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City of Key West Commission
c/o Commissioner Jimmy Weekley
1300 United Street
Key West, FL 33040

RE: Trumbo Point Affordable Workforce Housing

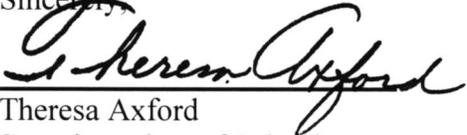
Commissioner Weekley,

On July 19, 2020, you and City Planning Director Katie Halloran were able to attend a meeting of the Monroe County School District Task Force on development of the Trumbo Point property into affordable housing for the workforce of the District and other essential government and municipal personnel in the Key West area. At this meeting, the Task Force had an opportunity to share with you the District's future vision for the Trumbo Property: the installation of approximately two-hundred and thirty eight (238) residential units on the six acre property on which the District's Administration Building currently sits. It is the District's goal to relocate its administrative operations and to vacate the Trumbo property in the near future in order to allow this development to take place. In furtherance of this goal, the School Board took action at its June 22nd meeting to pass MCSD Resolution 2021-001 formally requesting that the City allocate and set aside the necessary Rate of Growth Ordinance (ROGO) units necessary to support this important development.

On behalf of the School Board, I am requesting that this Resolution be placed on the agenda for the City Commission's consideration at their August 3rd meeting. It is my hope that the Commission will give this Resolution due consideration and consider allocating the requested units to the School Board for future use in development of the Trumbo Point property. Furthermore, it has become apparent that in order to maximize the efficacy of this development on the housing shortage in the lower-Keys, the School District will need to seek modification of the HRCC-2 Zoning District restrictions as they apply to the Trumbo Property, as well as a referendum slightly increasing the allowable building height for this development. Accordingly, myself and other representatives of the School District will attend the August 3rd meeting in an effort to begin a discussion with the City Commission on how best to logistically and procedurally approach these issues.

I believe I can speak for the School Board and the District as a whole in expressing how important this project will be to addressing the shortage of affordable housing in the lower-Keys. We know this issue is not unique to the School Board and that the City has also felt the impact of this housing shortage on its workforce. We hope that this Resolution will prove to be the first step in a long and lasting partnership between the Monroe County School District and City of Key West, and that our efforts combined can ensure the development of a project that will benefit the workforce of both the City and School District for years to come.

Sincerely,



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