quality of life. I understand that the local authorities are responsible for noise control in our area, and we would like to request that necessary action be taken to mitigate the noise pollution and restore peace and quiet to our area.

I suggest that an officer be appointed to continuously control the noise and take appropriate measures to address the issue. I have attached a petitioners list with signatures. We hope that you will take immediate action to resolve this matter and prevent any further disturbance to our entire neighborhood.

Thank you for your assistance in this health disturbing matter.

Sincerely,  
Jackson Tower Las Olas Residents:

Name

Signature

Angela Kanore

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Carey Malloy

Carey Malloy

Elissa Cascio

Elissa Cascio

David Sardelli

David Sardelli

Virginia Sardelli


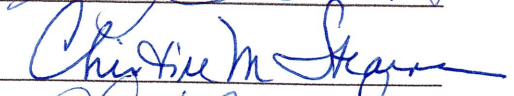
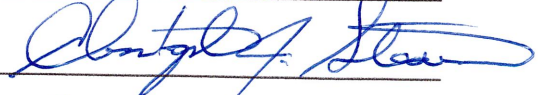
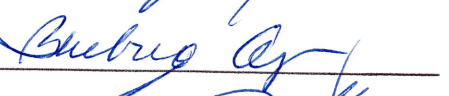

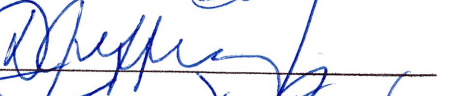





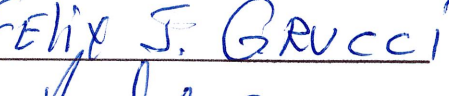
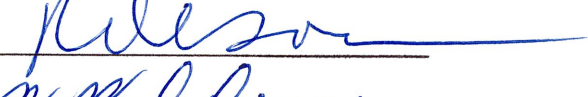
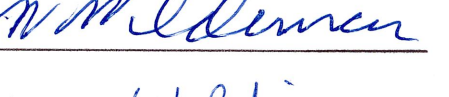




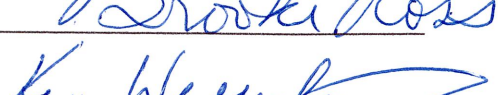
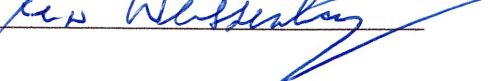
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BARBARA ABELO	
Kenneth DeFrancesco	
Deborah Jeffery	
LISA DEFRANCESCO	
JACKI THORANI	
Agnes Bradbury	
JUDITH MURPHY	
IRINA RICH	
Gloria Grucci	
Richard Olson	
WARREN WILDENAN	
Nancy Wildeman	
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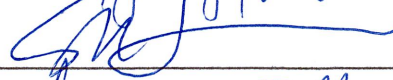
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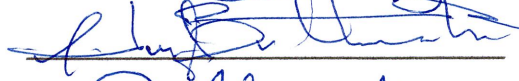
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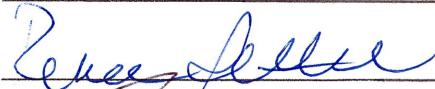


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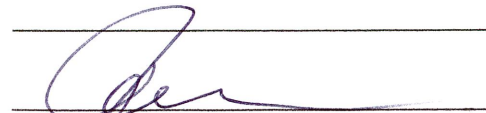
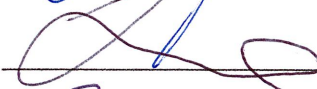
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Michelle Goldman



JOHN MUSTAC

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Michael Wogalter

-----Original Message-----

From: Porshia Garcia <PGarcia@fortlauderdale.gov>

Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 9:31 AM

To: Chick Lee (ICON)

Cc: Anthony Fajardo <AFajardo@fortlauderdale.gov>; Donna Varisco <DVarisco@fortlauderdale.gov>; Katrina Jordan <KJordan@fortlauderdale.gov>

Subject: RE: Fort Lauderdale noise ordinance

Good morning Chick,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts on the noise ordinance. By way of this email, I am sharing them with the liaison for the Noise Control Advisory Committee (NCAC) so they can be shared at the April 23rd NCAC meeting.

