



January 17, 2023

Mayor Teri Johnston  
Commissioner Jimmy Weekley  
Commissioner Samuel Kaufman  
Commissioner Billy Wardlow  
Commissioner Lissette Carey  
Commissioner Mary Lou Hoover  
Commissioner Clayton Lopez

C/O City Clerk Cheri Smith

RE: City Commission Meeting January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Items

#8 Plastic Free Key West Program

#12 Extension of Sidewalk along South Roosevelt Boulevard and Bertha Street

#21 Ordinance to Prohibit Smoking at Key West Beaches and Parks

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Last Stand board urges your commitment and support of the resolutions and ordinance referenced above.

These three items support four of the six key goals of the City of Key West Strategic Plan, City Cleanliness, Environmental Protection, Streets and Sidewalks, and Traffic and Pedestrian Friendliness.

Two of the most challenging issues that face the beautification of Key West is the proliferation of cigarette butts and plastic that litter our community. Cleanliness and Environmental Protection are key components of the City of Key West Strategic Plan.

The proposed voluntary Plastic Free Key West Program, if supported with adequate City resources, effort, and communications could contribute to a more beautiful community and have a positive impact on water quality, both challenging goals in maintaining and enhancing our environment and tourism reliant economy.

The proposed ordinance to Prohibit Smoking in all City of Key West Parks and Beaches provides consistency with the recently enacted Monroe County Ordinance, will enhance water quality, will make our community safer with the reduction of exposure to second hand smoke, and serve to reduce the volume of the most prominent source of litter in our community. Further, this ordinance follows the September 2022 unanimously supported recommendation of your Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Enhanced public safety via the reduction of potential catastrophic accidents resulting from interactions between vehicular traffic and pedestrians and bicycles is one of your primary missions in protecting our community. The proposed extension of the sidewalk along the northwestern side of South Roosevelt Boulevard and along the eastern side of Bertha Street connecting the La Brisa Condominium complex to Key West High School and the intersection of Atlantic Boulevard is a significant safety improvement allowing safer passage for the high volume of pedestrian and bicycle traffic that travels through this corridor. Additionally, this improvement enhances the recreational infrastructure that our community provides to residents and visitors alike and supports both the Streets and Sidewalks and Traffic and Pedestrian Friendliness goals of the City of Key West Strategic Plan.

We ask for your support for these resolutions and ordinance to further improve our community by taking these steps to protect the environment and enhancing the quality of life and public safety of our residents and visitors alike.

Respectfully submitted,

The Board of Last Stand