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June 3,2021

City of Fort Lauderdale
Parks and Recreation Department
701 South Andrews Ave.
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33328
ATTN. Mr. Phil Thornburg

Re: Edward D. Stone Jr. / Riverwalk Naming

Dear Mr. Thornburg,

It is with great pride that I offer support of the proposal to name the Historic District of the Fort Lauderdale Riverwalk in the memory of Edward D. Stone Jr.

Mr. Stone has been a trusted friend and professional associate for over 40 years. His contributions to the profession of landscape architecture have had a unique and lasting impact on the welfare of the public and the environment.

Fort Lauderdale should proudly honor Ed as a citizen of wide renown throughout the world!

With sincere appreciation for your favorable consideration.

Edward R. Allen

David S. Armbruster
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May 25, 2001

City of Ft Lauderdale
Parks and Recreation Dept.
702 S. Andrews Avenue
Ft Lauderdale, Fl 33328

Attn: Mr. Phil Thornburg
Re: Edward D. Stone, Jr., Riverwalk Naming

Dear Mr. Thornburg:

It is with great pleasure to honor my partner and friend in support of the proposal to name the Historic District River Front in Edward D. Stone, Jr's memory.

I was a partner at EDSA for 48 years. After graduating from the Univ of Florida, I joined the firm in 1963. My wife and I have been residents of Ft Lauderdale for 58 years. We lived on a boat in the early years for three years on the New River. Those were the days when Mayor Cox was running the city and the improvements to the downtown riverfront were nonexistent.

Mr. Stone was disturbed by the city's lack of direction in improving its most cherished assets: The New River and the beach front. He set up a meeting with then Mayor Clay Shaw to discuss what could be done to improve the City and attract developers to these two areas. They were successful in developing both the beach front and putting in the Riverwalk along the New River which is extremely successful in attracting residents and tourists.

I fully support the naming of a portion of the Riverwalk in honor of Edward D. Stone, Jr.

Sincerely,


David S. Armbruster

James J. Blosser
1107 Southeast 6th Street
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

June 1, 2021

City of Fort Lauderdale
Parks and Recreation Department
701 South Andrews Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33328
Attention: Mr. Phil Thornburg

Reference: Edward D. Stone, Jr. - Riverwalk Naming

Dear Mr. Thornburg,

I am pleased and honored with this opportunity to support the proposal to name a segment of the Riverwalk to honor the legacy and memory of Mr. Stone for his vast contributions to our City.

You and in turn the Advisory Board have been supplied with the well documented history of Ed's visionary and historic work on the design of development of Riverwalk and the Beach area. As a 56 year resident of our City, I vividly recall the many "starts and stops" to numerous public projects to improve the City and our quality of life as we transitioned from a small community to a larger City. Suffice to say, that Ed was a consistent and guiding visionary for many of the successful projects such as Riverwalk, early Beach redevelopment and other efforts. He took great personal pride and satisfaction with these improvements to his hometown and it's slow transition.

Additionally, his resume documents his National service, reputation and many prestigious awards. Fort Lauderdale was honored to have his as it's citizen!! Naming a segment of the Riverwalk is a small token of lasting recognition and appreciation for his leadership and contributions to projects which we all now enjoy.

Thank you for a favorable recommendation of the Proposal to the City Commission.

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Blosser

City of Fort Lauderdale
Parks and Recreation Department
701 South Andrews Ave.
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33328
Attn: Mr. Phil Thornburg

RE: Edward D. Stone Jr. / Riverwalk Naming

Dear Mr. Thornburg:

It is with great pleasure to write in support of the proposal to name the historic district of Riverwalk in honor and memory of Edward D. Stone Jr. He was truly one of our city's most accomplished residents.

My family had known Ed since he came to Fort Lauderdale. They worked closely with him professionally and were lifelong personal friends. All were keenly aware that the future of Fort Lauderdale depended on leadership from concerned residents.

As native of Fort Lauderdale, I have always been awed by Ed's accomplishments and fame in our town of such humble beginnings. Proper landscape architecture has become vital to a city's growth and expansion while serving its citizens; and Ed recognized this from the very beginning. Integrating art with function is not easily achieved in rapidly developing cities such as Fort Lauderdale.

Ed's career included numerous advancements in landscape architecture. He was recognized internationally as a leader in his field. I am sure that you are aware of the list of national awards and recognitions. Very few professionals have such an impressive career.

We should honor his legacy appropriately. Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

George L. Caldwell, Jr., MD

Sandra S. Casteel
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June 4, 2021

City of Fort Lauderdale
Parks and Recreation Department
701 South Andrews Ave.
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
Attn: Mr. Phil Thornburg

RE: Edward D. Stone Jr. / Riverwalk Naming

Dear Mr. Thornburg:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter in support of the proposal to honor the memory of Edward D. Stone Jr. by associating his name with the Riverwalk History District.

My first opportunity to see the community caring of Ed Stone was in 1968 when he was helpful to the Junior League State Public Affairs Meeting. The League was planning a segment of the state meeting concerning Historic Preservation and Environmental Issues. With his help we were able to create a dynamic program that addressed those issues and certainly began a movement in Fort Lauderdale in preservation. That led to a community awareness of our built history, and the restoration of the King Cromartie House, Stranahan House and Bonnet House.

With the opportunity to restore and open Evelyn Bartlett's wonderful Bonnet House, Ed Stone became a major player in the clearing and redefining of the overgrown grounds. He and his team from EDSA were vital to the restoration and rehabilitation the Bonnet House Gardens as our community and beyond enjoy them today.

I had the privilege of working on the city committee to develop the vision and activity for "The Best City of its Size" and the community bond issue which followed. Once again, I saw Ed Stone in action creating and assisting in the various parts of that effort. Turning the city back to appreciation of the beautiful New River and its Riverwalk, seeing the exciting design elements for the beach and so much more were led by Ed Stone.

