

2. Miami Intermodal Center (MIC). I personally like the parcel east of the terminal, which comprises 8.5 acres – nearly enough for the footprint of the stadium. It abuts 37th Avenue. On the other side of 37th Avenue is a warehouse district where real estate goes for about \$20 per square foot, which makes an acre about \$900,000. Four or five acres cost no more than four million dollars. And if all or part of the seven blocks of 37th Avenue is closed, that adds as much as three acres to the site. Superficially, this to me seems like a much better site than the Port of Miami, and it is mostly government-owned land. In terms of population, this site is quite close to being the very center of the urban core. It is reachable by both mass transit and important highways and arteries.

Proposal.

Based on the above, and on other ideas that I understand to be floating around, the wording of the resolution should be changed to read "in or around downtown Miami or in the urban core adjacent to mass transit." This wording has the virtue of being inclusive of a MIC-area site without excluding any of the other sites being discussed. Moreover, it is important to not concentrate the debate on the Port of Miami site, which – quite frankly – is not being received well by most people with whom I have discussed it. (The reservations I hear are based on many concerns – not the least of which is concern about security in that important trade-and-passenger facility.) The county attorney has kindly drafted a substitute resolution that adopts the more inclusive wording suggested above.

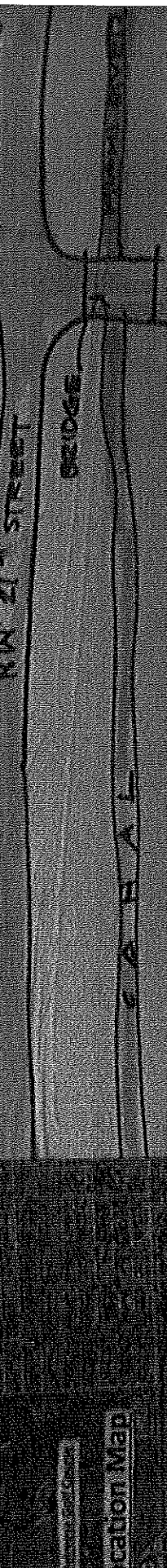
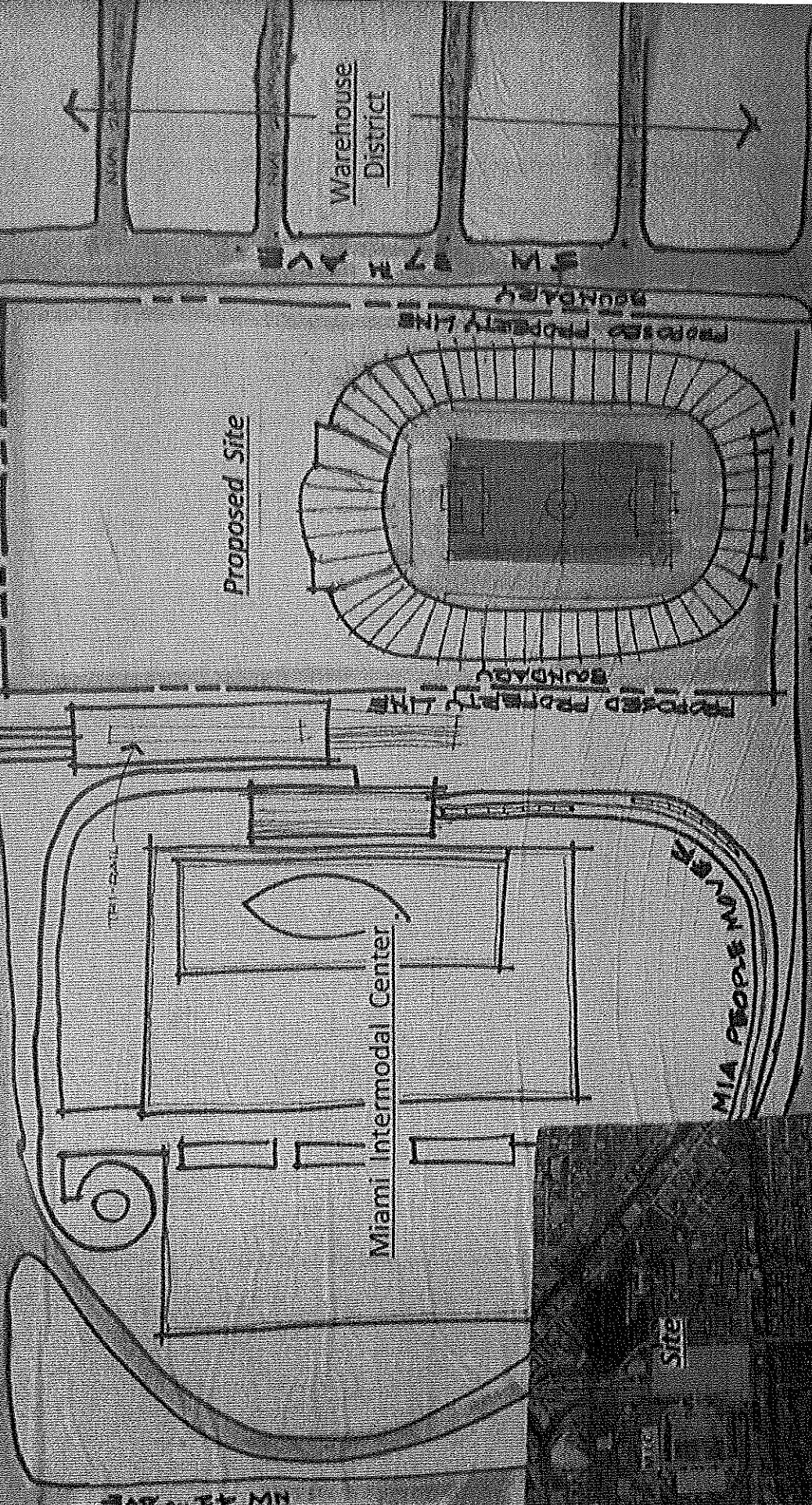
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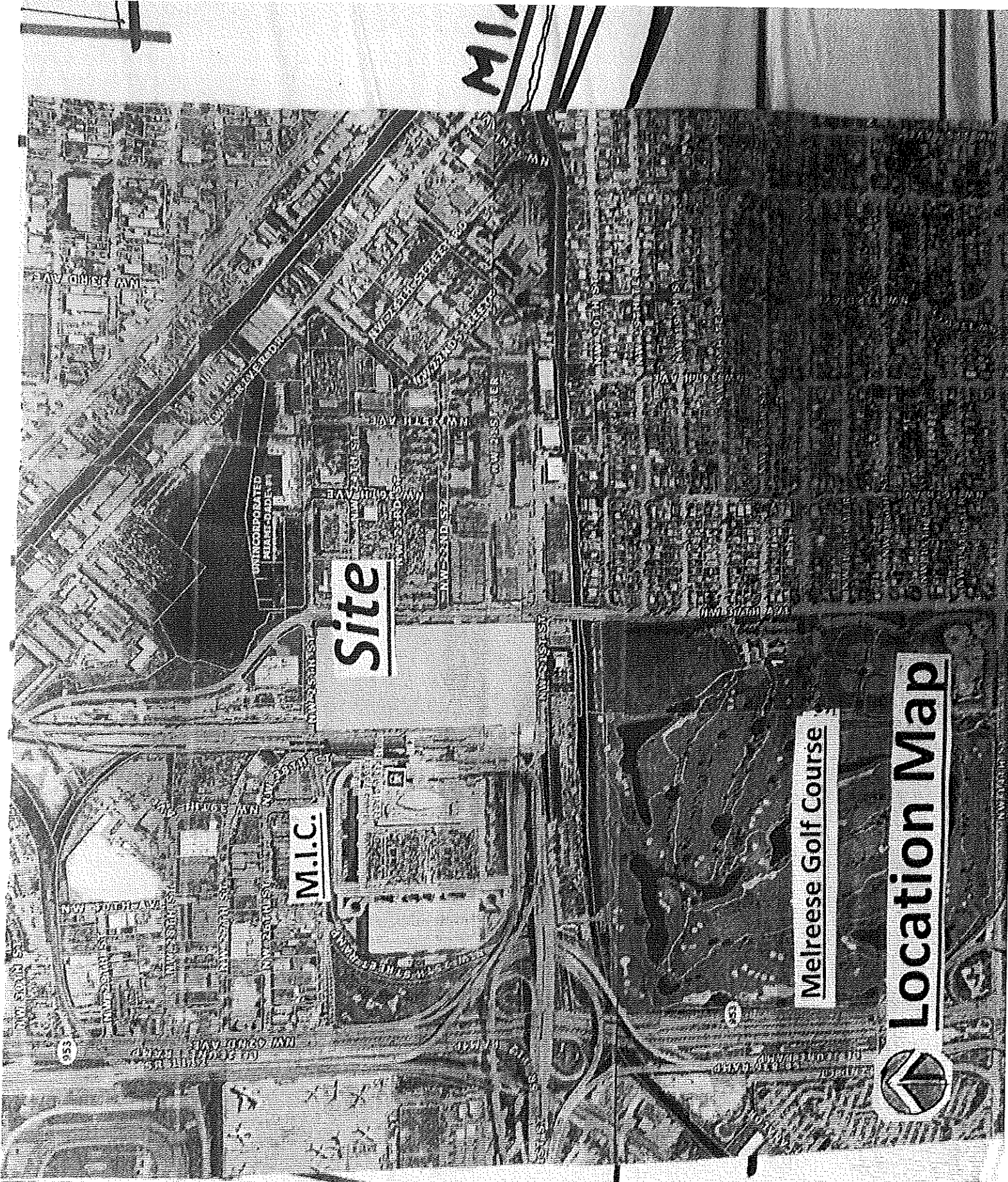


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PROPOSED MLS SITE AT MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT





MIA

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Site

Melreese Golf Course

Location Map

