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February 13, 2017

The Key West Tree Commission
c/o Mr. David Jackson, Chair
City Hall
1300 White Street
Key West, Florida 33040

Dear Mr. Jackson:

Pursuant to the courteous request of our new neighbor, Mr. Glen Wood of 1122 Von Phister St., Key West, Florida, we are writing to support his pending application to remove two trees on his property. We are a husband and wife with full ownership and homestead rights in the property at 1125 Flagler Ave. The rear of our Flagler St. property shares a common boundary with the rear of Mr. Wood's Von Phister St. property.

Mr. Wood's removal application addresses two trees on his land that are either within mere feet of our property or bear limbs that overhand the roof of our home. The smaller of the two is a dead 15-18 ft high snag with a 12-15 inch diameter trunk standing within a foot of our white wooden rear fence and hot tub. This rotting eyesore has been deteriorating limb by limb for years. If not removed soon it may one day fall upon our rear fencing, hot tub and rear roof due to its condition, the weather or simply the passage of time. We believe this lifeless tree to be a clear and present danger to our family and our home.

A second much larger tree is quite alive and rises more than 40-50 feet spreading two large trunks from Mr. Wood's yard toward our property and another property on Flagler. The owner before Mr. Wood allowed this tree to be cut back in order to thwart the constant threat of falling limbs and tree trunks during high winds and storms.

Unfortunately, this fast growing tree has posed a continuing threat and nuisance to nearby homes. The tree sheds large leaves twice per year leaving us responsible for removing a large volume of leaves, branches and debris. Occasionally, the massive overhanging tree trunks provide a pathway for vermin and iguanas to move to, from and among our properties.

Though we love the beauty, shade and comfort provided by these trees, we will feel much safer and secure when both of them are removed from our neighbor's property. We therefore applaud and support Mr. Wood's request that you approve removal of the foregoing trees. Please do not hesitate to call us at the number listed above should you have any questions.

With best personal regards,

Mercidees McTeer

Charles Victor McTeer

November 18, 2016

Key West Tree Commission

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in reference to the Almond Tree located in the back yard of my next door neighbors house at 1122 VonPhister Street. I understand they are applying for permission to have the tree removed. I am not at all opposed to this. The tree has been allowed to grow uncontrolled for as long as I have lived here – 20 years. Untrimmed for the most part except what the neighbors like myself have done. Substantial large branches hang over into my property. While I am a lover of the environment....and especially trees.... I must say this tree is very very messy and left unattended has been quite a nuisance and a hazard. I have paid many many times to have the branches trimmed back significantly.

During Hurricane George a VERY LARGE branch broke off and pierced my roof causing significant damage to my home. The leaves and nuts fall directly onto my deck causing constant ruin the wood, paint and everything else on the deck including umbrellas and furniture. During the spring and fall... hundreds of leaves fall hourly into my pool and have necessitated replacing the pump and filters often over the years. Not to mention making swimming in the pool almost impossible to enjoy. I have tried everything from tarps to triangle covers... but nothing works to send the leaves back into their home yard... We are only able to trim often which only temporarily and partially helps with the problem.

The stagnant leaves left on the ground are a perfect hiding place for poisonous bufo toads... which love to run into my yard when the leaves are cleared (I have several dogs and constantly fear for their lives in the evenings if they are left outside unattended.) The tree is also a wonderful gathering place for a community of iguana(these I have no problem with while I know others do...).

Perhaps the tree can be moved? I honestly hate the idea of killing a tree. Re-homing would be an ideal option. At the very least I would recommend replacing the tree with new plantings of some sort.

Angela Williamson

1120 Vonphister St