



## MEMORANDUM

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Date: April 8, 2024

To: Key West Bight Management District Board

From: Gary Moreira  
Senior Property Manager

CC: Steve McAlearney, Todd Stoughton, Albert Childress

Subject: **Amending the lease for Key West Seaport, LLC, (Schooner Wharf), replacing LIBOR as the basis for determining the prime lending rate.**

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### **Introduction**

This is a request to approve a lease amendment replacing the LIBOR Index referenced in lessee's loan amortization provision under the lease.

### **Background**

Upon execution of the Schooner Wharf lease in May of 2017, Resolution 17-135, the CRA agreed to fund building improvements in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00. Lessee agreed to reimburse the CRA monthly over the term of the lease, plus interest, calculated at the prime rate as determined by the London Interbank Offered Rate, (LIBOR), and adjusted annually. In June of 2023 the Federal Reserve through their previously established Alternative Reference Rates Committee, (ARRC) held that all remaining USD LIBOR rates will be discontinued. The ARRC had previously selected the Secured Overnight Financing Rate, (SOFR), as the recommended alternative to USD LIBOR which is the basis for this request.

### **Procurement**

Establishing a new basis for calculating the Prime Lending Rate will preserve the intent of the loan amortization provision, providing for uninterrupted annual adjustment of the amortization rate as required under the lease agreement, based on current prime rates.

### **Recommendation**

Staff concurs with the findings of the ARRC and recommends this lease be amended to replace LIBOR with SOFR as the means of determining the Prime Rate for each annual adjustment.

**Attachments:**  
Lease