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Dear HARC Commissioners:

When I was looking to buy a home in Key West, I knew I wanted to be the Historical District of Old Town Key West. Being the custodian of a mansion from the 19th century was the driving force behind my purchase of 620 Eaton Street. What an honor to be able to preserve the home built by George H. Curry in the 1880's.

When I viewed 620 Eaton in January 2015, the selling agents mentioned that 616 Eaton had recently sold and since it was also built by Mr. Curry, the new owners intended to refurbish the main house to match its original grandeur which complemented 620 and to add small guest houses and a pool in the back. I loved that 616 was going to be given the loving care that the home deserved.

Imagine my surprise when I was notified of the plans filed with HARC for the monstrous, modern style "single family home" to be built behind the original structure which included a roof top terrace that would overlook – and obviously INTRUDE – on the tranquility of my new home. I had read the HARC Guidelines and did not think the proposed new construction would get approved by HARC. I was shocked and even more than that, I was heartbroken – when the HARC Commissioners at the time, approved the revised proposal. What were they thinking!!!! How did they think this proposal at all fit into the HISTORIC District of Old Town Key West.

I think the 616 Eaton catastrophe brought to light what the sitting members of HARC were doing to the Historic District and brought together the community and those that see the Historic District as one of Key West's best treasures. It also led to the formation of the Keep Old Town Old movement and the proposed changes to the HARC Guidelines.

I sincerely hope that the new guidelines are approved at the January 26, 2016 HARC meeting and that any proposal that has not been finalized or is still pending at any level will be reevaluated under the new guidelines. Letting any construction that the previous HARC Commissioners approved continue to move forward would be a disservice to Old Town.

I genuinely trust that the current HARC Commissioners will do the right thing to Keep Old Town Old and preserve one of the areas that makes Key West so unique.

Sincerely,

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Jo Bennett

From: Enid Torregrosa
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2016 1:50 PM
To: Jo Bennett
Subject: FW: New HARC Guidelines!

Hi Jo:

To be included under public comments, item 16

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Sent: Friday, January 22, 2016 10:57 AM
To: Enid Torregrosa <etorregrosa@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>
Cc: JOHN O'Leary <john.p.oleary@ubs.com>
Subject: New HARC Guidelines!

Dear Commissioners, Please approve the "revised" guidelines for new construction. These are major changes that we believe would be in the best interest of "Old Town" Key West. We fully support stricter guidelines for new construction, additions & signage. The existing guidelines have poorly protected sites from redevelopment with schemes that are NOT compatible with the neighborhood. Thank you, Karen & John O'Leary / 412 Elizabeth St. KW. / ✨Please include this letter in record!

Sent from my iPhone