

June 18, 2019

City of Key West Planning Board
1300 White Street
Key West, FL 33040
ATTN: M. Lindsley

Mark Grewcoe
Cheryl Edwards
2011 Roosevelt Drive
Key West FL 33040

RE: # 00051870-000100
Variance - 1980 North Roosevelt Blvd.

Dear Honorable Members of the Planning Board:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and voice our strong opposition to the variance request referenced above and for the property located at 1980 North Roosevelt Blvd. We are the immediately adjoining property owners to the rear of the parcel at 2011 Roosevelt Drive and this variance request, if granted, would adversely affect our residential property. We object to this variance and ask that it be denied by the Planning Board.

The applicant is asking for a variance so that he can built a 13 foot tall building addition within 5 feet of our residential lot and home. It would be horrible to have any building wall so close to our backyard and it would block out any view or open space we have now. Our view would essential be a wall. This building so close to our property boundary would have a negative effect on the enjoyment of the home and would diminish the aesthetic use of our backyard and lower our residential property values. We oppose this is the strongest way possible and ask that you do not remove the protection granted us as homeowners by the Land Development Regulations of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Key West. We ask that you please let us keep the minimum required rear yard setback of 25-feet and protect the value of our property. Please do not harm us by favoring one land owner over another.

This owner has already put up sheds and temporary buildings, which are horrible and don't belong on the lot either. But to give him the opportunity and right to build within 5 feet of our backyard is staggering and devastating. If this owner has outgrown the existing building, then he should find a new place to do business or use the existing space he has more efficiently to conduct his business. Giving him the ability and right to harm the surrounding property owners is not the right thing to do and not an option he should be given.

Thank you
Mark Grewcoe and Cheryl Edwards, Homeowners
2011 Roosevelt Drive, Key West FL 33040