

Statement in Support of Stand Your Ground Resolution
Submitted by
Commissioners Lopez & Yaniz

12th Century mystic Hildegard of Bingen tells us that "... person and society are wounded by the same weakness: injustice." The Stand Your Ground law is not a just law. It favors injustice, throws chaos into the "driver's seat" and maintains a society that continues to "stand its ground" on principles that do not serve the common good and the rights of all people as pertains to race, ethnicity, and the color of their skin. Let us recall that the 21st century, regardless of whether we act or not on alleviating injustices such as those displayed in the Trayvon Martin – Zimmerman affair, will see the end of such acts of unfairness, such injustices against certain members of our society, whether we act or not. But if we do, if we act now responsibly, to right a wrong, to act justly and fairly with good intent, as this resolution calls us to do, then the people of Key West and its leadership may say, ultimately, "we did not allow history to take its course alone, but we aided the cause of justice in making a wrong right, and that we, too, acted, to support something that is good and just and fair. Commissioners Lopez and Yaniz need the support of this community in the submission of this resolution to the proper authorities. Let us make sure that we give that support whole heartedly and without reservation so that when history is read, it will say that Key West "stood its ground" for justice.

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Fwd: Stand Your Ground Law

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Tue, Aug 6, 2013 at 9:06 AM

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From: **Rev. Phillip Smedstad** <philmedstad@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Aug 5, 2013 at 4:16 PM

Subject: Stand Your Ground Law

To: csmith@keywestcity.com

To Ms. Smith:

I would like to have this read into the record at the August 6 City Commision Meeting:

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my recommendation that the City of Key West pass a resolution calling for the repeal of Florida's Stand Your Ground law. It is far too easy to use this law to justify using deadly force, especially against a member of a minority race.

Racism is far from dead in this country. Thankfully, our children are far less likely to believe that people who don't look like them are "less than." However, until we are free from racism, we need to do all we can to protect people, especially black males, from being profiled. The Stand Your Ground law is one which can be used to inflict harm simply based on being afraid of people with a different skin color.

No one is safer with more guns in the hands of civilians. No one is safer with more legal excuses to use one.

Sincerely,

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Rev. Phillip Smedstad
Minister
Unity of the Keys

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Sincerely,
Cheri Smith, MMC, CPM
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From: **Detra Fisher** <fisherdome@aol.com>
Date: Tue, Aug 6, 2013 at 4:06 PM
Subject: Resolution
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We support the resolution that Commissioners Lopez and Yaniz are presenting tonight 100%. This law is unjust and needs to be repealed. Please listen to the People's Voices!
Silas/Vina Saunders & Family

Sent from my iPhone

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From: **Warren Leamard** <jamhungry1@aol.com>
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Warren Leamard
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To
Key West city clerk
Cheri Smith

Dear Sherry,

I am writing in support of commissions Yanis and Lopez propose Ordinance.

Mr. Mayor and commissioners, please be reminded that the city of Key West Has treated with respect rights of every human, therefore, now is NOT the time for you to shy away from the opportunity to show your support for LIFE!!

Warren Leamard

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