

Keri O'Brien

From: Teri Johnston
Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2021 2:56 PM
To: Keri O'Brien
Subject: FW: support for Mayor Teri Johnston's Proposal on KWHa

Can you add to agenda item #22

From: Jay SCHWERMER <jandpatrice@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2021 9:37 AM
Cc: Teri Johnston <tjohnston@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>
Subject: support for Mayor Teri Johnston's Proposal on KWHa

Dear City Commissioner,

As a resident of Key West, FL living at 1402 Olivia St #2, I am writing in support of Key West Mayor Teri Johnston's proposal to increase the size of the Key West Housing Authority's (KWHa) board from five to seven commissioners as soon as possible.

Expansion of the KWHa board, the first in its 83-year history, would bring more specialized knowledge onto the authority board and increase transparency on a board where three of its five members have been in place for decades. Expansion of the commission would also provide an opportunity for appointments that better reflect the racial, cultural, gender, and age diversity of our community. Although I value the decades of experience and commitment to service the KWHa commissioners have given, I believe taking steps to increase the board from five to seven members is the change we need in bringing new life to the board.

I respectfully ask that you support Mayor Johnston's efforts to integrate the board with new board members' experience while incorporating the historical knowledge of 134 years of combined expertise already in place.

Sincerely,
Jay Schwermer