

Keri O'Brien

From: Stacey Argo <argosm88@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2024 1:24 PM
To: District VI; Mayor E-Mail
Cc: Keri O'Brien
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Water Quality

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Dear Aaron,

I received an email from Safer Cleaner Ships, and I was disturbed by this paragraph, as you should be:

The marine resources of the Florida Keys are the foundation of a \$2 billion tourist economy. The reef is 90% dead, by some estimates, and now the fish are dying too — and we don't know why. This is no time to blind ourselves to known and unknown environmental harms. But that is exactly the path suggested by the new Commission, led by Mayor Henriquez, when a majority voted against the authorization for water quality monitoring, before attempting to reverse course.

I have lived in the Lower Keys and Key West for 36 years. I have experienced the degradation of our environment. It saddens me to remember how things were when I first moved here in 1988, compared to how things are now. The Mallory dock area used to be a quaint, funky place where people could gather to celebrate the sunset. Now it is like Disneyland down there. All the charm is long gone. As a community, how much more money needs to be made, when it has already ruined our way of life?

As our elected representative, you must uphold the will of the people, even if you disagree. I implore you to vote to renew the water quality monitoring program as established after the 2020 cruise ship referendum, and as you pledged during your campaign. To me, it is the least the Commission can do. Thank you.

Your constituent,

Stacey

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Stacey M. Argo
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Keri O'Brien

From: Matt Konrad <mjkonrad@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2024 12:13 PM
To: Keri O'Brien; District V; Mayor E-Mail
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Water Quality Monitoring

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As your constituent, I am writing to urge you to renew the Interlocal Agreement authorizing CFK's ongoing monitoring of water quality. This agreement is a shining example of local stakeholders working together to preserve our single most important natural resource, and I cannot imagine a good reason not to renew it. (Well, I can, and it carries 3,500 passengers and disgorges them at Pier B.)

Monitoring our water quality is very literally the least we can do to maintain what little reef we have left. I urge you to reconsider your position and vote in favor of science, knowledge and water quality.

Please consider this a public comment to be included on the agenda at the 1/7 commission meeting. Thank you for doing what's right for our waters and waterworkers.

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Keri O'Brien

From: Francie Hace <francie.hace@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 14, 2024 9:03 AM
To: Keri O'Brien
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fw: Water quality monitoring

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From: Francie Hace <francie.hace@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 14, 2024 8:58 AM
To: DistrictVI@cityofkeywest-fl.gov <DistrictVI@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>
Cc: kobrien@cityofkeywest-fl <kobrien@cityofkeywest-fl>; mayor@cityofkeywest-fl.gov <mayor@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>
Subject: Water quality monitoring

Dear Commissioner Castillo - My name is Francie Hace and my husband and I have resided in district #6 for 13 years. During that time we have continually supported efforts to protect our environment and the surrounding water and reefs. In 2022, the Interlocal Agreement for monitoring water quality was established with the College of the Florida Keys. It is extremely important to continue this agreement. Everything must be done to safeguard our surrounding waters. We have recently become aware that a vote was taken to renew the agreement with CPK and you voted against this. We are very disappointed with your vote. This is especially disappointing considering that in your campaign as city commissioner this past November you pledged to protect water quality monitoring. We are urging you to now support the ILA and stand behind your campaign promise. Thank you.

Francie Hace
1010 Packer St.

Keri O'Brien

From: Michael Klitenick <mpkbegs@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2024 11:03 PM
To: Mayor E-Mail
Cc: Keri O'Brien
Subject: [EXTERNAL] ILA

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Mayor, the citizens of Key West overwhelmingly supported reducing both the number of cruise ships that come into Key West and also the effect they have what our very fragile ecosystem. The ILA is an extremely important part of this monitoring. I urge you to continue to support this system. This represents the desire and the thought of your constituents.

Sincerely,
Michael Klitenick, MD, FACS.
Sent from my iPad

Keri O'Brien

From: David Shafer <dvdshfr@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2024 10:49 PM
To: Keri O'Brien
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 20%?

