

## Cheri Smith

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**From:** Roberta isleib <raisleib@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2022 4:52 PM  
**To:** Teri Johnston; Jimmy Weekley; Samuel Kaufman; Clayton Lopez; Gregory Davila; Mary Lou Hoover; Billy Wardlow  
**Cc:** Cheri Smith  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] cruise ship agreement

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Dear city commissioners,

I'm dumbstruck by the contents of the proposed new agreement with the Pier B Development Corporation. The residents of the city voted so clearly and overwhelmingly for fewer and smaller ships. This proposed agreement allows for even bigger ships with more passengers, and allows the private company use of Mallory Square property.

We need your support working for the good of the community, rather than the pockets of the Pier B DC. Please step up and refuse to buckle to their interests. Insist that this proposal be withdrawn from the agenda.

thank you,  
Roberta Isleib  
115 Front St  
Key West

ps to City Clerk Cheri Smith, please attach this letter to the agenda. Thank you.

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Roberta Isleib writing as Lucy Burdette  
Key West food critic mysteries  
Follow Lucy on [BookBub](#)  
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**From:** cameronRjewell <cameronrjewell@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2022 5:22 PM  
**To:** Mary Lou Hoover; Cheri Smith  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Cruise Ships

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Ms Hoover I want to inform you clearly that I am against ANY cruise ships coming to Key West and I am very against a proposed agreement with Pier B Development and/or any developer or entity being given rights to Pier B wherein they may be given the rights to bring in ANY cruise ships.

Thank you Cameron

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Cameron Jewell  
1502 and 1504 South Street  
Key West, FL 33040  
office 305 294-3233  
cell 305 797-0239

**Cheri Smith**

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**From:** George Fontana <unclegkw@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2022 5:42 PM  
**To:** unlegkw@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Operating and Settlement Agreement

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Commissioner:

Please withdraw **OPERATING AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT (Pier B)** from Tuesday agenda. It is clearly in opposition to the will of the people of Key West.

George Fontana      registered voter

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**From:** Rosalind Brackenbury <rozbrackenbury@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2022 5:58 PM  
**To:** Cheri Smith  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: notification of cruise ships at Pier B

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**From:** Rosalind Brackenbury <rozbrackenbury@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Wed, Mar 30, 2022 at 5:53 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: notification of cruise ships at Pier B  
**To:** Teri Johnston <tjohnston@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>

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**From:** Rosalind Brackenbury <rozbrackenbury@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Wed, Mar 30, 2022 at 5:51 PM  
**Subject:** notification of cruise ships at Pier B  
**To:** Teri Johnston <tjohnston@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>

Dear Teri,

I am writing to protest most vehemently against what is apparently proposed for Pier B. according to information from Safer Cleaner Ships. It is a total betrayal of voters' trust and I for one cannot believe that you and the city commissioners would countenance it for one second. Please withdraw this horrendous proposal.

Yours, Rosalind

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**From:** Jeffrey Harwell <jeffreyharwell@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2022 6:00 PM  
**To:** Teri Johnston; Jimmy Weekley; Samuel Kaufman; Billy Wardlow; Gregory Davila; Mary Lou Hoover; Clayton Lopez; Cheri Smith  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Proposed new agreement with Pier B Development Corporation

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Dear Mayor and Commissioners,

I am at a loss. After over a year, the best "deal" Shawn Smith has for the City of Key West is bigger ships and more passengers. In what conversations and consultations has he lost what the people of Key West voted for and is needed to maintain our quality of life. Do you have an answer?

I expect all of you to vote against this corrupt agreement and withdraw it permanently. And I expect you all to vote to hire a new City Attorney who works for the best interest of the people. Stop playing with our lives and get down to the business at hand. This has ALL gone on way too long.

**Jeffrey Harwell**

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## Cheri Smith

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**From:** David Dlugitch <southernmost@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2022 6:32 PM  
**To:** Cheri Smith  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Proposed Cruise Ship Agreement is UNACCEPTABLE

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To Whom it May Concern,

I just got informed about the proposed agreement with Pier B, and I find it totally unacceptable and outrageous that it is even being brought forth. What an absolute insult to the citizenry.

