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Ms. Obrien

It is my distinct pleasure to submit a Letter of Recommendation on behalf of Harry L. Bethel for the position of interim City Commissioner, District 5.

I have personally known Mr. Bethel for 35 years and had an up-front opportunity to observe his strong leadership skills in support of his dedication to serve our island community.

I worked with Mr. Bethel at the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority and was impressed by his ability to motivate and lead the Department for which he was the Director. Further, as I regularly follow the City Commission, I found that while on the Commission, Mr. Bethel was articulate and well studied on all matters which came before the Commission.

Additionally, I served with Mr. Bethel on the Historic Key West Bight Board. He was responsive to the Bight tenants while assuring that the objectives of the City of Key West were maintained.

I believe that as Interim City Commission Mr. Bethel would serve the City of Key West, support the mission of the City Commission, and bring unparalleled knowledge to this position.

Respectfully submitted,

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