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Subject: City Commission Agenda - Planning Chair Removal

Dear Mayor & Commissioners:

I am lucky to make presentations to the Commission regarding development projects from time to time. I regularly make presentations to the Planning Board. In fact, I have attended most of the planning board hearings over the last 16 years.

I wanted to share my experience with Richard Klitenick as Board Chair. Richard gives everyone a fair shake. He views projects critically. He has an expert understanding of the Key West code and land use. I've never seen him grant a favor, or hold a grudge, toward the people behind a project. He listens to everyone and is strongly deferential to neighbors. He certainly hasn't always agreed with me, or made decisions in the direction for which I am advocating, but I have always felt his decisions were just, fair and respectful.

I understand and respect Commissioners' prerogative with regard to appointments. I would ask that the Commission consider allowing Richard to serve out his term and reserve the removal process for those rare situations that involve cause.

Thanks and best regards,
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