We citizens overwhelmingly voted to limit cruise ships. This proposed agreement would allow larger ships, more ships, and would utilize city property (Mallory Square bollards) to enrich Pier B.

Please, this agreement is not at all what we voted for and should not be supported. Frankly, it is unbelievable that this is the best the city attorney and outside counsel could produce given the instructions from the City Commission to craft legislation matching the intent of the referendum voters.

With all due sincerity and respect,  
David Dlugitch  
1213 Watson St, Key West, FL 33040

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**From:** Sue Fowler <suekeywest@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2022 6:53 PM  
**To:** Teri Johnston; Jimmy Weekley; Samuel Kaufman; Gregory Davila; Billy Wardlow; Mary Lou Hoover; Clayton Lopez; Shawn D. Smith  
**Cc:** Cheri Smith  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Cruise Ships

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Madam Mayor and Commissioners:

I am so angry that I don't even know where to start. It is bad enough that our votes were overruled by Governor DeSantis after he was paid off by the Walsh family. But to have this agreement be the "compromise"? What do we, as voters and the City, gain? If anything we lose!

This paragraph below from the Key West Citizen says it all. Do not let the cruise ships at Pier B use our mooring bollards. This is more ships than before. Do we really want an additional 3,700 people on our streets every day? This is the best the expensive attorneys could do? The whole thing is ridiculous.

"The agreement includes a new rule that will allow Pier B ships to use city mooring bollards on the corner of Mallory Square, at the captain's discretion. It will implement blackout dates when no cruise ships will come to Key West and has a provision that will cap the maximum cruise ship size at 1,100 feet. If passed, it will allow for a maximum of 349 ships to dock at Pier B per calendar year, and allow an average of 3,700 people to disembark per day. It will also raise the disembarkation fee to \$15 per passenger beginning in 2023."

You MUST NOT approve this agreement.

Sue Fowler  
704 White Street  
305-240-0989

## Cheri Smith

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**From:** Richard Pracher <pracherdesigns@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2022 7:00 PM  
**To:** Cheri Smith  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Don't sell out Jimmy!!

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Rick Pracher

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Richard Pracher <pracherdesigns@me.com>  
**Date:** March 30, 2022 at 7:00:07 PM EDT  
**To:** jweekley@cityofkeywest-fl.gov  
**Subject:** Don't sell out Jimmy!!

How much under the table money divided each of you receive?  
If the city does this you are all corrupt in my eyes and I will work to vote you all out!!

Rick Pracher  
1315 Eliza street



## Cheri Smith

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**From:** katieprentice@juno.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2022 9:56 PM  
**To:** Mary Lou Hoover  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] proposed agreement with Pier B Development

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To: Mary Lou Hoover Commissioner District 5  
cc: Cheri Smith City Clerk  
From: Katie Prentice, 3 Sunset Key Dr., Key West, FL. 33050  
Re: Proposed Agreement with Pier Development

Please withdraw the proposed agreement with Pier B Development on the agenda of the Tuesday meeting of the City Commission.

The people of Key West voted for smaller and fewer ships. The agreement would authorize bigger ships, and more ships than previously allowed and bring in more passengers than Key West has ever seen. These ships would be allowed to tie off Mallory Square - City Property.

This contract would be in perpetuity.

The city has promised that it can control its own property including Mallory Square.

Please stop this sacrifice of the voters and blatant giveaway of public property to private interests who will benefit from this backroom deal.

Commissioner Hoover, please stop this shameful agreement.

## Cheri Smith

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**From:** Elaney Vestal <evestal@live.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2022 10:16 PM  
**To:** Clayton Lopez  
**Cc:** Cheri Smith  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Withdraw the proposed agreement with pier B development corporation

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Dear Commissioner Lopez,

Please withdraw the proposed agreement with pier B development corporation. The agreement directly goes against our majority vote for cleaner, smaller cruise ships, and is a terrible proposal.

