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Good evening

I am writing to address the proposed mural on Bahama Lane & 513 Fleming Street that wishes to pay tribute to the great Jimmy Buffett.

As a long time resident of historic old town, and as the Executive Director of the Arts Council as well as the Public Art Administrator for both the City and County's 1% for Public Art programs - I oppose this mural.

It simply does not belong in our historic district.

Murals are difficult to maintain in our extremely harsh environment and unless there is a written commitment to maintain the mural - such as was agreed upon recently on Whitehead St - this artwork will not be a worthy tribute if it fades. We have spent quite a bit of resources attempting to keep the few murals in town looking bright and beautiful.

Also - I would add that the proposed design was NOT well received by 4 of the AIPP members that were present at our meeting last week. Collectively we all felt that the design was lacking in creativity and felt rushed and not authentic to who Jimmy was as a person, artist and musician, a beloved Key West Citizen, philanthropist etc.

I urge you to deny this application.

thank you for your time,
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