We have much to thank and praise Ed Stone for during these years. He was a most generous, kind and wonderfully talented gentleman, and always a joy to work with. I look forward to you honoring him with this park dedication.

Sincerely,

Sandra S. Casteel

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701 South Andrews Ave.
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Attn: Mr. Phil Thornburg

RE: Edward D. Stone Jr. / Riverwalk Naming

Dear Mr. Thornburg:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter in support of the proposal to honor the memory of Edward D. Stone Jr. by associating his name with the Riverwalk's History District.

I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with ED from 1968 here in Fort Lauderdale until his passing in 2009. It is not every day one gets the chance to meet such a gentlemen let alone work alongside a legend in one's industry. Not only was Ed a leader in the profession of Landscape Architecture but in his community. He had the ability to listen to any and every one and make one feel that their needs and interest were his. He could walk into a room and take charge of whatever the purpose for being there was.

Ed's fingerprint is all over the City of Fort Lauderdale from: the Broward County Library, the Fort Lauderdale International Airport, the Fort Lauderdale Beach Redevelopment and our Downtown Riverwalk, Sistrunk Boulevard, the 17th Street Bridge, the Marriot Harbor Beach Hotel, The Hyatt Pier 66 Gardens and Pool complex and Holiday Park. Many of these projects and others we part of Ed's passion to help and support his community via the City's initiative stated in 1984 to become the "Best City of its size by 1994!

Working in one's hometown was not always easy, but Ed did it thru plain hard work, not politics. Constantly striving for the best for all concerns, balancing the environment with growth. Ed surrounded himself with some of the most talented and dedicated individuals but let and encouraged them to contribute their ideas in a truly collaborative way culminating in a better solution than just one person could ever provide.

Leaders have the ability to lead but not stifle others. Ed's leadership and commitment to innovation created a local and international Landscape Architecture and Land Planning firm that became world renowned and is respected to this day.

Edward D. Stone would be a most befitting individual to be honored in the Riverwalk's History District, especially in light of his personal and the firm's effort in its design.

C. Douglas Coolman FASLA, RLA

Member of EDSA 1968 to 2010

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June 1, 2021

City of Fort Lauderdale
Parks and Recreation Department
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Attn: Mr. Phil Thornburg

RE: Edward Durell Stone, Jr. / Riverwalk Naming

Dear Committee Members:

As the son of a long time architect (1937-1978) and as godson to Porter G. Reynolds, first park ranger at Birch State Park, designer of Holiday Park and mayor of this City (1955-1957), I am pleased to fully support the naming of a portion of Riverwalk in memory of Edward Durell Stone, Jr. I strongly support Ed because he was undoubtedly a pioneering spirit and leading light in establishing landscape architecture as a respected profession worldwide and, particularly, a pioneer and leader in the two most important projects in the growth of this City. Ed was a pioneer and leader in the Beach Revitalization project and the Riverwalk project. To date, both projects have generated over one billion dollars in capital investment in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Son of internationally acclaimed architect Edward D. Stone, Sr., Edward D. Stone, Jr. (alternatively, for brevity, "Ed Jr.") could have begun his landscape architecture firm in 1958 almost anywhere in the world given his father's international reputation and Ed Jr.'s sterling academic background at Yale and the Harvard Graduate School of Design in Landscape Architecture, the first established landscape architecture school in the country. Ed chose the City of Fort Lauderdale, and this City has been the beneficiary of more than half a century of Ed's professionalism, community participation, and leadership in the profession, locally and internationally. In addition to his pioneering spirit and leadership skills, I think Ed's most outstanding qualities may be his humility and courage. Ed was a man unquestionably ahead of his time as a leader.

Ed was the singular pioneering spirit behind the integration of the landscape architecture profession. Ed realized that the vocation of landscape architecture would only become respected 1) when its membership reflected the demographics of the community and the location of the projects, and 2) the profession was recognized as a major force in the shaping of the earth, widening its scope to other disciplines like sociology, geology, history and ecology.

During his career, three U.S. presidents appointed Ed to three terms on the U.S. Commission on Fine Arts. A seminal moment for Ed occurred in the 1970's when President Lyndon Baines Johnson's First Lady, Claudia Alta Taylor popularly known as "Lady Bird" headed her well-known Committee for a More Beautiful Capital. The

Committee hired Ed as a consultant. The First Lady pointedly asked Ed whether his firm hired Black landscape architects. Ed candidly admitted that he hadn't hired any Blacks.

At the same time, Ed's firm had been engaged to plan subsidized housing in a mostly black, 'blue collar' neighborhood. Ed realized his firm had no real knowledge as to what it was like to live in that neighborhood. Ed hired a black sociologist as a consultant. In 1972, eminent landscape architect Paul Friedberg hosted an ASLA meeting of black architects in his NYC offices. The five or six black landscape architects who attended represented the majority of blacks in the profession. Thus, began an emphasis on actively integrating the profession. Nonetheless, twenty years later there were only 150 black landscape architects in the profession.

Ed's recounting of that pivotal moment in his professional life and his challenge to the wider audience of the landscape architecture profession to do better in hiring a diversity of landscape architects came in a article Ed penned in a full page of the February 1992 issue of *Landscape Architecture*. *Landscape Architecture*, Vol.82, No.2 (February 1992), p. 128.


Personally, I know how hard and challenging it is to confront the issue of race today. It was 50 years ago when Ed first met "Lady Bird"; thirty years ago when Ed wrote the article on race. Race remains a contentious, 'hot button' today.

Confronting challenging issues is what defines a leader. Ed even supported summer internships for college students majoring in Landscape Architecture to offer students the opportunity to experience the profession in actual field work and drafting in the office. Summer internships were a 'win-win' for both the firm and the student. The busy firm gets a less well-paid extra employee while the student gains experience of working in a landscaping office officering services in shaping the land for the client paying the fees.

