

September 18, 2018

Vicky Walker
Planning Department, City of Key West
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RE: Major Development - 1515-1525 Bertha Street

Dear Ms Walker:

As a property owner proximate to the subject properties, I am writing in opposition to the approval of such a large development with tremendous impact on the surrounding neighborhood.

The amount of additional traffic on the local streets is already in excess of capacity and at unacceptable levels. The areas of Duncombe and Venetia Streets are already too busy with the High School traffic and parking. There is little safety for children to walk along the streets. I am raising small children in this neighborhood and fear the negative impact on traffic volumes will significantly increase the danger to my family.

The impact to the traffic around this neighborhood of the new 47 units, nearly triple the existing number of units, is detrimental to the safety, wellbeing, and quality of life and property values of the property owners in the area. There is insufficient parking already and the site plan utilizes several areas along the already crowded and unavailable parking on Venetia, Dennis and Bertha streets. The increased volume of cars using Venetia and Duncombe as an alternate route would have a tremendous negative impact on our area.

There is no benefit to the neighborhood, community or the local residents to approve such a major development on this property. This project is beneficial only to the owners of the property and provides them additional units which are inconsistent with the adjacent properties.

We urge the Commission to disapprove the Plan.

Sincerely

Raquel Stockton Jezek & Michal Jezek