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Facade Improvement Grant for Reed & Reed

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To Whom It May Concern,

We, The Reed Family have been the owners of 353 N. Swinton Avenue in Old School Square for the last 29 years. We have greatly improved the property over the years for the benefit of the tenants as well as the historical district. The property has the original decorative shutters that were extremely well-made but the windows are in poor condition with pitting, broken framing and seals in areas-some the old crank jalousie and do not preserve the home well. We would like to continue to maintain and preserve this home as well as protect it from damage from windstorms. The building has been the home of the Palms Birth House and has welcomed hundreds of Delray Beach natives over the last 10 years. 353 N. Swinton has a special meaning in the hearts of so many. The midwife here, Elizabeth Charron has attended over 500 births and follows the centering model that involves the family with extensive education and has been proven to lower preterm birth and complications as well as being more economical than a hospital birth.

We plan to replace all the old windows (27 windows) in the home with PGT white aluminum impact windows with clear glass in line with what the historical board states is appropriate as the home has been designated historic within the historic district.

Thanks very much, Vickie Reed of Reed & Reed, Inc.

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Vickie Reed