Porshia L. Garcia, MPA

Deputy Director | Development Services Department Code Enhancement & Enforcement | Accela | Permitting Services

PorshiaW@fortlauderdale.gov

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-----Original Message-----

From: Chick Lee (ICON) <

Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 5:38 PM

To: Porshia Garcia <PGarcia@fortlauderdale.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL:CAUTION!]- Fort Lauderdale noise ordinance

My name is Clarence Lee I have lived at the Las Olas Beach Club units 1907 since 2011 and 2003 since 2023 (I own both residences). I am very familiar with beach life and the desire for people to have fun, that is why I live here too. Otherwise I would live in the suburbs. But sometime "too much is too much".

My thoughts are:

- 1) Motorcycles should not play music so loud you can hear it clearly 20 floors above street level or 2 blocks away. They are open air vehicles and they create noise pollution like you cannot believe. There needs to rules and like all rules they must be enforced.
- 2) The pool behind Rock Bar is great but the music is way too loud. That is why Las Vegas pool parties exist. I can hear their music inside ! 20 floors up...I threaten to spend \$500K on the biggest speakers on the planet and direct classical music at the pool so they cannot hear their hip hop.

3) By midnight Drunken Taco can turn off their music rather than leave it on literally all night and it is still on at 7am...please use common sense.

4) Boom boxes in the parking lots should be banned. It is a place to park not tailgate.

I have told people many times over the years if I was as noisy in your neighborhood where you live you would be very MAD.

People live here...by choice so please be respectful but have fun and enjoy the beach I do too. I like parties and noise and fun but there have to be some limits.

Respectfully submitted  
Clarence "Chick" Lee

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**From:** Cesar Libanati

**Sent:** Monday, April 8, 2024 10:37 AM

**To:** Porshia Garcia <PGarcia@fortlauderdale.gov>

**Cc:** Donna Varisco <DVarisco@fortlauderdale.gov>; Anthony Fajardo <AFajardo@fortlauderdale.gov>; Katrina Jordan <KJordan@fortlauderdale.gov>

**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL:CAUTION!]- Re: Re:Special Entertainment zone street boundaries

Dear Porshia,

Thank you for your kind response.

In the interim I had the opportunity to engage in discussions with noise inspectors regarding the regulations in question. They provided insights into the intricacies of the regulations and expressed their frustrations regarding the current framework particularly in Special Entertainment zones. They acknowledged that the current regulations regarding noise measurement locations do not effectively ensure a reasonable noise level in adjacent residential zones.

Their perspective aligns with my earlier recommendation, suggesting that it would be more prudent to measure noise levels either at the complainant's property line or just outside the Special Entertainment zone, just as at the boundary with the residential zone. This approach would better ensure that the noise levels experienced by residents are in line, or lower than, those permitted in residential areas.

Best regards, Cesar

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**From:** Porshia Garcia <PGarcia@fortlauderdale.gov>

**Sent:** Monday, April 8, 2024 9:52 AM

**To:** Cesar Libanati

**Cc:** Donna Varisco <DVarisco@fortlauderdale.gov>; Anthony Fajardo <AFajardo@fortlauderdale.gov>; Katrina Jordan <KJordan@fortlauderdale.gov>

**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL:CAUTION!]- Re: Re:Special Entertainment zone street boundaries

Good morning, Cesar:

You're welcome! I'm happy I could help.

