



To : Mr. Ashish Desai  
Environmental Manager  
General Services Administration  
Re : Location of new Federal Court House in Fort Lauderdale, FL  
Date : March 6, 2020

Dear Mr. Ashish,

I write to you on behalf of the Tarpon River Civic Association. At the community meeting held on February 27, 2020, the Tarpon River Civic Association unanimously voted “to object to the placement of the Federal Courthouse within the Tarpon River Civic Association boundaries (Davie Boulevard to the South, Andrews Avenue to the East, and the New River on the north and west)”. To clarify, we are in **OPPOSITION** to the site located at 477 SW 1st Ave (bounded by SW 4th Court, SW 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, SW 5th St, and SW Flagler Dr).

Prior to the vote the formal discussion from the neighbors was focused on the importance of our neighborhood continuing to be that of an active, residential, pedestrian friendly, neighborhood in the downtown core. The association believes a Federal Courthouse within the Tarpon River boundaries at 477 SW 1st Ave (bounded by SW 4th Court, SW 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, SW 5th St, and SW Flagler Dr) would create a space that is not conducive to the activated area which is growing throughout this portion of downtown Fort Lauderdale. The future space surrounding 477 SW 1st Ave (bounded by SW 4th Court, SW 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, SW 5th St, and SW Flagler Dr) has several residential high rises which will create an urban neighborhood with retail, restaurant, and business services. We do not believe a Federal Courthouse will line up or enhance the space which we anticipate having a great deal of pedestrian traffic and activity.

We do believe there are other locations in Fort Lauderdale which would be more suitable for the Federal Courthouse and encourage you to work with all our elected officials to determine a more suitable area. Without information regarding the anticipated traffic or parking needs we are not able to recommend other areas.

Thank you for valuing the position of the Tarpon River Civic Association.

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