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Re: Poinciana complex redevelopment

Dear Commissioners and Mayor Henriquez,

I am writing to express support of the redevelopment of the Poinciana complex on behalf of the Continuum-of-Care (henceforth, CoC).

While the City owns the complex, CoC agencies currently occupy many of the buildings through a 50-year lease. When the United States Navy turned over the property, they required that it be used in perpetuity for public benefit purposes.

Since 1998, the site has served as a home for organizations including MARC House, AH of Monroe County, Florida Keys Outreach Coalition, Domestic Abuse Shelter, Volunteers of America, Samuel's House, Florida Keys Children's Shelter, and Catholic Charities. These organizations provide shelter, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, and above all, support and stability to the Key West community including job placement, substance abuse counseling, and other services to lift people out of homelessness.

These buildings have exceeded their useful life in their current condition. The proposed redevelopment plan will replace them with modern facilities for men, women, those fleeing domestic violence, youth, veterans and the developmentally disabled. This will ensure clean, safe housing remains available to our most vulnerable populations.

The CoC is grateful for your support.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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