"...are the two blocks bordered by S. Birch, Banyan, Seabreeze Blvd, and Cortez considered outside of the Special Entertainment zone?" **Yes, that's correct.**

**By way of this email, I am sharing your comments below with the liaison for the Noise Control Advisory Committee (NCAC) so they can be shared at the April 23rd NCAC meeting.**

Furthermore, I'd like to offer a couple of modest suggestions for the Noise Commission to consider while crafting their recommendations. These suggestions aim to ensure that all parties affected by the regulations are satisfactorily addressed:

- a) If the 85dBA limit for Special Entertainment zones remains in place, it may be prudent to restrict the permissible hours to 8 hours per day. Aligning with the noise exposure levels permitted by OSHA seems sensible, and exceeding them could pose risks.
- b) Additionally, I propose an amendment to the noise regulations stipulating that the noise level entering adjacent residential zones must not exceed the permitted noise levels in those areas. For instance, outside of the Special Entertainment zone, in an adjacent residential area, noise levels should not exceed 60dBA during the daytime and 50dBA during nighttime.

The latter recommendation, in particular, strikes me as highly logical. It prompts the question: why should individuals be prohibited from generating noise above 60dBA when the noise allowed to permeate within the same zone is significantly higher?

Have a great day!

**Porshia L. Garcia, MPA**

**Deputy Director | Development Services Department**

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**From:** Cesar Libanati

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 3, 2024 12:38 PM

**To:** Porshia Garcia <[PGarcia@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:PGarcia@fortlauderdale.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL:CAUTION!]- Re: Re:Special Entertainment zone street boundaries

Dear Porshia,

I wanted to express my gratitude for your comprehensive responses to my inquiries and for providing the maps outlining the Special Entertainment zones. Your efforts have greatly clarified matters for me.

To confirm my understanding: are the two blocks bordered by S. Birch, Banyan, Seabreeze Blvd, and Cortez considered outside of the Special Entertainment zone?

Furthermore, I'd like to offer a couple of modest suggestions for the Noise Commission to consider while crafting their recommendations. These suggestions aim to ensure that all parties affected by the regulations are satisfactorily addressed:

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With sincere regards and best wishes for wisdom in your recommendations, I am at your service.

Warm regards,

Cesar Libanati

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On Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 06:24:26 PM EDT, Porshia Garcia <[pgarcia@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:pgarcia@fortlauderdale.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon Cesar,

I hope this email answers your question and clarifies the maps I have provided.

Section 5-51 of the City of Fort Lauderdale's Unified Land Development Regulations loosely defines Special Entertainment Districts as areas designated by the City Administration and City Commission with regulations to encourage and promote the development of cultural, economic, and educational activities. These areas cater to promoting tourism and providing entertainment centers. These districts include commercial establishments with a mixture of entertainment and supporting uses including but not limited to lounges, restaurants, night clubs and other entertainment facilities, retail shops and offices. There are not entertainment districts consisting solely of residential properties. These districts are not necessarily large stretches of areas. In many instances, they are small portions of a block that encompass a business such as Rock Bar or Beach Place.

1. There are several areas and properties that fall within the City's Special Entertainment Districts. The first map in my original email highlights these areas with colors and the list below in my original email is the Map Key that identifies the name of the specific Entertainment District (i.e. Twoomey, 111 Properties, Beach Place).



↑  Special Entertainment Districts ▼

 111 Properties

 Beach Place

 Historic Brickell

 McCrory Bldg 1

 McCrory Bldg 2

 McCrory Bldg 3

 McCrory Bldg 4

 McCrory Bldg 5

 McCrory Bldg A

 Twoomey

Rock Bar is in the Twoomey Special Entertainment District on the map I provided. This area is identified by a red boundary in the email from 10:44 a.m. yesterday. Rock Bar on the map falls between Almond Avenue and S Atlantic Boulevard. It is between the parcels labeled 213 and 225. I've pasted a smaller snippet of this area below.



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**From:** Cesar Libanati

**Sent:** Monday, April 1, 2024 6:16 PM

**To:** Porshia Garcia <[PGarcia@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:PGarcia@fortlauderdale.gov)>

**Cc:** Katrina Jordan <[KJordan@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:KJordan@fortlauderdale.gov)>; Christina Chaney <[CChaney@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:CChaney@fortlauderdale.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL:CAUTION!]- Re: Re:Special Entertainment zone street boundaries

Dear Porshia,

I greatly appreciate your efforts in providing me with the maps and information thus far. However, I must humbly ask for further clarification, as my initial query remains unanswered.