Thank you,

Elaney Mitova  
834 Olivia St.  
Key West, FL  
33040

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Karen Angle <karen.angle@cbschmitt.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 31, 2022 2:48 AM  
**To:** Samuel Kaufman  
**Cc:** Cheri Smith  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: URGENT — CITY TO APPROVE LARGER SHIPS AND GIVE PUBLIC PROPERTY TO PIER B

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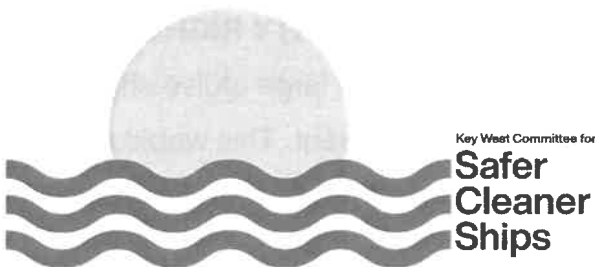
This is very disturbing news. It is counter intuitive to allow larger and more cruise ships. This is not the will of the voters. Please do not vote to accept this proposal. They should not be encouraged to increase anything. Pier B should be encouraged to stay status quo or decrease their impact on our waterfront.

Karen Angle  
Realtor  
Coldwell Banker Schmitt Real Estate Co.  
305-731-6219  
Karen.angle@cbschmitt.com

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Safer, Cleaner Ships" <info@safercleanerships.com>  
**Date:** March 30, 2022 at 3:12:22 PM EDT  
**To:** Karen Angle <mermaid@nets.com>  
**Subject:** URGENT — CITY TO APPROVE LARGER SHIPS AND GIVE PUBLIC PROPERTY TO PIER B  
**Reply-To:** us8-330fb3b0f7-a266317502@inbound.mailchimpapp.net

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Friends:

The agenda for next Tuesday's meeting of the City Commission has been

published and includes a proposed new agreement with Pier B Development Corporation, the entity that spent millions of dollars to overturn the 2020 election for sensible cruise ship limits.

The proposed agreement is far worse than we feared. **It is a blatant giveaway to private interests that would authorize larger cruise ships than Key West has ever seen.** We need all hands on deck to defeat this agreement, which can be approved with just four votes next Tuesday.

**Here are the problems with the proposed Agreement:**

**BIGGER CRUISE SHIPS:** The agreement would authorize cruise ships up to 1,100 feet long and with a carrying capacity up to 3,700 passengers. These ships are bigger than any cruise ship that has ever called on Key West before and would violate Pier B's permit from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

**MORE CRUISE SHIPS:** The agreement would authorize cruise ships at Pier B 349 days per year. This is far more ships than Pier B has ever received before.

**MORE OVERCROWDING:** The agreement would allow up to 1.3 MILLION passengers per year. This is more passengers than Key West has ever seen in a single year and will create more overcrowding and congestion.

**GIVEAWAY OF PROPERTY RIGHTS AT MALLORY SQUARE:** The agreement would allow large cruise ships to tie off to City property at Mallory Square anytime they want. This would eliminate any chance of the City generating revenue from its own valuable waterfront property.

**A CONTRACT IN PERPETUITY:** The agreement would never end, permanently sentencing the City to a future of large cruise ships and giving away prime public waterfront property to be used by a private corporation.

The people of Key West voted for smaller and fewer ships. The City has repeatedly promised that it can control its own property, including Mallory Square. **This proposed agreement makes a mockery of what our City officials have promised and authorizes the exact opposite of the change demanded by voters.** It is an insult to all we have fought for.

**We must stop this shameless sacrifice of the voters and blatant giveaway of public property.** The private interests who will benefit from this backroom deal routinely and demonstrably violate state and federal law and have shown their clear hostility to our community by fighting to overturn a free and fair election.

**Write your Commissioners today and tell them to WITHDRAW this proposed Agreement.** Nothing good will happen by discussing or voting on this flawed agreement.

**Join us next Tuesday at 4:30 pm on the steps of City Hall to PROTEST this shameless attempt at expanding the Pier B cruiseport.**

Thank you for your support. We will keep you posted.

