

Keri O'Brien

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Can you add to agenda item #22

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Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 12:13 PM
To: Teri Johnston <tjohnston@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>
Subject: Agenda Item # 22--Expansion of Housing Authority Board From 5-7 Members

Dear Madame Mayor,

I support the addition of two more members on the Key West Housing Authority Board.

Speaking for myself as a resident of Key West, but from my experience as a Planning Board member, I find the diversity of varied backgrounds and experience to be helpful and positive. The most recently appointed new members replaced board members of longstanding (and while this is in no way meant to disparage their contributions over the many years), in my opinion, these new members have offered fresh perspectives, a variety of new questions and opinions and quite frankly, I feel our board has been better off for it. Therefore, I feel that an expansion to the Housing Authority Board would also benefit greatly from fresh perspectives, a variety of experiences and backgrounds that would ultimately be to the benefit of the residents of Key West.

I would also contend that it would be beneficial if sometime in the near future that the board be reconstituted to allow each City Commissioner to make one appointment each to the Board, with the Mayor appointing the Chairperson. It would stand to reason that Affordable Housing is an issue in each district, each Commissioner should be able to appoint someone from their district so that the residents are fully represented on that Board. Also, it would seem that reasonable term limits should be applied to tenure (e.g. no more than 12 years in total). Lastly, I would suggest that in order for any Board or Committee to run to the best of it's ability, that new guidelines be followed that if any member of a Board miss more than thirty percent of the meetings in a single year, that they be replaced by a nominee of the mayor with City Commission approval.

I thank you for your consideration of my suggestions.

Best,

Gregory Lloyd