Other writers supporting this honor in memory of Ed will undoubtedly write about other reasons for this honor. Withal, Ed was a scholar in addition to his leadership in the profession and in this City. By my count, Ed participated in over eighty panel discussions, lectures, wrote letters to the Editor in design magazines, discussed issues of moment and gravity to the profession, elaborated on his own projects throughout the world, all of which were published in scholarly publications. In the end, his vision for this City's Beach Revitalization and Riverwalk projects generating more than a billion dollars in capital investment in this City alone merit the City's designation of a portion of Riverwalk in memory of Edward D. Stone, Jr. But we must never forget his leadership, the building up of landscape architecture as an honored and respected profession, and the recognition of this City by his firm's shaping of the land both in America and throughout the world. I unhesitatingly support the naming of a portion of Riverwalk in memory of Edward D. Stone, Jr, FASLA.

For the foregoing reasons, it is fitting and just for our City to recognize a man who for over half a century in the practice of landscape architecture brought so much in shaping the earth in Fort Lauderdale and throughout the rest of the world.

Sincerely yours,


WILLIAM G. CRAWFORD, JR.

May 30, 2021

Mr. Phil Thornburg
City of Fort Lauderdale
701 South Andrews Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33328

RE: Edward D Stone, Jr. / Riverwalk Naming

Dear Mr. Thornburg:

It is with great pleasure to write in support of the proposal to name the Historic District of Riverwalk in honor and in the memory of Edward D. Stone, Jr.

Mr. Stone was a visionary leader and an outstanding resident of Fort Lauderdale. He was dedicated to improving his city helping to make it "The Best City of its Size in 1994. He was involved in the redevelopment of the Riverwalk and the Beach as part of the city's redevelopment, supporting the ULI study for the one-way-pair solution to A1A concepts for the Beach. Mr. Stone also served on the Governor's Conference on Environmental Quality for the State of Florida.

His passion for landscape architecture both at home, the Caribbean and Europe lead him and his firm to receive over 300 statewide, national and international awards. He was elected a Fellow in the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) and in 1994 received the Society's prestigious ASLA Medal. He served three consecutive four-year terms on the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts appointed by Presidents Nixon, Ford and Carter and was a consultant on the Committee for a More Beautiful Capital in D.C.

EDSA was started in 1959 and continues to this day to be committed to the ideals that Edward Stone lived by maintaining the qualities of honesty, frankness, and total respect for the land and those of us living and using it.

I was privileged to work for EDSA for 28 years. My final position was for the gentlemen himself. Always gracious and caring for the quality of life and a joy to work with. All of us who knew and worked with him would be honored to have this honor bestowed on him. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Barbara Davis

June 10, 2021

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Parks and Recreation Department
701 South Andrews Ave.
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33328
Attn: Mr. Phil Thornburg

RE: Edward D. Stone Jr. / Riverwalk Naming

Dear Mr. Thornburg:

With great pleasure, I write to you in support of the proposal to name the historic district of Riverwalk in honor and memory of Edward D. Stone Jr.

As managing partner of EDSA, I was honored to work side-by-side with Ed for more than 23 years and witness firsthand his commitment to the City of Fort Lauderdale. Sometimes quietly working behind the scenes and sometimes by actively pursuing community issues, he was always finding ways to contribute in a meaningful way.

Ed's many contributions to the city are well established elsewhere in this naming request. He is well-deserving of this honor in his memory and we appreciate your committee's consideration of our request.

Sincerely,



Richard W. Dickinson

City of Fort Lauderdale
Parks and Recreation Department
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Attn: Mr. Phil Thornburg

RE: Edward D. Stone Jr. / Riverwalk Naming

Dear Mr. Thornburg:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter in support of the proposal to honor the memory of Edward D. Stone Jr. by associating his name with the Riverwalk's History District. Ed was a strong advocate of creating a pedestrian park environment along the New River and was especially proud to be part of creating a new public space in Fort Lauderdale. The timing of the development of the first phases of Riverwalk coincided with the first real surge of downtown development in the later 1980's and Riverwalk was no doubt an enormous catalyst as a public amenity for the emerging downtown population, in fact creating a new district.

Ed was well known for leading complex design teams on large international projects, but never forgot to pay tribute to his adopted City where he started his business in a humble way in 1959. It was a high honor for me to participate in the planning and design of the Riverwalk Master Plan and initial construction phases with Ed's guidance and his constant reminder of the importance of public open space in our City.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Robert M. Dugan', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Robert M. Dugan
Principal, EDSA



June 1, 2021

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

Riverwalk has a deep and rich history of working with Edward D. Stone, Jr. of EDSA during the planning, design and implementation of Riverwalk in downtown Fort Lauderdale. Today we continue to augment his vision and assure its longevity for the city of Fort Lauderdale.

As a visionary, he participated in having Fort Lauderdale recognized as "The Best City of its Size" in 1994 and continued assuring that the beach redevelopment was thoughtful, effective and implemented.

While receiving many prestigious awards for his business and his lifetime contributions, Ed was a generous and kind member of the community supporting world-class designs, the arts and assuring that changes to our environment were thoughtful, forward-looking and sustainable.

We very much support the opportunity to honor and remember the vast contributions Ed made to our community by addition and naming of the "Edward D. Stone Jr. Trail" along Riverwalk in the History District. Having the chance to honor someone who has made such sweeping contributions is something we should all strive to do.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Phil Thornburg
City of Fort Lauderdale
Parks and Recreation Department
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RE: Edward D. Stone Jr. / Riverwalk Naming

Dear Mr. Thornburg:

Edward D. Stone, Jr. was a pillar in the Fort Lauderdale community for five decades during which time he shaped the City's landscape and assisted in realizing its development potential. Ed loved his community and it seems fitting that his legacy and contribution to the City's evolution be commemorated through the naming of the historic district of Riverwalk in honor and in memory of Edward D. Stone, Jr.

