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From: Chris Hanagan - Owner @ 903 Packer Street

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I met James & Jeff in 2015 when they purchased 904 Olivia. We shared a property line along the back yard on their house, and the rear side of mine. They kept me and my late husband, Richard, up to speed on their plans as they worked almost every weekend. They took a disgrace of a house and made it wonderful, greatly improving our neighborhood.

In 2019, my next-door neighbors solicited Jeff & James to buy their home on the corner, 901 Packer St. So Jeff and James went from being my rear yard neighbors, to my next-door neighbors. They were always respectful of boundaries, and were very considerate through the process.

I cannot speak highly enough about how wonderful they were as neighbors, and friends. Their new neighbors on Fleming Street should consider themselves lucky to have Jeff & James nearby, as we miss them here by the cemetery.

Thank you.

Chris Hanagan

## Dear Planning Board,

I'm Cindi Welch and I live at 902 Olivia St. I'm writing to support Jeff & James on their new Fleming St house project. In 2015 they purchased the house next to mine at 904 Olivia. My late husband (Roger) & I became quick friends with them upon moving in. They kept us informed on what they had planned for their project, and they were always very considerate to us. They did all their own design and construction, and transformed an ugly house into a masterpiece.

Later on, my other side neighbors from 901 Packer sold their home to Jeff and James. That home was an eyesore too. Again, they communicated with me directly about what they wanted to do, even asked me for feedback, and they transformed our block.

Take it from me as their former neighbor on BOTH sides of my house, their "neighbor quality" is the best of Key West. Please help these guys fulfill their next chapter. They will build a Key West gem.

Sincerely,

Cindi Welch 902 Olivia St.

Key West, FL 33040

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Building Department 1300 White St. Key West, FL 33040



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My name is Gary Carney, and I am the President of First State Bank of the Florida Keys. I am writing to you today in support of the project at 1117 Fleming St, which is owned by Jeff Smead & James Braun and financed through First State Bank of the Florida Keys.

I first met James & Jeff in 2015 when they purchased their first home together, located on the Key West cemetery at 904 Olivia St. Not only did I meet them because First State Bank was their lender, but I also knew them because the house they purchased was directly next to my own home at 906 Olivia St. From the very beginning, I was impressed by their vision for the dilapidated property, the way they worked their regular careers in hospitality to pay for the renovation, and successfully pulled "owner-builder" permits to do almost all the work themselves on their own time. In 2019, they purchased their second project property located at 901 Packer St, which was ironically two doors down on the corner tip of Olivia & Packer.

As their former neighbor, I'm writing to acknowledge that they were stellar neighbors throughout the duration of their renovations. They were communicative, respectful, and always catering to our neighborhood of full-time residents who call this block their home. Not only did they do amazing work, but they acted as a catalyst for our block of neighbors to all know each other better, and I can only say how positive the experience was to be one of their neighbors. I would not call them "flippers," as the context of that word does not reflect the real intentions of these two gentlemen. They lived in each home for 5 years and then 3 years as their homesteaded properties. The opportunity to purchase this triplex directly next to the resort where they manage was simply too appropriate to pass up, considering the reality of being such close proximity to a lively guesthouse with a 24-hour restaurant. They were the ideal buyers for this unique property, which had sat on the market for an extremely long time before they became the owners.

Approving this project will not only beautify a highly visible section of Fleming St, but it will bring back to life a truly beautiful historic home and utilize the property in the most appropriate way. I support this project wholeheartedly, and without reservation.

Sincerely,

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