

Good afternoon, Unfortunately, I won't be able to attend tonight's meeting. However, as the most recent Urban Forestry Manager, I wanted to be a part of this critical conversation.

Key West is a truly special place. It is vibrant, full of life, and home to an incredible community. The energy and spirit of the town deserve to be reflected in its leadership. The local government should match that spirit by being honest, transparent, and truly committed to improving the quality of life for its residents.

The people of Key West deserve an honest government that serves them, not itself. Honest government means being open with the public, listening to community input, and making decisions in the best interest of the people. There aren't hidden agendas. There isn't a lack of transparency. And there certainly isn't disregard for public trust.

This current situation is serious with FBI investigations, City official arrests, Grand Jury reports, and mass resignations. It's clear that serious reflection and change is needed. Management and Commission members must take a hard look at their roles and responsibilities, and realize that now is the time to restore integrity and trust in the local government.

My hope is that this moment becomes a turning point. That the City embraces the opportunity to rebuild a government that puts the people of Key West first, so that it can focus on improving the community and the environment this amazing town has to offer.

Thank you,

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