**Key West Committee for Safer, Cleaner Ships**

Evan Haskell, President

Jolly Benson, Vice President

Arlo Haskell, Treasurer

David Dunn, Secretary

Capt. Will Benson, Member-at-large

**Contact your Commissioners:**

**IMPORTANT:** To ensure that your comments are part of the public record, **please copy City Clerk Cheri Smith [ [csmith@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:csmith@cityofkeywest-fl.gov) ]** and ask her to attach your correspondence to the agenda.

Mayor Teri Johnston  
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305-809-3840

Commissioner District 1  
Jimmy Weekley  
[jweekley@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:jweekley@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)  
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Commissioner District 2  
Sam Kaufman  
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Commissioner District 3  
Billy Wardlow  
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Gregory Davila  
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Commissioner District 5  
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305-797-3584

City Attorney Shawn Smith

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**They have deep pockets. We have you.**

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## Cheri Smith

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**From:** Jackie Hewett <jkh915915@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 31, 2022 7:32 AM  
**To:** Cheri Smith; Teri Johnston; Clayton Lopez  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Pier B Proposed Agreement

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The proposed agreement with the Pier B Development Corporation should not be considered by the City Commission. Every element in this proposed agreement is in direct opposition to what the voters of Key West decided two years ago. Every day Pier B shows their disregard for city residents by bringing in ships that exceed the size establishment by a democratic vote.

Do not approve this agreement. The Commission is an elected body established to represent the voters and they have spoken regarding this issue. It is your duty to enforce their decision.

Jacqueline Hewett

Jacqueline K. Hewett  
410 Louisa Street  
Key West, Florida 34040

207-689-7735 (mobile)  
Jkh915915@gmail.com

## Cheri Smith

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**From:** kdbehmke@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 31, 2022 7:59 AM  
**To:** Cheri Smith  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fw: Please Help

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Please add to the record. Thanks, Kay Behmke

Sent from AOL Mobile Mail  
Begin forwarded message:

On Wednesday, March 30, 2022, 5:18 PM, KAY BEHMKE <kdbehmke@aol.com> wrote:

Hi Terry, we are all baffled to receive news about a contract between the city and the owner of Pier B which would basically throw the citizens of Key West under the bus, give the green light for even BIGGER cruise ships in perpetuity and make the votes of Key Westers meaningless. Who would draft such an outrageous agreement and why would our mayor and commissioners be voting on it this Tuesday? Please advise ASAP how we can return to all working together toward compromise. The future of Key West is in your/our hands and we are counting on you to represent us. Thanks, Kay Behmke 51 Front Street, Key West

Sent from my iPhone

## Cheri Smith

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**From:** Louis Raymond <louisraymondact3@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 31, 2022 8:03 AM  
**To:** Jimmy Weekley  
**Cc:** Cheri Smith  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Proposed Pier B Agreement

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Good morning, Commissioner Weekley: As I understand it, this proposed agreement would be disastrous on many counts:

1.  
It would seem to grant permanent access for larger-than-never-before cruise ships & daily passenger counts.
2.  
It would seem to allow ships to anchor at Mallory, therefore depressing the City of control over the water & the view there.
3.  
It would seem to be a direct flouting of the referendums, where super-majorities of voters approved strict but fair limits on ships & passenger counts.
4. It would seem to reward wealthy businessmen who, therefore, will feel only more entitled to sue & pressure & bribe their way to even more selfishly-lucrative goals.
5.  
It would seem to guarantee continued proliferation of low-wage jobs & tourist-trinket retailers in the harbor area. Which, in turn, will do nothing to help stabilize our workforce & their perilous housing insecurities.
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It would attract unflattering press coverage on how elected officials here in Key West succumbed to unsavory business interests instead of upholding democracy, let alone working for the voters who elected them.

Are any of these outcomes unlikely? Also, please let me know if there are *any* positive outcomes if this Proposed Agreement were approved. Let alone any that would outweigh even one of the objections I've suggested.

Thanks so much for continuing to work for better government, greater respect for voters, & a better Key West. See you at the April 5 City Commission Meeting. I *welcome* your guidance & perspectives on this challenging situation.