Upon reviewing the maps you provided:

- a) The first map displays an area outlined by Cortez St, S Atlantic Blvd, and Seabreeze Blvd, with a green overlay labeled as Beach Place. Regrettably, this map lacks redline boundaries or marked limits of the Special Entertainment district.
- b) The second map features a red boundary encompassing a structure with blue overlay identified as Twoomey, not sure what does it is meant to represent as it is a very small area..

Thus despite these details, I still find myself uncertain about the specific streets delineating the boundaries of the Special Entertainment district containing the Rock Bar. Could you kindly shed some light on this matter?

Additionally, I am curious to know if there are (solely) residential blocks situated entirely within the confines of the Special Entertainment district(s). Your assistance in clarifying these points would be immensely appreciated.

Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Warm regards,

Cesar

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On Monday, April 1, 2024 at 10:44:01 AM EDT, Porshia Garcia <[pgarcia@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:pgarcia@fortlauderdale.gov)> wrote:

You're welcome, Cesar! I've included the districts along the beach below. The location with the red line around it is Beach Place.

Customer Service can be contacted at (954)828-8000 between 6:00 a.m. and 3:00 a.m. daily with noise and other complaints. The nighttime code inspectors work from 5:00 p.m. – 3:00 a.m. Thursday thru Sunday. There are inspectors working daytime hours of 6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. on a daily basis.

Your request for proactive noise monitoring of Elbo Room is being shared with Community Enhancement for follow-up.







**Porshia L. Garcia, MPA**

**Deputy Director | Development Services Department**

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**From:** Cesar Libanati

**Sent:** Monday, April 1, 2024 9:59 AM

**To:** Porshia Garcia <[PGarcia@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:PGarcia@fortlauderdale.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL:CAUTION!]- Re: Re:Special Entertainment zone street boundaries

Dear Porshia,

Thank you but I may need your help to navigate the map link you sent. Where do I search for the Special Entertainment boundaries. I navigated all options and the search engine and could not locate them.

Specifically I am inquiring about the street boundaries that form the Las Olas (against the Ocean) entertainment district, the one that reportedly includes the Rock Bar and adjacent structures.

Your help is much appreciated.

You can call me if that would be easier.

Also I circulated this weekend with my noise monitor and observed that several business such as the Elbow Room bar and restaurants next to it broadcasted sound well above 90-92 dbA in the afternoon and evening 5 feet and beyond the property line (i.e. well above the currently permissible limits). A simple "surprise" monitoring by the noise inspectors would easily confirm that non-compliance with ordinances.

I tried to call the noise reporting hotline but only got messages or no response at all. Which number is the most appropriate to call, and what are the hours of response of the noise inspectors?

