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Cheri Smith, Please attach below email correspondence to tomorrow's agenda. Broke my ankle or would've had it in sooner. Thank you!

Mayor Teri Johnston and Commissioners,

Hard to believe this issue has not been resolved for the voters and now I understand that tomorrow a resolution is on the agenda from City Attorney Smith that would give him blank-check authorization to hire an unnamed law firm of his choosing, without any public review. What shenanigans is that? Any candidate for outside counsel should appear for public review by the Commission and is not City Attorney Smith's lone decision to make especially concerning the enormity of ethics concerning the will of the voters.

No matter who's chosen as the outside counsel, a public review and decision by Mayor and Commissioners is essential for the public trust. The Voter majority deserves and demands full transparency.

Many voters believe that the best candidate for outside counsel is Joe Jacquot. His legal experience, credentials and collaborative skill certainly indicate voters are correct. If Commissioners agree with voters at this meeting about Joe Jacquot, then they should cease the long stalled hunt for appropriate legal representation and do what is right for the City, take action and offer him the job.

Respectfully,  
Vicki

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**Subject:** Cruise ship ordinance

Mayor Teri Johnston and Commissioners,

The people of Key West voted for a change with respect to cruise ships. They are entitled to that change. So long as we have the support of our City Commission, that change will come.

The Commission should immediately adopt ordinances that replicate the cruise ship limits already approved by voters.

This is the simplest and most direct route the Commission can take to support the will of the voters.

ALL OTHER FLORIDA PORTS have deep water to accommodate the larger ships.

At 72, I've personally witnessed the destructive changes to our beloved island's surrounding ecosystem and reef. If you read two short stories in my book *Cayo Hueso: Literary Writings and Artwork From Key West* you will experience what the reef surrounding Sand Key Lighthouse was like in the 1970s. "The Red Doors" and "The Kill" offer an experience teeming with ocean life, both on the reef and in its surrounding water. The reef is now a sandy desert of what was once a magical underwater world.

It hurts deeply to lose such a treasure. To know future generations will never see or experience it. Please do not silence local voices, people who live here. Many depend upon tourism and yet, they voted for accountability for cruising our water.

Create an ordinance for smaller greener ships so that we have a fighting chance to recover a dying reef and support a healthy fishing and tourism industry that does not destroy the very beauty tourists wish to experience.

Respectfully,

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