It was my privilege to work with Ed for more than 20 years. I learned so much from him about land design, environmentally sound design principles and what it meant to be a proud member and steward of the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Ed's accomplishments and recognition reached far and wide, at a local, national and international scale. So, while his design imprint included international resorts and corporate campuses around the globe, his home base was the City of Fort Lauderdale, where he built his thriving planning firm and shaped the careers of young landscape architects, planners and engineers by mentoring the next generation of community visionaries and leaders. Ed led by example through design and involvement in professional associations and committees to ensure a quality-built environment. Some of Ed's career highlights included:

- He supported ULI study for "one-way pair" solution to A1A concepts for Beach, laying the groundwork for the beach redevelopment to come
- Fellow in the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)
- He was awarded the prestigious ASLA medal, "Highest honor bestowed upon a landscape architect whose lifetime achievements and contributions to the profession have had a unique and lasting impact on the welfare of the public and the environment"
- Ed Served three consecutive four-year terms on the US Commission of Fine Arts, appointed by Presidents Nixon, Ford, and Carter
- He was Consultant to the Committee for a More Beautiful Capital in Washington DC
- Ed was a member of the Governor's Conference on Environmental Quality for the state of Florida

Thank you for your consideration of the proposal to recognize Edward D. Stone, Jr. in the Riverwalk Naming. Ed was a consummate gentleman, humble and passionate about his City and to honor his legacy and contribution to the City of Fort Lauderdale would be the perfect tribute to a life well lived by design.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jay M. Flynn'.

Jay M. Flynn, P.E., CFM
Flynn Engineering



June 10, 2021

City of Fort Lauderdale

Parks and Recreation Department
701 South Andrews Ave.
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33328

Attn: Mr. Phil Thornburg

RE: Edward D. Stone Jr. / Riverwalk Naming

Dear Mr. Thornburg:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter in support of the proposal to honor the memory of Edward D. Stone Jr. by associating his name with the Riverwalk's Historic District. As a partner at EDSA, Inc. and resident of Fort Lauderdale, I find it very fitting to consider his contribution to the community over his 50 years of support of our City. He always impressed upon us the qualities of being a good citizen and always doing the right thing. It was Ed's humble and caring nature that drew me to the firm allowing me to call Fort Lauderdale home.

We are so blessed to have so many wonderful open spaces and parks throughout our beloved City. I am very proud to know that EDSA has designed several of these cherished spaces. Ed was a Visionary Leader and was very active in helping develop the vision for Fort Lauderdale to become "The Best City of Its Size" by 1994. Under the leadership of former City Manager George L. Hanbury and the forward-thinking City Commission, the City invested in the future of the community. These improvements including the Fort Lauderdale Beach Revitalization, Holiday Park and the Riverwalk are memorable destinations only found in our City. The open spaces are assets that celebrate our past and leverage our future through landscape architecture. Ultimately, these spaces have improved the quality of life for humanity.

As a Fellow in the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) and an award recipient of the prestigious ASLA medal, "Highest honor bestowed upon a landscape architect whose lifetime achievements and contributions to the profession have had a unique and lasting impact on the welfare of the public and the environment", it is clear to note that Ed raised the bar for the discipline. He also served three consecutive four-year terms on the US Commission of Fine Arts, appointed by Presidents Nixon, Ford, and Carter. Locally, Ed Served on the Governor's Conference on Environmental Quality for the State of Florida. He also contributed his expertise on the Urban Land Institute Panel that evaluated the potential for our Beach. These accomplishments demonstrate his experience and respect of his peers. Ed certainly blazed a trail in the profession and solidified the importance of open space and parks in Fort Lauderdale. It is so great to know that his experience and care for the environment elevated our Community.

My family and I have spent many Sundays enjoying the City of Fort Lauderdale Jazz Brunch at the Riverwalk. We walk from our home in Sailboat Bend admiring the amazing Jazz Brunch gatherings along the River and find a spot of our own on the grass to listen to jazz. Seeing people hanging out together listening to music, enjoying local food and buying gifts for loved ones is just reflective of the power of community. It is so wonderful to see people come together to realize the best of humanity on the Riverwalk. The experience has always been a highlight of the month and we continue to look forward to spending time in our parks with our friends and neighbors.

In closing, I would like to note that Ed took great pride in the redevelopment of Riverwalk and Beach being at the forefront of the Fort Lauderdale redevelopment. We continue to be committed to the enhancement of our City and there is no doubt these improvements have made a difference. We are so fortunate to live in such a great City and Ed's vision is now a reality and we look forward to many more improvements in the future.

Best personal regards,



Kona Gray, FASLA
Principal

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June 02, 2021

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RE: Edward D. Stone, Jr./Riverwalk Naming

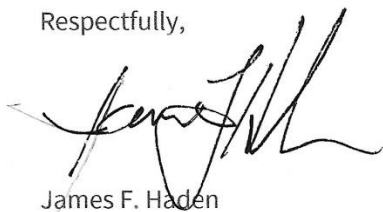
Dear Mr. Thornburg,

I am pleased and excited to be writing in support of the proposal to name the Historic District of Riverwalk in honor and memory of Edward D Stone, Jr. I had the honor of working with Ed for 23 years, 17 as a partner at EDSA. I got to work with him on projects throughout the U.S. He was proud of the breadth of the firm's practice, but his favorites were the projects the firm undertook in his home of Fort Lauderdale.

