

June 10, 2015

Key West Bight Board
Old City Hall
510 Greene Street
Key West, FL 33040

To: Key West Bight Board of Directors

From: Richard Manley

Re: Schooner Western Union Preservation Society (SWUPS) / Agenda Item Request

I have served on the Schooner Western Union Preservation Society, board of directors for six-years and am the volunteer restoration Project Manager for the schooner Western Union.

Due to a conflicting travel schedule I am unfortunately unable to attend this meeting. However, please accept this letter as my support of the schooner Western Union, Key West Bight Board Agenda Item requesting a \$250,000 funding Letter of Commitment. The funding letter will enable SWUPS to apply for a (2 to 1) \$500,000 matching Historic Preservation grant from the State of Florida.

The KWBB and SOF combined \$750,000 will enable the schooner Western Union to be renovated and remain in Key West for future generations of visitors and islanders to enjoy.

The Western Union as the state and city Flagship is and should remain the *Centerpiece of the Historic Key West Bight*.

Sincerely,



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