Gratefully,  
Louis Raymond  
401-413-0044  
1009 Watson St., KW, FL 33040

## Cheri Smith

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**From:** Mary Anne Napier <napierparalegalservices@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 31, 2022 9:16 AM  
**To:** Teri Johnston; Billy Wardlow; Gregory Davila; Mary Lou Hoover; Clayton Lopez; Shawn D. Smith; Jimmy Weekley; Samuel Kaufman  
**Cc:** Cheri Smith; Raymond Ruzek  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Withdraw Proposed New Agreement with Pier B

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Please attach this email to next Thursday's meeting agenda.

We request that you take a stand and represent the vote of the residents of Key West by withdrawing the proposed new agreement with Pier B for the following reasons:

1. Allowing cruise ships up to 1,100 feet long with a capacity of up to 3,700 would violate Pier B's permit from the FL Dept. of Environmental Protection;
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3. This type of contract in perpetuity is a mistake. Have we learned nothing from the fallout from the poorly negotiated terms of the existing contract with Pier B?

Thank you for doing the right thing,

Mary Anne Napier and Ray Ruzek  
23 Whistling Duck Lane  
Key West, FL 33040

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**From:** Scott Burau <msscottburau@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 31, 2022 9:48 AM  
**To:** Teri Johnston; Jimmy Weekley; Samuel Kaufman; Billy Wardlow; Mary Lou Hoover; Clayton Lopez  
**Cc:** Shawn D. Smith; Cheri Smith  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please WITHDRAW the proposed PBDC Operating & Settlement Agreement.

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Mayor Johnston & Commissioners,

I write to ask that you withdraw the proposed Operating & Settlement Agreement being offered for consideration at next week's Commission meeting.

Should you pass it, the agreement would authorize larger ships than we have ever seen, a higher volume of passengers than we've ever witnessed, and more days of service than Pier B has ever allowed. This deeply troubling agreement would unravel everything we have done to protect and to support our community, both through our vote in November 2020 and in our conversations with you. Our city would realize minimal benefit while private interests reap remarkable rewards at our collective expense. We all deserve better.

As always, thank you for taking the time to listen to the citizens of Key West.

Cheri: Would you please attach this message to the agenda? Many thanks in advance.

Best,  
Scott Burau  
533 Petronia Street

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**From:** Daniel J <danieljreynen@me.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 31, 2022 10:36 AM  
**To:** Cheri Smith; Teri Johnston; Jimmy Weekley; Samuel Kaufman; Billy Wardlow; Gregory Davila; Clayton Lopez; Shawn D. Smith  
**Cc:** info@safercleanerships.com  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Proposed New Agreement with Pier B

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Honorable Mayor Johnston and City Commissioners,

I am writing to urge you to withdraw the proposed new agreement with Pier B Development Corporation.

The agreement is flawed to the point as it could be considered a piece of satire. It in no way resembles what the voters of Key West have made abundantly clear. We do not want bigger cruise ships. We don not want more cruise ships. We do not more public give aways to Pier B and private business.

I find it shameful that this proposal made it past the 1st reading.

Sincerely,

Daniel Reynen

WeBeFit Personal Training  
1277 1st Street  
Key West, FL 33040



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**From:** Kayla Maher <kmaher1@kent.edu>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 31, 2022 10:54 AM  
**To:** Jimmy Weekley  
**Cc:** Cheri Smith  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Cruise ship agenda

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Why has the city rolled over on the cruise ship agenda? How much money are the Walsh's paying you guys? I thought there was a small chance the city would care about this but it looks like we were all made fools. It's pretty sad that money wins against the environment and the people time and time again.

Please stand up for us because if not we will definitely turn our backs on you guys during election.

Kayla Maher

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**To:** Sarah Taggart  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] This is insane!

**From:** Karen Grant-Margil <lalakwf@bellsouth.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2022 4:42 PM  
**To:** Teri Johnston <tjohnston@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>; Jimmy Weekley <jweekley@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>; Gregory Davila <gdavila@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>; Mary Lou Hoover <mlhoover@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>; Cheri Smith <csmith@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>; Clayton Lopez <clopez@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>; Billy Wardlow <bwardlow@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>; Shawn D. Smith <sdsmith@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>; Samuel Kaufman <skaufman@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>  
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Dear Elected Leaders of our beautiful city of Key West....