In pursuing urban and waterfront projects all across the south, the projects he was most proud of were the Fort Lauderdale Beachfront and Riverwalk. He spoke with eloquence and passion about these projects and his belief in the vision that they were transformative for Fort Lauderdale's quality of life. He championed the efforts with the community to ensure that the projects were the best that could be designed and built. He and the EDSA team were successful in helping implement great places and spaces in the public realm that fostered the growth and redevelopment that has made Fort Lauderdale the City it is today.

I urge the City to bestow this honor on Edward D. Stone, Jr. It is a fitting way to recognize his vision and commitment to the City.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James F. Haden", written over a horizontal line.

James F. Haden

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RE: Edward D. Stone Jr. / Riverwalk Naming

Dear Mr. Thornburg:

I am very happy to write this letter in support of the proposal to name the historic district of Riverwalk in honor and in memory of Edward D. Stone Jr.

I represented Ed for many years, and we were close personal friends. I can remember visiting him in his office and everywhere I looked I saw many of the awards he and his firm received for their projects over the years. As a fellow resident of Fort Lauderdale since the early 70's, I've had the pleasure of seeing firsthand the many outstanding projects he and the firm have designed in our city.

Ed loved Fort Lauderdale and I think it would be great to see his name on the historic district of Riverwalk.

Sincerely,



David C. Hardin



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RE: Edward D. Stone Jr. / Riverwalk Naming

Dear Mr. Thornburg:

It is with great pleasure that I write to you in support of the proposal to name the historic district of Riverwalk in honor and in memory of Edward D. Stone Jr. Like the hundreds of other Landscape Architects that are actively practicing in Fort Lauderdale and elsewhere in South Florida, my career has been significantly influenced both directly and indirectly by the legacy of design and professionalism that he brought to this great city many years ago. Not only have I had the pleasure of interning under Ed's tutelage early in my career, but my most influential mentors were his partners for many years where they learned Ed's passion for creating special places. I feel extremely fortunate that I had the opportunity to be exposed to Ed's visionary lessons that have shaped the fabric of our city and have inspired so many designers who continue to apply his principals of design and professionalism to this day.

One of Ed's most significant contributions to re-shaping the fabric of our city was his imaginative leadership relating to the Riverwalk Redevelopment project which completely transformed our downtown into the vibrant mixed use urban experience that it is today. As a Fort Lauderdale resident since 1984, I can recall how the city had "turned it's back" on the New River. Historically this river was the lifeblood of our city since Ivy and Frank Stranahan first settled on its banks in 1901. This river shaped all expansion for so many years until the city lost its way and began to ignore the waterway that first brought life to this city. Then, under Ed's visionary leadership, he helped bring about the most transformational enhancement to our downtown area by developing the concept of a linear pedestrian park that connected the Las Olas retail and entertainment district to other cultural, residential, commercial and entertainment developments all along the banks of the river. To this day, the Riverwalk project is perhaps the most influential improvement to our downtown area that allows us to have such an incredible and vibrant urban experience that has influenced countless developments and other improvements over the years.

Based on this and Ed's many contributions to this great city, as well as his contributions to his profession and the values that he has bestowed upon countless Landscape Architects and designers that continue to re-shape this city to this day, I hope that you will honor Ed's legacy by embracing the naming of the Riverwalk Historic District in his name. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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John Harrigan (john@ecoplan-inc.com)
Principal



June 11, 2021

City of Fort Lauderdale
City Commission
Parks and Recreation Department
701 South Andrews Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33328
Attention: Chris Lagerbloom, Phil Thornberg

Re: Support Letter to Honor Edward D. Stone Jr. / Riverwalk Naming

Dear Mr. Lagerbloom and Mr. Thornberg,

It has been some time since we last had an opportunity to speak. The world has had many challenges over the past year, and I am confident you both had your hands full at the city. Hopefully, things are looking up for you all.

As a brief update regarding my status, after 31 years at EDSA, or more than half of the firm's existence, last April I retired and started a new chapter in life in Michigan, outside of Ann Arbor. It was an extremely difficult decision to make; but I left South Florida knowing that during my years at EDSA I had the opportunity to work with many cities across the world, even my home for over three decades, Fort Lauderdale, and contribute to making the cities a better place to live.

However, none of it would have been possible if Edward D. Stone, Jr. did not have the "audacity" to start his own firm in 1960. As a resident for more than 50 years, Ed was invested in his home of Fort Lauderdale. He was the visionary and catalytic leader in assisting the city becoming "The Best City of Its Size" by 1994. If not for Ed, the Beach Redevelopment and Riverwalk might never have happened. He was active in both the Riverwalk and Beach Redevelopment planning and design and took great pride in the positive impact these projects had within the community.

Ed was awarded the "highest honor bestowed upon a landscape architect whose lifetime achievements and contributions to the profession have had lasting impact on the welfare of the public and the environment", the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) Medal as well as being recognized as a Fellow by the American Society of Landscape Architects.

Even with all his accolades and commitment to landscape architecture, Ed was the consummate gentleman first. He was always humbled by what he had started back in 1960 and how EDSA has grown over the last six (6) decades. He took great interest in doing his part in making the world a better place and mentoring his young (now much older) teammates when they joined the firm over the years.

He was a role model for the firm and the profession, and it is with much enthusiasm that I support the proposal to honor his memory by associating his name with the Riverwalk's Historic District.

All the best,


Paul D. Kissinger, FASLA, PLA



June 10, 2021

City of Fort Lauderdale
Parks and Recreation Department
701 South Andrews Ave.
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33328
Attn: Mr. Phil Thornburg
RE: Edward D. Stone Jr. / Riverwalk Naming

Dear Mr. Thornburg:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter in support of the proposal to honor the memory of Edward D. Stone Jr. by associating his name with the Riverwalk's History District.

I first met Edward Stone when he gave me, the opportunity to work at EDSA in 1987. I did not know much about the firm or ED, but over a few years I realized that Ed Stone was one of the most Visionary Leaders in the industry of Landscape Architecture, Urban Planning and the creation of unique projects worldwide. Most importantly, Ed Stone was a great mentor a friend and had a passion for actively being involved in our community and a key member in helping develop the vision for Fort Lauderdale to become "The Best City of Its Size" by 1994.

