

RESOLUTION NO. 24-029

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO DEFEAT SB 576/HB 601, WHICH WOULD PROHIBIT INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS BY A CITIZENS/CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO PROVIDE THIS RESOLUTION TO CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Florida House Bill 601 and Florida Senate Bill 576, among their somewhat different content, propose to prohibit the receipt, processing and investigation of complaints against law enforcement officers and correctional officers by a civilian/citizens review board; and

WHEREAS, the Key West Citizen Review Board (CRB) was created by referendum in 2002, and is codified in section 1.07 of the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that HB 601/SB 576 would annul Key West voter's intent to provide citizen oversight of law enforcement in the City of Key West, and it would have a similar impact on many other cities and counties in the State of Florida that have chosen by referendum or ordinance to support civilian oversight of complaints regarding law enforcement misconduct; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that the proposed legislation does not protect or enhance the safety and welfare of citizens in the State of Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the Key West City Commission urges the Florida Legislature to defeat House Bill 601 and SB 576, which would prohibit investigation of complaints against law enforcement and correctional officers by a citizens/civilian review board, and effectively dissolve the Key West Citizens Review Board, which was established by valid voter referendum in the City of Key West.

Section 2: That the City Clerk is hereby authorized to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to Governor Ron DeSantis, Representatives Duggan, Black and Roach (HB 601 Sponsors), House Speaker Paul Renner, and Representative James "Jim" Mooney, Jr, Senator Ingoglia (SB 576 Sponsor), Senate President Kathleen Passidomo and Senator Ana Maria Rodriguez.

Section 3: That this Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and adoption and authentication by the signature of the Presiding Officer and the Clerk of the Commission.

Passed and adopted by the City Commission at a meeting held this 8th day of February, 2024.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on 8th day of February, 2024.

Filed with the Clerk on February 8, 2024.

Mayor Teri Johnston	<u>Yes</u>
Vice Mayor Sam Kaufman	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Lissette Carey	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Mary Lou Hoover	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Clayton Lopez	<u>Absent</u>
Commissioner Billy Wardlow	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Jimmy Weekley	<u>Absent</u>

TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

KERI O'BRIEN, CITY CLERK