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Subject: Arborists, Trees and Change

Good Day Karen,

You shouldn't try to hold all these issue wit our trees and responsibility on your shoulders, the city needs to hire 3 more licensed Arborist and be done with the Tree Commission Board that are clueless on educating themselves are strong issues regarding the severity of tree cutting and years, decades of replacement. Your department nor yourself can't be in the office and out on the field, it's not humanly possible to supervise these permits, never the less having that they applied and obtained the correct permits that is, then return to inspect the work completed.

The city needs to implement and acquire higher stiffer penalty charges and fines to oust Tree Cutter that do not conform to the rules and should no longer be grated to work in the Keys. This must be changed or we will make sure as citizens of Key West, that those petitions and persons will be presented by quorum or with the signed petitions, since our Mayor isn't interested nor the Tree Commission Board and their Attorney which is paid by our hard earned tax dollars.

Please don't take this personally, but it is your job, you signed up for and I do recalled that you mention how you could use the help but the city choose to ignore your request and not in the budget. Create a budget Mayor Cates, do the right change that truly makes a difference. I realize it may not be as fun as greeting our celebrity tourists I'm sure you were not here to witness the massacre of all these trees, but if you were then shame on you!!, And Yes, some trees sadly had to come down because they were laying on the ground uprooted, blocking roadway twisted in down live wires and too large to prop up. But there were so many others, at least 70% that could have been saved and were cut down regardless.

No one was here to protect our Hertiridge Trees or Champions trees, fruit trees, native flowering trees... Oh, my mistake yes there was... Our Mayor who was present throughout the hurricane!

This town has become so overly developed beyond it's campabilites brought forth to meetings multiple times, even with regards to extreme workloads that has been cast upon you Karen, it's unfair to you.and our City of Key West has incurred by elected choice not to address. One would welcome the use of some help and opinions from others expertise and views who are highly qualified and hire them to handle the islands integrity it so deserves.

A Tree Guardian of 40 years.
Rachel