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VIA EMAIL

August 30, 2021

Teri Johnston, Mayor City of Key West, Florida 1300 White Street Key West, Florida 33040 Email: tjohnston@cityofkeywest-fl.gov

Re: Response to August 26, 2021, email from Mayor Teri Johnston

Dear Mayor Johnston:

We received and reviewed the list of questions you provided. Before we ever proposed a representation to the City of Key West ("Key West"), we completed a comprehensive conflict check and considered all pertinent representations. As our letter indicated, we do not believe there is any conflict. That statement was true then and true now. Unfortunately, despite that assurance, we believe that some of the questions suggest that our firm would have a bias, and that is, at a minimum, unfounded.

As a firm, we are committed to our clients and we work earnestly on their behalf. We also seek out engagements that will be mutually beneficial. After considering all the issues and correspondence to date, we believe the proposed representation would not appear to best serve the interests of Key West or the Radey Law Firm. While we appreciate being considered by Key West, we would like to withdraw our offer of representation. We wish Key West much success in all of its future endeavors.

Sincerely,

M. Drew Carker

M. Drew Parker

cc: Patti McLauchlin, City Manager, City of Key West (<u>pmclauchlin@cityofkeywest-fl.gov</u>) Shawn D. Smith, City Attorney, City of Key West (<u>sdsmith@cityofkeywest-fl.gov</u>)