

Subject: NO on REMOVING CANOPY TREES from the Replacement Tree LIST!!!!

Hello, this is absolutely ridiculous people wanting to remove these Magnificent Trees from the List.....
Of Canopy Trees Replacement

The Royal Poinciana
Sapodilla
Spanish Lime
Gumbo Limbo

These Trees are very important to our Environment in so many ways...
They give Oxygen for 3 people
Birds and insects make their homes in them
Canopy Trees pruned properly are better able to resist Strong Winds
Trees Don't POLLUTE
They give SHADE
They make our community look so Gorgeous !!!!
And so many more wonderful things

Please, Please, Please Stand Up TO SAVE A TREE / KEY WEST ! ! ! !

Thank You for your TIME, a very concerned citizen

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Subject: Caution on Tree Canopy Ordinance

Last Stand agrees that replacement of canopy trees is very important. We have concerns about the list of replacement trees in the ordinance.

Please remove Sapodilla, (*Melicoccus bijugatus*) from the list. This tree is a Category 1 invasive exotic. Monroe County requires removal of these trees when any site is improved.

Spanish Lime, (*Piscidia piscipula*) and Royal Poinciana (*Ficus aurea*) are not native to the Florida Keys and should not be given an increased credit of 4:1. We recommend these be removed from the list.

Gumbo Limbo (*Delonix regia*) is a soft wood tree and subject to damage during wind storm events. We urge you to cautiously consider whether this tree should have an increased credit of 4:1

There are several trees that are native to the Florida Keys that are classified by Florida and Federal authorities as threatened or endangered. To support these trees, even if they do not rise to canopy height, we recommend that you include them in the 4:1 incentive. We recommend that you consult with city staff for recommendations on specific trees with this status that would be appropriate for Key West.

We do support the concept of incentives for canopy trees and appreciate the work that staff and the Tree Commission have done in advancing this ordinance for your consideration.

For the Last Stand Board of Directors
Mark E. Songer

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Subject: SAVE OUR CANOPY!

Dear Elected Key West Official,

Though we are currently part-time residents of Key West, we take great interest in the island. Not just the happenings now or what may happen in the future, but what has happened in the past. Like most of America, Key West has been diversified with people, flora, and fauna. That's part of what makes Key West so awesome; it's rich history ... and an acceptance to what may be considered "foreign" to some.

Karen was a guide at The Oldest House last Winter and learned so much about Key West's colorful history.

As we understand, many of the trees are not native. Looking at very old pictures of Key West, it doesn't look like there were many trees at all. Over the many decades, people new to the island introduced beautiful trees that created an awesome canopy. So many artists have painted and photographed its beauty! We can't imagine a picture of a Key West cottage without this canopy creating the island's beautiful tapestry.

It is our understanding, there is a meeting this evening to review a group's suggestion to remove the following trees from our historic and world renowned canopy: The Royal Poinciana, Sapodilla, Spanish Lime, and Gumbo Limbo.

As Key West homeowners, we are **STRONGLY against this and request that you vote against such tree removal.**

Thank you,

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