

Dear Mayor & City Commissioners:

Happy June 2017! As we prepare for another Atlantic Storm Season, let us be mindful to assist others who might be in need of assistance! Amen! As I am the Vice-President of Florida Keys Performing & Visual Arts, Inc., a.k.a., FKPAI, I am requesting your support, as FKPAI presents our proposal to the Key West City Commissioners at the scheduled meeting of 6:00 P. M., Tuesday, June 6, 2017. Please note the item of relevance is listed as "#22," per the agenda.

For discussion is the decision to award one of two groups which are vying to stage a "Goombay 2017," within Bahama Village. I am the vice-president for FKPAI, which is comprised of members from all sectors of Our Community! We are male, female, transgender, multi-racial, multi-political-affiliated, multi-cultural, multi-generational, multi-sexual-oriented, from various socio-economic sectors, educational backgrounds, and professional experiences.

Also, I am a proud Conch, in that I am fourth-generational, and a graduate of the Key West High School Class of 1977! I, along with other members of FKPAI, am asking for your support, in that we are MUCH MORE CAPABLE to produce a successful, authentic "Goombay 2017," without scandal or financial liability. Our emphasis is on that of "FAMILY & Culture!" We exist to preserve, promote, and educate our residents and visitors about the splendor of Caribbean/Afro-American heritage and culture. We intend to build upon the rich legacy of our ancestors, as we enhance it for the present generations and those to come! Furthermore, our record speaks for ourselves, and I am one of the two of the three members of our NPO who just graduated from the 3-session program of leadership, as presented by the Community Foundation of the Florida Keys (CFFK).

I have attached a copy of the letter which I have already submitted to the Key West City Commission. It is my hope that I may count on you, Our Commissioners, to "do the right thing," on Tuesday, June 6, 2017! I thank you for your time and consideration!

Most Respectfully,

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