

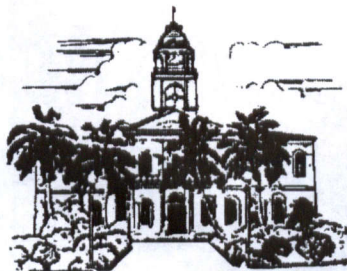
**Letter of Request to Initiate Development
Agreement**



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Honorable Mayor Craig Cates
City of Key West
3126 Flagler Avenue
Key West, Florida 33040



Dear Mayor Cates,

December 12, 2011

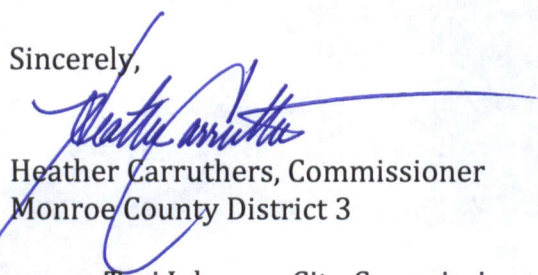
Last January, Monroe County completed a Master Plan for Higgs Beach Park. The Master Plan was a result of over two years effort by my office, City Commissioner Johnson, Friends of Higgs Beach, stakeholders, interested residents and County/City staffs. As a result of several design charrettes and numerous public meetings, consensus was reached and an overall plan for the redevelopment of Higgs Beach was prepared based upon this input. On January 19, 2011, the Monroe County Board of Commissioners authorized the design team to proceed with the development approval process and to that end, a Major Development Plan application was prepared and submitted to the City on July 1, 2011.

Pursuant to Section 90-678 of the City Code, Monroe County wishes to enter into a Development Agreement to implement the Master Plan for Higgs Beach Park. Due to the scope of this project, the County seeks an agreement with the City to allow a ten-year timeframe for implementation of the Master Plan.

Higgs Beach is an important asset for both City and County residents as well as visitors. Last October, the City graciously approved our request to waive the application fees for the Development Plan application process. The County is requesting the City waive application fees for the Development Agreement process as well.

We hope the City will consider this request at the earliest City Council meeting. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,


Heather Carruthers, Commissioner
Monroe County District 3

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