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Mayor Craig Cates
City of Key West Commissioners
3126 Flagler Avenue
Key West, FL 33040

Dear Mayor Cates and Commissioners:

Naval Air Station (NAS) Key West has seen the Master Plan for the Truman Waterfront Property dated October 3, 2012 which is an agenda item for consideration by the City Commission during its October 16, 2012 meeting. NAS Key West wants to ensure the City Commission has all available information before it when considering plans for redevelopment at Truman Harbor.

In 1984, the United States of America, by and through the Department of the Navy, was granted a Submerged Land Lease for Truman Harbor by the State of Florida. The Government renewed the lease in 2008 which extended it through 2034. The Lease authorizes the Government to, among other things, make improvements on the premises, but the Navy may not "sublet or assign its rights or interests in the lease without prior consent" of the State of Florida. Thus, any decisions regarding private development within Truman Harbor must be consistent with the terms and conditions of the Navy's lease.

Additionally, as you are aware, the Navy currently conducts strategically significant surface operations and subsurface training within Truman Harbor. Non-Federal boat operations within the harbor may restrict or prohibit naval surface vessel maneuvering and dive training. Furthermore, Truman Harbor is a federally designated restricted area and private vessel access and transit are limited. Therefore, we respectfully request the City factor the Navy's Submerged Lands Lease, the Navy's operations and training, and the federally designated restricted area into any further discussions regarding the Truman Waterfront Development Plan.

Navy representatives are available to discuss and coordinate compatible use of the Truman Waterfront at your earliest convenience.



Truman Waterfront Park



THE CITY OF KEY WEST
 DATE: 10-3-2012

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