As being one of the first Landscape Architects in Fort Lauderdale he started his practice in 1959 and was a Fort Lauderdale resident for 50 years and although he developed a strong international presence, he was very active in seeking design commissions for both the Riverwalk and the Beach Redevelopment and for the future planning of the city of Fort Lauderdale.

Ed Took great pride in the redevelopment of Riverwalk and Beach Revitalization and was at the forefront of Fort Lauderdale redevelopment. He also provided a great deal of support to the Urban Land Institute (ULI) study for "one-way pair" solution to A1A concepts for Beach, laying the groundwork for the beach redevelopment to become a reality.

Because of his incredible work and community leadership he was awarded Fellowship in the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA). Additionally, Ed was awarded the prestigious ASLA medal, "Highest honor bestowed upon a landscape architect whose lifetime achievements and contributions to the profession have had a unique and lasting impact on the welfare of the public and the environment"

As a resident of Fort Lauderdale for 34 years, I feel honored to write this letter in support to honor the memory of Edward D. Stone Jr. by associating his name with the Riverwalk's History District.

Sincerely,

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Marco V. Larrea
Principal

CC: Doug Smith

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RALPH A. MARRINSON

1601 N.E. 26th Street • Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33305

June 3, 2021

City of Fort Lauderdale
Parks & Recreation Department
701 South Andrews Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33328
Attn: Mr. Phil Thornburg

Re: Edward D. Stone Jr. /Riverwalk Historic District

To the Committee:

As a resident of Fort Lauderdale for over 50 years there is no question Ed Stone has left his mark on our community and is well qualified to be recognized and honored for his achievements.

Ed was a leader in our community as well as in his profession.

He was respected, looked up to and is a true visionary are just a few of Ed's qualities.

Thank you for considering Ed's nomination and his mark he left on our community.

Sincerely,



Ralph A. Marrinson

City of Fort Lauderdale
Parks and Recreation Department
701 South Andrews Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33328
Attn: Mr. Phil Thornburg

Re: Edward D. Stone Jr. / Riverwalk Naming

Dear Mr. Thornburg :

It is with great pleasure to write in support of the proposal to name the historic district of Riverwalk in honor and memory of Edward D. Stone, Jr.

My acquaintance with Mr. Stone began when I was Executive Director of the Stranahan House restoration in 1980. Through Sandy Casteel's contact, we were privileged to get EDSA to do the landscape design.

Working with Mr. Stone and his amazing staff were such a pleasure. He was truly a visionary who had a sense of the past and its virtues, as well as a vision of the future, as we see in the beautiful city Fort Lauderdale has grown to be today.

Mr. Stone was a true gentleman, an unforgettable man, helping many more nonprofits through the years.

His generosity, integrity and honesty set a high bar. He and his fine company, EDSA, have been a blessing to our community and far beyond.

He well deserves to have his name permanently placed on the Riverwalk where so much of the city's history began.

Most respectfully and with fond memories,
Joan Mikus Elmore

May 27, 2021

City of Fort Lauderdale
Parks and Recreation Department
701 South Andrews Ave.
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33328
Attn: Mr. Phil Thornburg

RE: Edward D. Stone Jr. / Riverwalk Naming

Dear Mr. Thornburg:

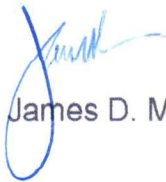
It is with great pleasure I write in support of the proposal to name the historic district of Riverwalk in honor and in memory of Edward D. Stone, Jr. I met Mr. Stone a few years out of college when I was working in Downtown Fort Lauderdale. He was my company's land planner, and we met soon after I started my job in real estate development in the early 1980's. Over the years we developed a wonderful friendship and he became Ed to me.

Ed had many wonderful qualities that most successful people have, but his sense of vision for complicated projects was unmatched. His work and the work of his firm EDSA on his beloved Fort Lauderdale were iconic. Ed was always trying to improve the downtown area, Riverwalk or the Fort Lauderdale Beach.

I have been a resident of this community for the past 55 years, and we have kept our office in Fort Lauderdale for all of the reasons that make Fort Lauderdale a great place to work, live and play.

Ed's efforts made Fort Lauderdale a better place to live and work. I am proud to offer my support of this proposal.

Sincerely,



James D. Motta

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June 1, 2021

Mr. Phil Thornburg
City of Fort Lauderdale
Parks and Recreation Department
701 South Andrews Ave.
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33328

Re: Proposed Edward D. Stone Jr. Riverwalk Historic District Naming

Dear Phil:

Writing to you in support of the proposal to honor Edward D. Stone, Jr.'s contributions to the Riverwalk Park as well as the Fort Lauderdale community is being done with extreme pleasure.

As you may know, I was a member of Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, Inc. for approximately 15 years. Most of those years I served on the Executive Committee as an officer including Chairman. I also had the privilege to be Ed's personal CPA for 26 years as well as his personal friend. Many of the times that we would have breakfast or lunch together, Ed would choose to walk off the meal by strolling Riverwalk Park between the railroad tracks and Esplanade Park. He frequently discussed with me looking forward to the completion of project on both sides of the river. Ed also discussed with me that the name of the organization, Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, Inc., did not fully represent the "trust" that was placed upon the organization to meet the mission for which it was established with the assistance of the City. As a result, Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, Inc. began to use the d/b/a Riverwalk Trust for many years. However, as time passed and subsequent to Ed's passing, new people became involved and the organization reverted back to Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, Inc. Ed was the first recipient of Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale's "golden cleat" award at the inaugural Annual Tribute event in 2001 for his vision that led to the creation of Riverwalk Park.

