

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO VACANT CITY COMMISSION SEAT

Vacant Seat: Mayor Commissioner – District 5

Date Submitted: 11/28/2025

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Legal Name: Gregory Waldo Veliz

Residential Address (must be within the City of Key West):

1016 Washington Street, Key West, Florida

Mailing Address (if different):

N/A

Phone Number: (305) 747-3659

Email Address: Veliz4804@bellsouth.net

Are you a registered voter in the State of Florida? Yes No

County of Registration (Monroe County if Key West address): Monroe

Length of continuous residency within the City of Key West (minimum 1 year required by Charter): 30 years

2. ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATION (KEY WEST CITY CHARTER §3.02)

- I certify that I am a resident of the City of Key West.
- I certify that I have resided in the City of Key West continuously for at least one year prior to qualification.
- I certify that I am a registered voter in Monroe County, Florida.
- I certify that I am qualified to hold public office under Florida law.

I certify that I am not currently disqualified under any provision of Florida Statutes, the Key West Charter, or City ordinances.

3. PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC BACKGROUND

Current Occupation/Employer:

Executive Director, Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority

Relevant Professional Experience:

Please see attached.

Community Involvement / Volunteer Service in Key West:

Please see attached.

Prior Public Service (City Boards, Committees, or other governmental experience):

Please see attached.

4. STATEMENT OF INTEREST

Explain why you are seeking appointment to the Key West City Commission and what qualifications or priorities you would bring:

I hope to serve on the City Commission to help strengthen Key West's infrastructure, quality of life, and long-term resilience. My background in city management and utility leadership gives me the experience needed to make informed, community-focused decisions.

5. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Do you or any immediate family member have any financial, contractual, or organizational interests involving the City of Key West that could present a conflict? Yes No

If yes, please explain:

6. REFERENCES (Optional)

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

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APPLICANT CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

I certify that all statements in this application are true and complete. I authorize the City of Key West to verify this information.

Applicant Signature: Gregory W. Veliz Date: 11/28/2025

CITY CLERK VERIFICATION

I, Keri O'Brien, the duly authorized City Clerk of Key West, have reviewed the eligibility of the applicant listed above.

Based on City records, the applicant:

Resides in District V based on the review of their Florida Driver's License and Residency Affidavit.

Is a registered voter in Monroe County, Florida.

Clerk Signature: _____ Date: _____

GREGORY W. VELIZ

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY	Experienced leader with more than 25 years of experience in management, public utilities administration, and operational oversight with a proven track record directing complex operations and managing multimillion-dollar capital improvement projects in the public sector.
EDUCATION	Florida International University , Miami, FL <i>Certification, Academy for Strategic Management, 2007</i> Florida State University , Tallahassee, FL <i>Bachelor of Science in Political Science and Communications, 1990</i> Tallahassee Community College , Tallahassee, FL <i>Associate of Arts, 1983</i>
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority , Key West, FL <i>Executive Director</i> May 2021 – Present Directs all administrative, operational and fiscal functions of the Authority. Leads long-range water supply planning, capital project delivery, regulatory compliance, and emergency preparedness. Oversees budgeting, policy development, and coordination with local, state, and federal agencies. City of Key West , Key West, FL <i>City Manager</i> , September 2019 – March 2021 Directed all operational and administrative components of the municipal government. Managed day-to-day citywide functions including public safety, public works, utilities, planning, finance, transportation and community services. Ensured implementation of the City Commission directives, ordinances and resolutions. Oversaw department directors, annual budgeting, intergovernmental relations, and emergency management coordination. Strengthened operational efficiency while improving transparency, community engagement, and delivery of services. City of Key West , Key West, FL <i>Assistant City Manager, Operations and Administration</i> , July 2016 – August 2019 Provided executive-level leadership over both the operations and administrative divisions. Directed citywide programs, departmental management and daily municipal services. Oversaw budgeting, procurement, and interdepartmental coordination to support effective service delivery. Supported the City Manager by ensuring alignment of all operational and administrative activities with City Commission Directives, regulatory requirements and long-term organizational goals. City of Key West , Key West, FL <i>Assistant City Manager, Operations</i> , September 2014 – July 2016 Supported the City Manager in the development, administration, and evaluation of City programs in alignment with state and federal regulations, City code and City Commission directives. Oversaw all of the departments within the operations division. City of Key West , Key West, FL <i>Director of Community Services</i> , August 2008 – September 2014 Directed and managed all services and programs within the Community Services Department including public works operations, parks and recreation facilities, fleet management, facilities maintenance, cemetery operations, right-of-way maintenance, and special events coordination along with operational planning and budgeting. Supervised various teams and ensured effective delivery of services while improving operational standards citywide.

	<p>City of Key West, Key West, FL <i>Deputy Director of Public Works</i>, May 2008 – August 2008 Planned, organized, and supervised maintenance and minor construction of municipal facilities, structures, streets, sidewalks, and stormwater systems. Oversaw work crews, maintenance schedules, and compliance with construction and public works standards.</p> <p>City of Key West, Key West, FL <i>Deputy Director of Community Services</i>, May 2006 – May 2008 Assisted the Department Director with management and coordination of all Community Services Department programs. Supported operational planning, personnel supervision, budgeting, and public-facing services across multiple divisions.</p> <p>City of Key West, Key West, FL <i>Field Lateral Inspector</i>, November 2005 – May 2006 Performed technical and administrative functions related to construction engineering within the Utilities department. Inspected laterals and documented project specifications and field conditions.</p> <p>Tiles Etcetera, Inc., Key West, FL <i>President</i>, 1994 - 2006 Managed all aspects of business operations including employee supervision, procurement, estimating, inventory, payroll, accounts management, and cost control. Directed project execution, vendor relations, client communications and financial oversight.</p>
CERTIFICATIONS & SKILLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Management Incident Command System (ICS) Training • Fluent in Spanish • Executive-level leadership, policy development, public administration, utilities management • Oversight of large-scale capital improvement projects • Intergovernmental relations and community engagement • Budget planning and financial oversight • Crisis and emergency operations management
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keys Energy Advisory Board Member • Rotary Club of Key West • Little Conch Baseball - Coach • Key West Junior Football League - Coach • American Cancer Society - Volunteer • Southernmost Seminole Booster Club • American Public Works Association • Key West High School Baseball - Coach • Key West High School - Substitute Teacher • Key West Special Olympics - Volunteer • Key West High School Baseball Booster Club - President