PLEASE tell me you are not going to allow these proposed actions to take place!

It is an absolute Travesty that you would allow the Walsh Family to be granted carte blanche to do all of these things to our City, to our citizens, to the Environment, and to the Seas!

**Shame on you** if this agreement passes!

You absolutely cannot allow this to happen...

Please for the sake of our community, and the will of the voters who overwhelmingly made their positions known... do not allow this agreement to become law! Please!

Your names and reputations will forever be tainted as the people who "sold out" the citizens of Key West to wealthy oligarchs ... we all know that Mr Walsh bought off Ron DeSantis with his money .... The community will all believe that you too were bought off! Is this the legacy you want for yourselves?

Please think very carefully before you vote to allow this terrible travesty to occur.

Sincerely yours  
Karen Grant-Margil  
3512 Eagle Avenue  
305-294-6379

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**MORE CRUISE SHIPS:** The agreement would authorize cruise ships at Pier B 349 days per year. This is far more ships than Pier B has ever received before.

**MORE OVERCROWDING:** The agreement would allow up to 1.3 MILLION passengers per year. This is more passengers than Key West has ever seen in a single year and will create more overcrowding and congestion.

**GIVEAWAY OF PROPERTY RIGHTS AT MALLORY SQUARE:** The agreement would allow large cruise ships to tie off to City property at Mallory Square anytime they want. This would eliminate any chance of the City generating revenue from its own valuable waterfront property.

**A CONTRACT IN PERPETUITY:** The agreement would never end, permanently sentencing the City to a future of large cruise ships and giving away prime public waterfront property to be used by a private corporation.

The people of Key West voted for smaller and fewer ships. The City has repeatedly promised that it can control its own property, including Mallory Square. **This proposed agreement makes a mockery of what our City officials have promised and authorizes the exact opposite of the change demanded by voters.** It is an insult to all we have fought for.

**We must stop this shameless sacrifice of the voters and blatant giveaway of public property.** The private interests who will benefit from this backroom deal routinely and demonstrably violate state and federal law and have shown their clear hostility to our community by fighting to overturn a free and fair election.

## Cheri Smith

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**From:** Sarah Benson <sarah.benson@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 31, 2022 12:41 PM  
**To:** Cheri Smith  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] City of Key West proposed agreement with Pier B owners

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**I work in Key West but do not live there.**

If you approve this proposed agreement as written, Key West will show the following to the world:

Voting on small town matters in the USA is of no use. It shows that money can make legislation contrary to the majority of what citizens want and voted on.

You need to vote against this proposed agreement and make an agreement that reflects the wishes of the voters of Key West. Nothing less.

Sarah Benson

## Cheri Smith

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**From:** Lincoln Perry <vuillardjr@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 31, 2022 1:15 PM  
**To:** Cheri Smith  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] from a KW citizen re ships

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Ms Smith; please attach a copy of my letter to the public agenda. Thank you.

I've written on numerous occasions to all the commissioners urging you to follow the clear will of the people, the entirely unambiguous vote for smaller, cleaner cruise ships. Now I'm writing to say that given the possible outcome of the upcoming vote regarding the proposed new agreement with Pier B Corporation, democracy has been entirely exposed as a total sham in Key West, if not in all of Florida. As Will Rogers said some time ago, we have the best democracy money can buy. Perhaps if my letter included a check for \$1,000,000 for each of you, it might have some traction, but as it is, why should I believe in government's honesty at all? We made our communal desires 100% clear and this new proposal is %1000 stab in the back. It makes everything worse, and, as an extra screw you to the people of Key West, the citizens who own the public space at Mallory Dock will receive zero compensation or income IN PERPETUITY. What are you thinking? Is everything for sale in this country? Is the Pier B Development Corporation owned by a Russian oligarch who threatened to put Polonium in your crab cakes? I'm so outraged, as you can probably tell, that I've had to tone down my remarks. My wife and I already feel totally deceived, shamelessly sold out, and if this proposal passes, it will be the final nail in the coffin. While it's tempting to continue, I'll try to sign off politely, as in Sincerely, Lincoln Perry, citizen of Key West.