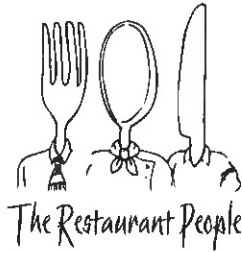
Fort Lauderdale was so fortunate to have Ed Stone, a world-renowned Landscape Architect, be a resident for more than 50 years. His contributions to development of the Riverwalk and the redevelopment of the Beach corridor led to significant additional development providing a terrific economic impact for the City.

Memorializing Ed with the naming would be a true recognition of his contributions to Fort Lauderdale.

Very truly yours,

Kenneth Ortner

Kenneth A. Ortner, CPA, CGMA, MST



City of Fort Lauderdale
Parks and Recreation Department
701 South Andrews Ave.
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33328
Attn: Mr. Phil Thornburg

RE: Edward D. Stone Jr. / Riverwalk Naming

Dear Mr. Thornburg,

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter in support of the proposal to honor the memory of Edward D. Stone, Jr. by associating his name with the Riverwalk's History District.

A true leader and driver of change, Mr. Stone's dedication to our city and community is evident in his years of accolades and successes. From helping to develop the vision for Fort Lauderdale to become "The Best City of its Size" by 1994, to actively seeking design commissions for both the Riverwalk and the Beach Redevelopment, his commitment to the evolution and success of Fort Lauderdale was unwavering.

His efforts paved the way for business owners, such as myself and my associates, to build upon the foundation he helped lay to ensure our city continues to grow.

With that, I truly believe his honor should be memorialized as outlined in the proposal to associate his name with the Riverwalk's History District.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerest regards,

Tim Petrillo
Co-Founder and CEO
The Restaurant People



City of Fort Lauderdale
Parks and Recreation Department
701 South Andrews Ave.
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33328
Attn: Mr. Phil Thornburg

RE: Edward D. Stone Jr. / Riverwalk Naming

Dear Mr. Thornburg,

I am very happy to write this letter in strong support of the proposal to honor the memory and contributions of Edward D Stone Jr. by associating his name with the Riverwalk's historic district.

Almost 20 years ago, I was a young graduate interviewing to work at my dream firm of Edward D. Stone Jr. and Associates, (EDSA). I was drawn to the Firm and Fort Lauderdale, much for the same reasons. I loved the tropical environment and the outdoor public spaces of the City including Holiday Park, Riverwalk and the Beach Redevelopment which EDSA designed. As I watched these spaces and the surrounding development evolve over time, I have personally witnessed the impact that these public spaces have made to elevate Fort Lauderdale into the world class destination which we are today. These important public spaces made a drastic impact on the evolution of the City and it began with a vision from strong community leaders which was largely impacted by the involvement of Ed Stone.

Ed founded EDSA as the first landscape architecture corporation in Florida and for the past 60 years we have proudly displayed our state license number of LCC000001. He was an icon in the field of landscape architect architecture earning our highest honor of ASLA fellow, awarded the prestigious ASLA medal, and serving on the US Commission of the Fine Arts which was appointed by Presidents Nixon, Ford and Carter.

Beyond his professional impacts he was very involved within the community. He not only set a great example as a chivalrous leader at EDSA he extended this same presence into the community. Anyone that personally knew ED would describe him as a gentleman. He treated everyone that he met with dignity and respect. He loved Fort Lauderdale and instilled the importance of community involvement through his actions both personally and professionally.

The reason I came to Fort Lauderdale was because of Ed and the firm he founded. The reason I chose to remain here and raise my family here is because of the great outdoor spaces which Ed greatly influenced that help make Fort Lauderdale the amazing City that it is today. I appreciate your consideration of honoring the memory of Ed by associating his name to the Riverwalk's historic district. I'm proud to be a Fort Lauderdale resident and a part our Ed's Legacy for the past 20 years.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric Propes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Eric Propes,
Chief Operating Officer, EDSA



May 27, 2021

City of Fort Lauderdale
Attn: Mr. Phil Thornburg
Parks and Recreation Department
701 South Andrews Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33328

RE: Edward D. Stone, Jr – Riverwalk Naming

Dear Phil,

I knew Edward D. Stone, Jr. for many years as we shared clients and were both members of the recreational development council of the Urban Land Institute. Ed was one of Fort Lauderdale's truest treasures. His vision and work within Fort Lauderdale have helped to transform us into the city that we've become. It is an honor to have known Ed, and I hope you will favorably consider honoring his legacy in a prominent fashion along Riverwalk.

All the best,

John Ropes
President
Ropes Associates, Inc.
(954) 525-6600 office



June 9, 2021

City of Fort Lauderdale
Parks and Recreation Department
701 South Andrews Ave.
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33328
Attn: Mr. Phil Thornburg

RE: Edward D. Stone Jr. / Riverwalk Naming

Dear Phil:

I am pleased to provide this letter in support of the proposal to honor the memory of Edward D. Stone Jr. by associating his name with the Riverwalk's History District. Once home to artists Frederic and Evelyn Bartlett, Bonnet House is designated by the City of Fort Lauderdale as an historic landmark. EDSA, the global landscape architecture firm founded by Ed Stone has played a critical role in the preservation of Bonnet House and in helping it chart its future. This is in no small part due to the legacy of Ed Stone.

Ed Stone was a fifty-year resident of the City with numerous professional achievements. He was recognized as a national leader in landscape architecture, involved in designing countless iconic projects. Despite his considerable success, Ed always had time for Bonnet House. He was a personal friend of our museum's benefactress, Evelyn Bartlett, and from that friendship grew a commitment to Bonnet House. Ed and EDSA donated countless hours of professional time to Bonnet House to develop site improvement plans, assisting in view corridor studies to assess the appropriateness of large scale development in close proximity to Bonnet House, and helping to plan improvements to make Bonnet House more accessible for locals and area visitors alike.

