



THE CITY OF KEY WEST

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RE: Lease Contract No. N69450-12-RP-00166

Dear Ms. Romanelli,

Thank you and the rest of the Navy contingent who participated in our phone call of December 11, 2020 pertaining to the status of the City of Key West's lease agreement for the outer mole in Key West.

As we discussed the City's use of the Mole Pier was effectively eliminated this past year due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The outcome of three recent voter referendum is expected to severely restrict the City's use of the pier regardless of the pandemic barring a successful legal challenge by the Cruise industry. The City cannot predict whether such a legal challenge may be forthcoming.

The City is requesting a twenty-four-month abatement of any rental payments which may have accrued after the March 2020 pandemic closure as well as any future minimum payments required under the lease agreement.

The City proposes that the remaining terms and conditions of the agreement remain in full force and affect including, but not limited to, the City's oversight of existing and proposed in-kind capital projects for the Navy's benefit.

At the present time the City reflects \$1,390,135.87 of unencumbered funds for future in-kind projects.

The City and the Navy should re-visit the status of the agreement upon the expiration of the abatement period.

Key to the Caribbean - Average Yearly Temperature 77° F

If you have questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 305-809-3888, Assistant City Manager Patti McLauchlin at 305-809-3782. (pmclauchlin@cityofkeywest-fl.gov.) or Assistant City Attorney George B. Wallace at 305-809-3774 (gwallace@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)

Sincerely,



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