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Cheri, I don't know if it's too late, but if possible, could you read this one as well if they do indeed get to discussing drone regulation!

Thanks!

Dear Mayor Cates and Commissioners:

Please be restrictive in any drone regulation. Over dense populations, they present a clear danger. Google "drone" and "bull run" to view one crashing into a grandstand in Virginia. Five people were injured, though none seriously. That drone at least stopped its rotors when it landed. The one that landed on us at West Martello on July 4 *kept its rotors buzzing after it landed in a crowd of people*. It was like having a weed whacker bouncing around us.

You cannot count on the morality, common sense, or concern for others from our local drone flyers. After crashing their drone into us, and keeping its rotors buzzing, they have *publicly blamed us* for harming their machine while we were protecting ourselves from it. Be very careful in allowing any regulation to enable more dangerous activity than is already legal. In particular, make sure you enforce existing FAA regulations requiring clearance from the air traffic controllers for flights within 5 miles of an airport, which would include all of Key West. I hope you called the Civil Aviation Safety Inspector whose number I sent you this morning.

People want to be "free" to have their fun regardless of the effect on others. We already have to put up with jetskis buzzing our beaches, leaf blowers, loud motorcycles, drilled-out mopeds (which are even worse), etc. There are good uses of drones for, say, search and rescue. But adding to the degradation of the general public's quality of life, including safety and privacy, so a few people can make money and have their private enjoyment at the expense of others is what we count on you, as our elected leaders, to save us from.

Thank you,  
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