Ed was in many ways an unsung Fort Lauderdale hero. He positioned EDSA to become the leader it is today and also used his talent and treasure to help build Bonnet House. He is most deserving of recognition at the City's Riverwalk. Thank you for considering Bonnet House's input in your deliberations.

Sincerely,

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Patrick Shavloske
CEO

513 Middle River Drive
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304-3605
June 4, 2021

City of Fort Lauderdale
Parks and Recreation Department
701 S Andrews Ave
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33328
Attn: Mr. Phil Thornburg

Re: Edward D. Stone, Jr. / Riverwalk Naming

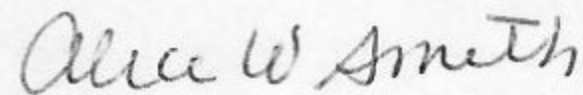
Dear Mr. Thornburg,

It has come to my attention the City of Fort Lauderdale's Parks and Recreation Department Advisory Board is considering a proposal to name the historic Riverwalk district in memory and honor of Edward D. Stone, Jr.

As a 67 year resident of Fort Lauderdale, I am aware of the positive impact Ed Stone, Jr., winner of the American Society of Landscape Architects ASLA medal, its highest honor, for his "unique and lasting impact on the welfare of the public and environment" has had on Fort Lauderdale. His vision and work as a design leader lead to the redevelopment of Riverwalk and the Beach revitalization project. He founded Edward D. Stone, Jr. (EDSA), which, in addition to its many local projects, is known world-wide for its international projects to shape the public environment and improve quality of life.

In my opinion, naming the historic Riverwalk district after Ed Stone, Jr. is a fitting memorial to a man who helped build this great city he called home for 50 years.

Sincerely,



Alice W. Smith

**Douglas C. Smith
1701 NE 19 St.
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33305**

June, 2021

City of Fort Lauderdale
Parks and Recreation Department
701 South Andrews Ave.
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
Attn: Mr. Phil Thornburg

RE: Edward D. Stone Jr. / Riverwalk Naming

Dear Mr. Thornburg:

As a 34-year resident of Fort Lauderdale, I have lived the majority of my adult life here. What brought me to Fort Lauderdale as a fresh college graduate from the Midwest was a job offer from Edward D. Stone Jr. and his international design firm, EDSA. After 34 years, I am a “career guy” with EDSA and, God willing, I plan to retire with EDSA. I have enjoyed a career beyond my dreams and expectations, and I fully attribute this good fortune back to Ed Stone.

Ed’s approach to life, his ingratiating way of interacting with people, his skill at diplomacy and his drive for excellence left an indelible imprint on nearly everyone who knew him. At EDSA, we continue to gauge our success on how well we live up to the culture and standards of conduct that Ed established.

Through years of thoughtful leadership and community action, Ed also left his imprint on the City of Fort Lauderdale. As a 50-year resident and a globally recognized design professional, Ed stepped up to engage and convince past City leaders that Fort Lauderdale could reach new heights. His influence and his vision were primary drivers behind two significant public realm projects, the Beach Revitalization and the Riverwalk. These projects changed the course of our community and have forever improved our quality of life. Beyond his vision, Ed’s leadership was pivotal in seeing these works through to fruition and he took great personal satisfaction in the outcome of each.

Therefore, it is with great pride and conviction that I support the opportunity to honor Edward D. Stone Jr. by establishing the “Edward D. Stone Jr. Trail at the Riverwalk History District”.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Douglas C. Smith', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Douglas C. Smith, PLA, ASLA
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City of Fort Lauderdale
Parks and Recreation Department
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Attn: Mr. Phil Thornburg

RE: Edward D. Stone Jr. / Riverwalk Naming

Dear Mr. Thornburg:

It is with great pleasure to write in support of the proposal to name the historic district of Riverwalk in honor and in memory of Edward D. Stone Jr.

In 1977, I joined Edward Stone's firm, EDSA, a firm I had targeted while in the School of Landscape Architecture at LSU. Having grown up in Hollywood, Fla., I was focused on getting home, but more importantly, focused on being a part of a renowned firm whose mission was to create meaning places for people to live, work and Play. Little did I know just how great Ed Stone's influence in our profession would impact people's lives around the world in such a profound way.

A gentlemen's gentleman, a committed environmentalist and an ambassador for the integration of the built and natural environments, Ed Stone would surround himself with the best of the best design talent from around the country and his servant leadership style allowed for outstanding professional thought leadership, out of the box design thinking and a culture of empowerment that fueled the company's growth and success. We all saw him as our mentor, our friend and our leader. Ed's accomplishments are unparalleled.

- Ed was a Visionary Leader and was active in helping develop the vision for Fort Lauderdale to become "The Best City of Its Size" by 1994. He was active in seeking design commissions for both the Fort Lauderdale Riverwalk and the Beach Redevelopment
- Took great pride in the redevelopment of Riverwalk and Beach being at the forefront of Fort Lauderdale redevelopment
- Fellow in the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)
- Awarded the prestigious ASLA medal, "Highest honor bestowed upon a landscape architect whose lifetime achievements and contributions to the profession have had a unique and lasting impact on the welfare of the public and the environment"
- Served three consecutive four-year terms on the US Commission of Fine Arts, appointed by Presidents Nixon, Ford, and Carter
- Consultant to the Committee for a More Beautiful Capital in Washington DC
- Served on the Governor's Conference on Environmental Quality for the state of Florida

Under Ed's leadership, his firm grew to more than 130 designers doing work across the world and was the recipient of more than 300 local, regional and national design awards.

No one is more deserving of this honor of naming this portion of the Riverwalk after Edward D. Stone, Jr. and I would appreciate your strong consideration.

Thank you and warm wishes,

George Stanziale, Jr. FASLA
President, Stewart