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April 4, 2016

The Honorable Craig Cates
Mayor of the City of Key West
3126 Flagler Ave.
Key West, FL 33040

Dear Mayor Cates:

I am writing to encourage the City of Key West to find an agreement to go forward with the approval of a one-year extension of the agreement between the City of Key West and the Tourist Development Association.

The act of forcing changes or cancelation at this late date present a hardship to a broad cross-section of the Key West economy. Many of our city's employees rely on the income brought in during Fantasy Fest including bartenders, wait staff, hotel staff, etc. It would be a revenue hardship to the employees at the slowest time of the year not to enable a contract allowing Fantasy Fest 2016 to proceed as scheduled.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration in matter, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Virginia A Panico

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Executive Vice President

Cc: Key West City Commissioners
Board of Directors
James Scholl, City Manager
Cheri Smith, City Clerk