

## Marine Terrace Cooperative

401 N Riverside Drive

Pompano Beach, Florida

My name is Richard Damico, I along with my wife have owned unit 301 at Marine Terrace since '2001 and have been full-time residents since 2003.

I was the association President for approximately four years during which we completely reconstructed our parking lot, including curbing and extensive landscaping.

For us to obtain approval from the City the landscaping was an absolute requirement. This requirement for the full landscaping according to the zoning standards, double the cost of the parking lot project, but it also eliminated five much needed street parking spaces.

I should point out that I personally negotiated with city departments for a year in an attempt to keep some street parking but was not successful.

However, in the end the result was a clean and beautiful landscaping display of flowering shrubs and aligned Trees, to complement our new parking lot, which we take pride in our accomplishment as our participated in the beautification of Riverside Drive.

The requested variance from the developer would not be consistent with our adjacent landscaping and would clearly limit the green space so sorely needed in this urban environment.

It should be noted that the variance request does not indicate an urgent need for this variance, but perhaps desire for external parking.

Let me be clear, we welcome the introduction of Luxury buildings to our neighborhood however, I and other residents of Marine Terrace do not approve of the variance requests.

Also, it is my understanding that City Planning and Development has a plan to landscape and improve Riverside Drive, is the variance request consistent with that plan?

Thank you for your attention.

Richard D'Amico