**Compose:**

**from**

## Cheri Smith

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**From:** Hal Bromm <halbromm@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 31, 2022 1:28 PM  
**To:** Teri Johnston  
**Cc:** Cheri Smith  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Withdraw the Cruise Ship OPERATING AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

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Dear Mayor Johnston,

As you know, we the people of Key West voted for smaller and fewer cruise ships. You also will recall that you and your fellow City Commissioners promised to control the city's own property, including Mallory Square.

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The **proposed** OPERATING AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT is unacceptable. The private interests who will benefit from this proposed agreement have shown their clear hostility to our community by fighting to overturn a free and fair election. You are urged to WITHDRAW this proposed Agreement now.

By copy to City Clerk Cheri Smith, I respectfully ask that she attach this correspondence to the agenda.

Yours sincerely,

Hal Bromm  
Poorhouse Lane, Key West

## Cheri Smith

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**From:** John Martini <jm@johnmartini.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 31, 2022 1:48 PM  
**To:** Hal Bromm  
**Cc:** Teri Johnston; Cheri Smith  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Withdraw the Cruise Ship OPERATING AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

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Hal.  
Thanks .. this is a slap in the face to residents. First we have a dark money campaign, than a \$1,000,000 "donation" from Walsh, and now this. Withdrawing this proposed agreement now is the right thing.  
John Martin

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# Poorhouse Lane, Key West



## Cheri Smith

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**From:** Gregory Long <gregorylong383@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 31, 2022 2:44 PM  
**To:** Teri Johnston  
**Cc:** Cheri Smith  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please withdraw proposed agreement

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Dear Mayor, I am writing to ask you to withdraw the proposed cruise ship agreement. It's pretty shocking that there should even be a draft agreement such as this -- in denial of the wishes of the voters as demonstrated in the referendum, this agreement would permit bigger ships, more ships, 1.3 million passengers per year, and would give away some Mallory Square property rights. It would also grant all of these rights on a perpetuity basis? Really stupid for the city to entertain such a poor deal. Who is behind such a draft? The city attorney who is our employee? Please withdraw this draft and replace it with something that's good for the future of Key West.

Please make this letter part of the public record and attach this letter to the agenda for your forthcoming meeting

Gregory Long  
711 ashe Street

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Gregory Long  
President Emeritus  
New York Botanical Garden

## Cheri Smith

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**From:** Larry Myers <larrymyers204@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 31, 2022 3:59 PM  
**To:** Teri Johnston; Jimmy Weekley; Clayton Lopez; Samuel Kaufman; Gregory Davila; Mary Lou Hoover; Cheri Smith  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Agenda item: proposed new agreement with Pier B Development Corporation

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To Mayor Johnson and Commissioners of the City of Key West:

For the following reasons, among many, I ask that the Commission WITHDRAW the proposed new agreement between the City and Pier B Development Corporation that is on the next meeting agenda and decline any further consideration. It should be "off the table" from the City's standpoint.

I have copied City Clerk Smith to request that this statement be made a part of the public record.

I ask that the proposed agreement be flatly rejected by the City, but also withdrawn from the agenda and further consideration by the Commission as unworthy of discussion. It is clearly an insult to the City and to the vast majority of voters of Key West, who voted in 2020 for clear limits on cruise ships and their passengers, not an expansion of them.

I have read the proposed agreement. It is another bald attempt to bully the City to reject the clear will of the voters. Despite political pressures and threats from the State government on down, instigated and pursued by Pier B and a handful of other well-known local economic interests, the City should never accede to an agreement that would make the cruise ship situation worse than ever, tie the City's hands indefinitely, and result in an effective giveaway of public rights to private interests.

To cut to the essence of the matter, I agree with the conclusions of the Committee for Safer, Cleaner Ships that the proposed agreement would: result in larger ships than ever before, up to 1,100 feet in length and capacity for 3,700 passengers; more ships than ever before at Pier B and Mallory Square; much more overcrowding in the downtown area; an effective giveaway of the City's controls and economic rights to use its own dockage at Mallory Square, and enshrine these new factors in an agreement in perpetuity, tying the City's hands regarding enforcement. The likely increase in downtown overcrowding will certainly complicate any further attempts by the City to control traffic and expand public amenities on Duval and adjacent streets. And do not forget the clearly recognized health risks of cruise ships. One of the most potent public policy justifications for limiting the size of cruise ships and their passengers is the impact that outbreaks of communicable disease onboard can quickly overwhelm the limited medical resources available in small ports like Key West.

