



HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA

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Mayor Danise Henriquez
City of Key West
1300 White Street
Key West, FL 33040

RE: Reappointment of Key West Housing Authority Commissioner John G. Parks, Jr.

Dear Mayor Henriquez:

In my capacity as Executive Director of the Housing Authority of the City of Key West, Florida (KWA), I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your consideration of reappointing current KWA Commissioner and Chairman, Mr. John G. Parks, Jr., to another four-year term pursuant to Section 2-351 of the City of Key West Code of Ordinances.

Mr. Parks was first appointed to the KWA Board of Commissioners on January 20, 2005, and has now served the Authority and the citizens of Key West for more than twenty-one years. During that time, he has maintained an exceptional attendance record and has consistently demonstrated a steadfast commitment to the mission of providing and preserving affordable housing opportunities throughout our community.

As Chairman of the Board, Mr. Parks has provided steady leadership, sound judgment, and invaluable institutional knowledge during a period of significant growth and transformation for the Authority. His extensive history with the organization allows him to provide context and perspective on complex issues facing the Board, while helping ensure continuity in governance and long-term strategic planning.

Mr. Parks' professional background as a Certified Public Accountant continues to be one of the Authority's greatest assets. His expertise in financial management, budgeting, auditing, and fiscal oversight provides tremendous value to both the Board and staff. He works closely with the Authority's fee accountant, independent auditors, and management team to ensure the responsible stewardship of public resources. His guidance has been instrumental in helping the Authority maintain strong financial performance while pursuing ambitious redevelopment and housing initiatives.

Beyond his service to the Housing Authority, Mr. Parks has dedicated much of his life to serving the Key West community. A lifelong resident of Key West, he has held leadership positions with numerous civic and professional organizations, including the Key West Chamber of Commerce, the Key West Rotary Club, the Florida Keys Chapter of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Key West Jaycees, the Florida Keys Community College Board of Trustees, the Trust for Public Land–Key West Bight Advisory Committee, and the Key West Military Affairs Committee.



As Executive Director, I have had the privilege of working closely with Mr. Parks and have come to appreciate his professionalism, integrity, and unwavering dedication to public service. His leadership has been instrumental as the KWHHA advances redevelopment initiatives, expands affordable housing opportunities, strengthens resident services, and positions itself for future growth.

I wholeheartedly support the reappointment of John G. Parks, Jr. to the KWHHA Board of Commissioners and respectfully thank you for your continued support of both Mr. Parks and the Housing Authority. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss his qualifications further, please do not hesitate to contact me at (305) 296-5621.

Warm regards,



Randy Sterling
Executive Director