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## **Corruption. Nepotism. No Accountability. On June 25th, Let's Change That.**

The **Corradino Report** and the **State Attorney's Grand Jury investigation** revealed what many of us have felt for years:

👉 **Key West's government is broken — and this Commission is keeping it that way.**

City leadership has ignored reports, protected insiders, and enabled a culture of corruption. Criminal indictments prove the problem runs deep. But here's the real danger: **without public pressure, nothing will change.**

🌟 **We must show up. We must speak up.**

Join your neighbors **Wednesday, June 25th at 5PM** at City Hall. Demand **real reform, transparency, and leadership that works for residents, not just insiders.**

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## **Here's what this Commission has failed to do — and how it's hurting you:**

- 🏠 **Insiders skip the housing waitlist** — if you're connected, you're in. If you're not, good luck.
- 🌊 **Flooding worsens** — development was prioritized over long-term infrastructure.

- 🚫 **Noise laws enforced unequally** — enforcement depends on who you know, not what you're doing.
  - 🚫 **No action on corruption** — a year after the Corradino Report and Grand Jury indictments, still no meaningful reforms. The Corradino Report still has not been discussed on the dias. You paid for it now lets discuss it.
  - 💰 **Tens of millions in public money lost** — botched contracts and sweetheart deals cost the city up to **\$11 million a year**.
  - 🚢 **Cruise ship damage covered up** — after scientific proof of environmental harm, the Commission shut down the truth-tellers.
  - 🧑 **Alleged Felons protected, whistleblowers silenced** — employees trying to do the right thing were punished or pushed out.
  - 📁 **Opaque decision-making** — public input ignored, last-minute agenda changes, and backroom dealings dominate.
  - 📄 **Tax increases proposed while city revenue bleeds** — yet we own enough assets to cover our needs *without* raising taxes.
  - 🏠 **Neighborhoods neglected** — zoning changes benefit developers, not the people who actually live here.
  - 📜 **Still no enforceable ethics code** — and no real oversight of city officials.
  - 👥 **No meaningful community involvement** — “reform” is being written behind closed doors with no public input.
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## 🗣️ So What Can We Do?

**We show up. We speak out. And we push for a real path forward:**

✅ **We demand the creation of an independent, empowered Citizen Advisory Committee**

This is the only way to ensure residents—not corrupt insiders—lead the reform process.

It must be **transparent, inclusive, and independent from the City Manager's office and current Commission.**

✅ **We say NO to tax increases until the corruption stops**

We own city assets that could generate millions. City Hall just isn't collecting what we're owed.

You shouldn't be asked to pay more while others profit off your silence.

✅ **We organize for the 2026 election**

Commissioners Hoover, Carey, and Henriquez are up for re-election. They failed us. It's time to replace them with leaders who will fight for honest government.

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📍 **Your Call to Action**

📅 **Wednesday, June 25th at 5PM**

📍 **City Hall – 1300 White Street**

🗣️ **Speak up for honest, transparent, and accountable leadership**

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This Commission won't fix what it broke.

**But we can.** Together.

Let's pack the room. Let's take back our city. Let's demand the honest government Key West deserves.

**– Protect Our Residential Neighborhoods**

# PROTECT Measurements

June 25, 2025



## Carey

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## Castillo

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## Haskell

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## Henriquez

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## Hoover

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## Kaufman

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## Lee

 **3.7**

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# Categories



## **Protection and improvement to nearshore water quality and the environment**

Water quality testing and improvements, storm water management, climate change infrastructure needs, and other environmental issues (recycling, etc)



## **Protection of public safety**

Support for police, fire, EMS, hospital access, storm evacuation protection, and general safety concerns



## **Protection of local government capability to manage land use and prevent overdevelopment**

Balancing responsible development with residential quality of life



## **Protection and enhancement of affordable and workforce housing in proximity to employment within the city**

Actions which improve the affordable and workforce housing issues plaguing the area



## **Protection and enhancement of cultural, historic, artistic, musical, and literary resources**

Protecting, promoting, and enhancing the arts and historic preservation



## **Protection and enhancement of public parks and properties**

Making sure the public spaces are taken care of, improved, and enhanced especially for the residents who live here



## **Protection and improvements to infrastructure and transportation**

Improvements to roads, public transportation, mooring fields, live aboard facilities, traffic congestion, parking, and other general infrastructure elements



## **Protection that board appointments support our protections**

A conduit for passing overall ratings of board members to their appointing Commissioner



## **Protection and enhancement of public engagement**

Decisions allowing more public engagement, opening emails from community members, and other enhancements to community involvement