It will be argued by the proponents and their spokesmen on the City staff that the State and Federal law currently prohibits ships over about 950 feet because they would extend over the current State lease to Pier B. The obvious rejoinder is that some ships docking at Pier B have already clearly exceeded that length, overlapping into the mouth of the harbor in violation of existing law. It is unclear whether there was any enforcement by the Coast Guard. But the City Commission can be sure that Pier B representatives are already in Tallahassee lobbying for a new lease agreement with DEP approval to permit the dockage of the larger ships. Who among you would bet they won't get a new lease? The Navy may not like it, but their hands will be tied.

The effective ability in the proposed agreement for Pier B to allow its ships to tie up at the City's dock at Mallory Pier under certain circumstances is equally distressing. This interferes with the city's use of its own pier and amounts to an effective giveaway of existing public rights to private interests, and a further loss of control over its public waterfront.

Certainly the public will ask why publicize watching the sunset at Mallory Square if the sunset is blocked? And what about the businesses and theaters around there.? Finally, the City has been working on a strategic plan to make fuller use of Mallory Square. This agreement flies in the face of any new plans the City might develop. Some already suspect that with the agreement in place, the next request by private interests would be a passenger terminal located at Mallory Square to serve commercial interests at the expense of Key West's image and popular culture.

The City should also not overlook the real possibility that another proposal would soon be made to study and then dredge a wider, deeper channel into the harbor to accommodate the larger ships, using as an excuse the protection of the reef from silting. The voters of Key West approved an Initiative a decade ago to stop the City from requesting such a study, but it seems clear that Pier B and other private interests care only about profits, not the public, your constituents.

For these and other reasons of which you should be well aware, you should not go down the slippery slope of "negotiating" such an agreement with Pier B Development Corporation. It appears that the City Attorney has brought to the Commission a largely unsolicited "deal" whose only change from previous iterations is the chance to "discuss" with Pier B the extension of the promenade over their existing small right of way. This is laughably disingenuous. The proposed new agreement may make it in Pier B's interest to open up the waterfront; if it doesn't, they have no new incentive to do so. They believe that they can steamroll the City. There are many, including myself, who would rather see a new City Attorney who would be far more forceful in advancing the Commission's instructions, which have to this point at least given lip service to being committed to implementing the will of the voters.

Respectfully submitted

Lawrence Myers  
1117 Elgin Lane  
Key West, FL

## Cheri Smith

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**From:** Myra Steele <steeleworks@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 31, 2022 4:09 PM  
**To:** Teri Johnston; Jimmy Weekley; Samuel Kaufman; Billy Wardlow; Gregory Davila; Mary Lou Hoover; Clayton Lopez; Shawn D. Smith  
**Cc:** Cheri Smith  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] smaller ships

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### **WITHDRAW this proposed Agreement.**

I am strongly opposed to bigger, more crowded cruise ships, UNGOVERNED IN PERPETUITY TO LINE THE POCKETS OF THE WEALTHY FEW. I am astounded to live long enough to see an America no longer ruled by its voters. You were voted in to do the will of the people, not to bargain in its stead. The voters, your constituency, have voted. The decision has been made, it is your duty to carry out the will of the People. Don't kid yourselves; if you renege on your oath to the People of the City of Key West, you are guilty of corruption. The debate is over. We voted. We want change.

If we allow the overturn of a free and fair, election at the local level, state level, or federal level, America is no better than the tyrannical nations of the world and we may admit the Democratic Experiment is over. Our leaders (YOU) are required to do the bidding of the voters. Failure is not an option. You literally hold the fate of the free world in your hands. Every time a local, state, or federal vote is corrupted another piece of America dies. Save our city. Save our Democracy. Do what is right and just.

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**Myra Steele, Key West Voter  
American and world citizen**