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Subject: Letter to City Commissioners re: Agenda item #18, Approving the attached Settlement Agreement

To: [CSmith@keywestcity.com](mailto:CSmith@keywestcity.com)

Re: Agenda Item #18, Approving the attached Settlement Agreement in the matter of Sunset Marina Residences of Key West Condominium Association, Inc. v. City of Key West and Monroe County Florida, Case No. 2011-CA-911-K; Authorizing the City Manager to execute settlement documents.

I believe that the city commission must vote NO on this resolution.

This settlement agreement appears to commit the city to make sure that the "number of factors such as financing and community, government and social service participation" are already determined. The settlement agreement would commit the City to act in bad faith either in the public process required before placing a homeless shelter at the Easter Seals property or in complying with the actions and timelines required by this settlement agreement.

The organizations located on College Road, and the citizens involved in them deserve the City's best efforts to comply with its own rules of public participation and input and to meet the terms of this agreement. Neither should be shortchanged for expediency until a fully vetted and researched decision can be reached in full view of the public.

Approving this resolution and the settlement agreement would commit the City to expedite planning for placing the homeless shelter at the Easter Seals property on College Road, and moving KOTS residents to that site. Since the City has not made a decision on the homeless shelter location, approval would be putting the "cart before the horse," and preclude the proper process.

Thanks for your consideration of my views.

Respectfully,

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