Best regards,

Cesar

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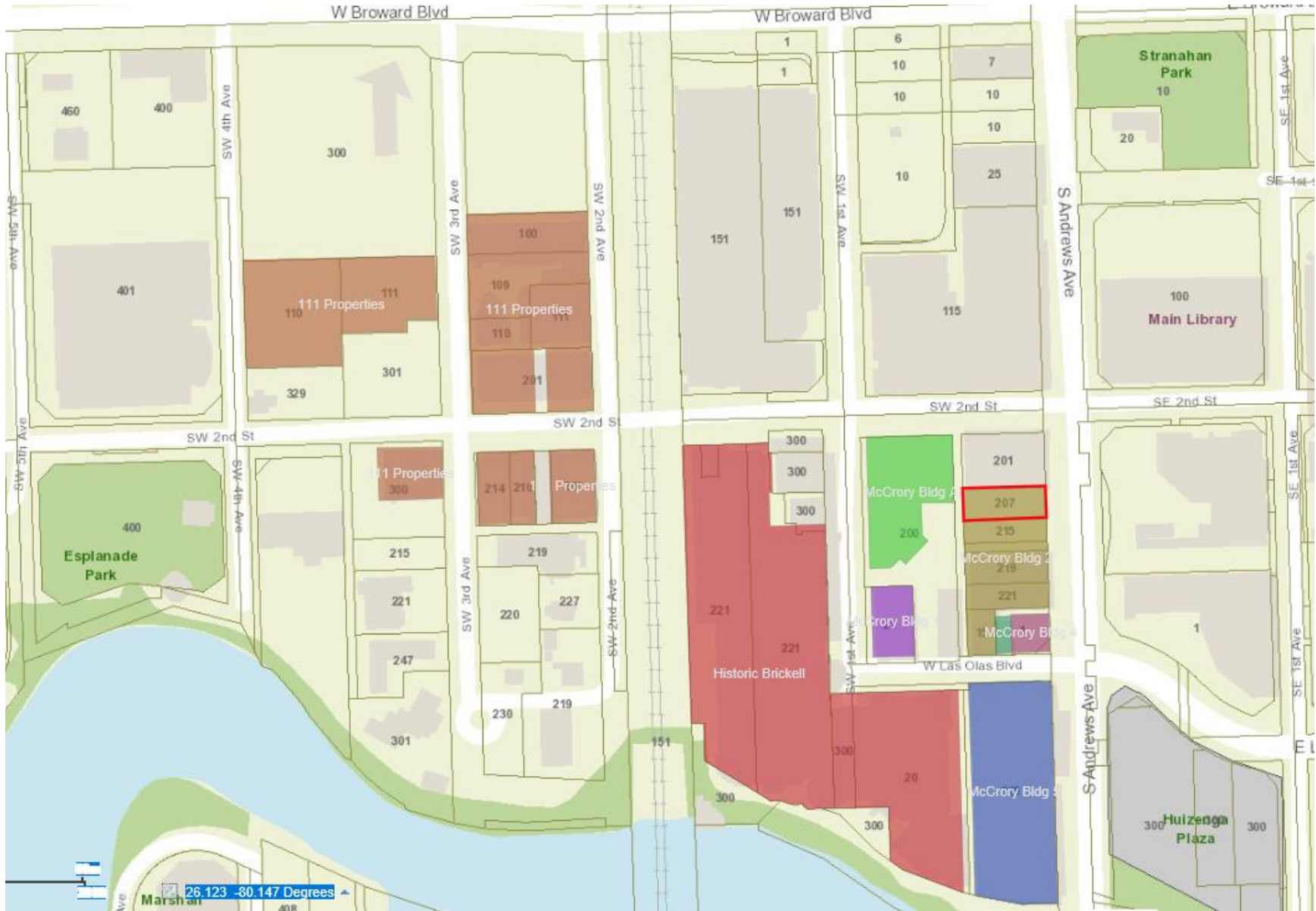
On Monday, April 1, 2024 at 09:27:40 AM EDT, Porshia Garcia <[pgarcia@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:pgarcia@fortlauderdale.gov)> wrote:

Good morning, Cesar:

You're welcome! A link to the map of the Special Entertainment Districts can be found at:

<https://gis.fortlauderdale.gov/PropertyReporter/?extent=-8922830.9587,3013922.4220,-8918359.3925,3016115.2092,102100>. I've also pasted a screenshot of the areas below.





↑  Special Entertainment Districts ▼

 111 Properties

 Beach Place

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**From:** Cesar Libanati

**Sent:** Saturday, March 30, 2024 1:51 PM

**To:** Porshia Garcia <[PGarcia@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:PGarcia@fortlauderdale.gov)>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL:CAUTION!]- Re: Re:Special Entertainment zone street boundaries

Dear Porshia,

Thank you for your work for the city,

I have been directed to you by Erica to inquire about the street boundaries that define the Special Entertainment zone of Las Olas.

Best regards, Cesar