

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, TRANSMITTING TO THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (USACE) THE RESULTS OF A CITY WIDE BINDING REFERENDUM WHICH EXPRESSED OPPOSITION BY A MARGIN OF 74.53% TO 24.47% TO THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE CITY OF KEY WEST SHOULD REQUEST THAT THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE FEASIBILITY STUDY TO DETERMINE THE IMPACTS OF WIDENING THE KEY WEST MAIN SHIP CHANNEL FOR USE BY MODERN AND LONGER CRUISE SHIPS; AFFIRMING THAT THE CITY COMMISSION WILL CONSIDER ADDITIONAL LEGISLATION TO CODIFY THE OVERWHELMING OPPOSITION EXPRESSED BY THE VOTERS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO PROVIDE CERTIFIED COPIES TO INTERESTED AND APPLICABLE PARTIES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, after extensive public debate and discussions, a binding referendum was placed on the October 1, 2013 city-wide municipal election ballot, to determine public opinion on the subject of a channel-widening study for the Key West Main Ship Channel; and

WHEREAS, an overwhelming majority of voters determined that a channel-widening study should not be conducted; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the City Commission respectfully informs the USACE that in a binding referendum voted upon in the Municipal

Election of October 1, 2013, the citizens of Key West opposed by a margin of 74.53% to 24.47% the question: "Shall the City of Key West request that the Army Corps of Engineers conduct a comprehensive feasibility study, at no monetary cost to the City, to determine the environmental, economic and social impacts of widening the Key West Main Ship Channel for use by modern and longer cruise ships while also addressing navigational safety?"

Section 2: That the City Commission does not want the USACE to undertake or commission future studies to consider the concept of widening the Key West Main Ship Channel, regardless of potential funding sources.

Section 3: That the City Commission intends to pursue and enact further legislation to codify the intent and opposition expressed by Key West's electorate.

Section 4. The City Clerk is directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Commanding General and Chief of Engineers of USACE, Lieutenant General Thomas P. Bostick; to the Commander, South Atlantic Division, Brigadier General Donald E. (Ed) Jackson, Jr.; to District Commander - Colonel Alan M. Dodd, and to Senators Bill Nelson and Marco Rubio and Congressman Joe Garcia.

Section 5: The City Clerk is also directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to State Representative Holly Raschein, State Senator Dwight Bullard, the Florida Ports Council, the Florida Ports Financing Commission and any other interested and applicable parties.

Section 6: That this Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and adoption and authentication by the signature of the presiding officer and the Clerk of the Commission.

Passed and adopted by the City Commission at a meeting held this 16 day of October, 2013.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on 17 day of October, 2013.


Filed with the Clerk on October 17, 2013.

Mayor Craig Cates	Yes
Vice Mayor Mark Rossi	No
Commissioner Teri Johnston	Yes
Commissioner Clayton Lopez	Yes
Commissioner Billy Wardlow	Yes
Commissioner Jimmy Weekley	Yes
Commissioner Tony Yaniz	Yes



CRAIG CATES, MAYOR

ATTEST:



CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK

Study KW Ship Chn Wide (Vote for 1)

Precincts Reported: 10 of 10 (100.00%)

		Total	
Times Cast		6,201 / 15,087	41.10%
Candidate	Party	Total	
YES		1,635	26.47%
NO		4,542	73.53%
Total Votes		6,177	

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
MUNICIPAL ELECTION
KEY WEST, FLORIDA
OCTOBER 1, 2013**

- TO VOTE, COMPLETELY FILL IN THE OVAL ● NEXT TO YOUR CHOICE.
- Use only the marking device provided or a number 2 pencil or any marking device, except red ink.
- If you make a mistake, don't hesitate to ask for a new ballot. If you erase or make other marks, your vote may not count.

<p>MAYOR (Vote for One)</p>
<p><input type="radio"/> Craig Cates <input type="radio"/> Margaret Romero</p>
<p>UTILITY BOARD MEMBER, GROUP 3 (Vote for One)</p>
<p><input type="radio"/> Cheryl Cates <input type="radio"/> Tim Root <input type="radio"/> Vidal</p>

"Referendum - Binding referendum to conduct study regarding feasibility of widening the main Key West ship channel."

Shall the City of Key West request that the Army Corps of Engineers conduct a comprehensive feasibility study, at no monetary cost to the City, to determine the environmental, economic and social impacts of widening the Key West Main Ship Channel for use by modern and longer cruise ships while also addressing navigational safety?

- YES
 NO