

Brickell Neighbors Win the Right to Be Heard as Court Sets Aside City's Removal of Historic Protection at First Miami Presbyterian



Brickell Stronger Together welcomes a unanimous Court ruling setting aside the City of Miami approvals, and thanks the residents who made it possible.

MIAMI, August 13, 2026 — A unanimous Court has set aside the City of Miami's removal of historic protection from part of the First Miami Presbyterian Church property on Brickell Avenue and recognized the neighboring community's right to take part when the matter returns to the City. [Brickell Stronger Together](#) (BST), a resident-led group, applauds a decision that gives the neighboring community a voice in what happens next.

On July 16, 2026, the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Appellate Division, granted a petition by the neighboring condominium association and quashed the City's approvals of the application to remove the educational building behind the church and the parking lot from the historic protections that also cover the 1949 church building.

"This is what happens when neighbors decide to show up. The residents of Brickell spoke up, signed on, and stood together, and this is their result. We're grateful to every one of them," said George Simon, Brickell Stronger Together.

BST was formed to give Brickell residents a way to take part in decisions about their neighborhood. The group has kept residents informed as this matter moved through the City's hearings, encouraged those who wanted to speak to do so, and supported calls for a fair, open process decided on the record.

"Brickell is changing faster than almost anywhere in America, and most of us are here because we love what this city is becoming. But a few places still tell the story of where Miami came from, and this historic corner and Brickell Park along the bay are among them. We believe in Brickell's future. We just want it built with room to breathe, in a way that still honors the past," Simon added.

BST wants Brickell to grow. Its position is that progress and preservation are not opposites, and that a fast-growing city can welcome what's next while protecting the places and open spaces that give a neighborhood its character.

The group thanks the community members who spoke up and encourages them to stay engaged as the matter returns to the City, where the neighboring community will now have a voice.

[About Brickell Stronger Together](#)

Brickell Stronger Together is a resident-led movement that gives the people of Brickell a direct voice in the decisions shaping their neighborhood. BST speaks for residents themselves, the neighbors who live here, and who want a say in Brickell's future.

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