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“ The data show that 20% of all local cruise ship dockings over the past year are associated with turbidity levels that exceed federal limits established by the EPA (see WLRN News”

Sorry but take it from a statistician that's a pathetic correlation. That suggest that certain ships are an issue and not all ships. You need a deeper dive on the data than that to convince even a high school math student that you've found the problem.

David Shafer

Sent from my iPad

Keri O'Brien

From: Debbie Parfitt <dparfitt@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2024 1:27 PM
To: Mayor E-Mail; District I; District II; District III; District IV; District V; District VI; Keri O'Brien
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Water Quality Program

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Mayor Henriquez and Commissioners, I'm flummoxed as to why we have to keep addressing the same issue, but here we go again. The people have spoken and want our waters protected!

I urge you to support the College of the Florida Keys and the good work they've done on monitoring water quality in Key West's ship channel.

You **MUST** re-authorize the Interlocal Agreement allowing the College to continue performing its vital work. Please don't let your constituents down.

Keri O'Brien, please add my email to the agenda as public comment. Thank you!

Respectfully,
Debbie Parfitt
Full time resident and concerned citizen

Keri O'Brien

From: Patricia Henriques <Phutzee@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2024 1:04 PM
To: Mayor E-Mail
Cc: Keri O'Brien
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Interlocal Agreement

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Dear Mayor,

I respectfully ask that the college be able to continue monitoring our waterways. They have been doing an excellent job recording data, and I feel that this needs to be continued. This information is critical to understanding the effects of cruise ships coming into our harbors. Please allow the ILA to remain in place to help our future environment.

Thank you,

Pat Henriques

Sent from my iPad

Keri O'Brien

From: Barbara Bowers <barbara@bbowers.com>
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2024 12:33 PM
To: Keri O'Brien
Cc: Barbara Bowers
Subject: [EXTERNAL] January 7 Commission Meeting

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Ms. Obrien, please officially enter the following comment from me into the January 7 City Commission Meeting:

Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners, I fully support the City's Interlocal Agreement with the College of the Florida Keys to monitor water quality in and around Key West's nearshore waters. I was pleased to hear the Mayor, Commissioners Castillo, Hoover and Carey opted to change their votes against renewing the program at the commission's morning meeting on December 12. I hope they stand by that wise move and support the program at this evening's, January 7 meeting. Kind Regards.

Barbara Bowers

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Keri O'Brien

From: Janie Teitelbaum <jteitelbaum@pacbell.net>
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2024 12:24 PM
To: Keri O'Brien
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Water Quality

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I sent the following email to my Commissioner, Aaron Castillo. Would you please add it to the agenda as part of the public comment.

Dear Commissioner Castillo,

I urge you to support the College of the Florida Keys and the good work they've done on monitoring water quality in Key West's ship channel. Please to re-authorize the Interlocal Agreement which you pledged to support during your campaign. This agreement allows the College to perform its vital work.

Janie Teitelbaum 

Just remember, once you're over the hill you begin to pick up speed."

Charles Schulz, cartoonist

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Keri O'Brien

From: Fred Slack <fslack19380@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2024 12:04 PM
To: Keri O'Brien
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Water Quality

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Keri:

Please include my email to Aaron Castillo, attached, to the January agenda as a public comment.

Thank you.

Fred P. Slack
710 Windsor Lane
Key West, FL. 33040
Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Fred Slack <fslack19380@gmail.com>
Date: December 13, 2024 at 12:00:46 PM EST
To: DistrictVI@cityofkeywest-fl.gov
Subject: **Water Quality**

Aaron:

Respectfully, we request that you review and change your vote to support the College of the Florida Keys water quality monitoring program.

The status of our water quality is vital to obtain accurate data for the health of our waterways.

Please do not vote to cancel or eliminate the ILA program.

Regards,
Fred P. Slack
Patricia Henriques
710 Windsor Lane
Key West, FL. 33040
Sent from my iPad