

## Angela Budde

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**From:** Cheri Smith  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 12, 2016 3:53 PM  
**To:** Angela Budde  
**Subject:** Fwd: Parking Garage

For the agenda

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**Date:** November 11, 2016 at 1:02:58 PM EST  
**To:** [csmith@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:csmith@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)  
**Subject:** Parking Garage

Dear Cheri,

The entire Bight Board and all of the neighboring businesses of the Bight, especially Greene St are 100% against a parking garage on Greene.

### **A Glimmer of Hope in a Crises of Success**

**The Key West Bight Management Board unanimously and resoundingly voted NO parking garage on the already congested Greene St. that the City of Key West proposed. The neighbors applauded, the tenants of the Bight were elated, Reef Relief which would have lost its space was relived. A show of hands in at City Hall showed that every individual and group in the room was sending a message to the City of Key West.**

As a child The KW Bight was the most intriguing neighborhood on the island. Riding a bike down Caroline was such a treat. It was filled with colorful characters and a bustling maritime industry.

20 some years ago I was elated that the bight was to be preserved. I Voted for it and I've been a tenant at 606 Greene St. for over two decades.

I remember the last three schooners built across the street, Captain Outrageous's airstream and many fascinating people like Captain Bill Ford and his wife Fran.

Many changes have taken place over my 67 years, but the 600 block of Greene has kept much of the Key West flavor we all love. Leslie, at Captains Corner, Kermit's gingerbread house at Xmas & his pies, The Conch Farms dazzling surroundings and fresh island fish, 90 Miles to Cuba's

Be fiscally unsound \$5,000,000 + maintenance + workers + managers + associated costs

Be more difficult for delivery trucks maneuver

And will create more crime and an unregulated homeless shelter and bathroom

**The City of Key West could:**

Build underground parking like The Marker

Park & Ride on Rockland Key

Take the resources and fund mass transit

Turn The Historic District & Seaport into a UNESCO World Heritage Site

Make the existing lot more efficient without sacrificing the trees

Make new businesses provide parking

Thank you for your consideration,

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quaint charm, Reef Relief and Peppers all locally owned and operated. Mario Sanchez's bight has changed but his art and that of 37 local artists flourishes here on the 600 block.

We are and should be a town of lovingly preserved enchantments that put us at a remove from the overbuilt and over-bulldozed development of the rest of the country with abundant natural beauties and lush vegetation. Our town boasts some of the most intriguing architecture anywhere in the form of the famous "Conch" houses built by early settlers, Mr. Skoko lives in the last one on our block.

The shrimpers, commercial watermen, and sponge market are gone. The Waterfront market is a memory, large hotels and buildings have sprouted, but the Schooner Wharf and Conch Farm still host wooden tall ships which differentiates our neighborhood from any other marina in Florida.

Harvey, the last commercial trap man standing, pulls and tends his traps under old growth trees on Greene St.

Trees where white crown pigeons roost, have been cut down and more and more congestion fueled by more parking lots and garages have lured people to old town by car instead of spending on mass transit or bike lanes. The city is encouraging dirty air and congestion.

We, the cottage industry businesspeople of Greene St, many of us natives, are against the destruction of the last few beautiful old growth trees on our block.

Working watermen, tropical trees, ships and locally owned and operated businesses with character; these are the pleasures of the Historic Seaport, we who work and live here ask you to maintain. This was the mandate of the voters two decades ago. Additionally, it is what the visitors to the historic seaport come here for, a real experience. If they wanted convenience they would go to Disney World.

Additionally, according to Robson Forensic, a national leader in forensic engineering parking facilities have become likely locations for criminal activity. Facilities that experience a lot of property crime create a heightened risk for violent crime.

In summary a parking garage

**Will:**

Cause even more congestion

Eliminate mature trees

Block out the sun

Be another unattractive parking garage in the Historic District

Create years of construction with no parking space

Change the historical use of the Bight by taking last fishermen's craftspace away