

## Keri O'Brien

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**From:** Liana Blanco <kwislandgirl305@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 7, 2025 2:09 PM  
**To:** District I; District IV; District II; District V; District III; District VI; Mayor E-Mail; City Manager; City Clerk External E-Mail  
**Cc:** cate.mcneill@myfloridalegal.com; Garrett.J.Ripa@ice.dhs.gov; KWPD Chief; governorrn.desantis@eog.myflorida.com; Liana Blanco  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support Letter for 287g Agreement

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**Dear Key West City Commissioners,**

I write today as a concerned citizen urging you to uphold your sworn oaths to protect the Constitution and enforce the laws of our city, state, and nation. Legal immigration has long been a cornerstone of American prosperity, bringing talent, diversity, and innovation to our communities. But when illegal immigration is tolerated or enabled, it undermines the very principles of fairness and accountability that you pledged to defend. Your recent vote to void the 287(g) agreement with ICE has sparked concern among residents who believe that local cooperation with federal immigration enforcement is essential to maintaining public trust and lawful order.

The 2024 presidential election sent a clear message: voters across the country, including many in Florida, supported Donald Trump's platform to secure the border and prioritize the deportation of undocumented immigrants. His administration has since launched the largest mass deportation campaign in American history, citing both national security and economic fairness. While immigration is a complex issue, the will of the people must be respected—and that includes enforcing existing laws and ensuring that local governments do not obstruct federal efforts.

Here in Key West, we face real challenges that are exacerbated by illegal immigration. The housing crisis continues to deepen, with working families priced out of the market while wages stagnate. Many residents report that contractors and employers are hiring undocumented workers at substandard wages, creating unfair competition and driving down pay for legal residents. This not only harms our local economy—it erodes the dignity of labor and the promise of a living wage for all Americans.

Recent federal cases have highlighted the consequences of ignoring these issues. Contractors who employed undocumented workers off the books have been indicted for tax evasion, wire fraud, and identity theft. These schemes defrauded federal programs and exploited vulnerable workers, while legitimate businesses and taxpayers bore the cost. We must do better. Enforcement of labor laws and immigration statutes is not just about punishment—it's about restoring integrity to our workforce and ensuring that every job pays a fair wage to a legal worker.

I urge you to reconsider policies that weaken our city's ability to cooperate with federal immigration authorities. Upholding your oath means standing for law, fairness, and the well-being of our community. Legal immigration should be celebrated—but illegal practices must be addressed with courage and clarity. Please vote in favor of signing the 287g agreement.

Thank you for your service, and for your commitment to the people of Key West.

**Respectfully,**  
Liana Gonzalez-Blanco  
Key West, FL

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**From:** kwbigbird@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, July 7, 2025 11:02 AM  
**To:** Keri O'Brien  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fw: 287 g

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**From:** "kwbigbird@aol.com" <kwbigbird@aol.com>  
**To:** "Keri O'Brien" <kobrien@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>  
**Sent:** Mon, Jul 7, 2025 at 10:56 AM  
**Subject:** 287 g

Good Morning Keri

Please forward to Mayor Henriquez and Commissioners and City Manager

Mayor Henriquez and Commissioners

The current State of the Union and situation we have in Key West is a direct result of 4 years of open borders and resistance to the rule of law.

We may be living in the "Conch Republic" but you will not win a fight with the Federal Government with loaves of stale Cuban Bread and profanity laced trades.

The fact is...millions of people have invaded Our Country under the previous administration...many have come to our City.

Many have been here for years contributing to our Island City.

Some came under the TPS Program started by Obama.

November 5th changed all of that..

We voted to close the border and to hold people accountable for ignoring the law and enforcing immigration laws..

Once again innocent people pay the price...used by both Parties to advance their agenda or Ideology.

The impact of these millions of immigrants have positive and negative effects on our lives and systems.

Those who came in under the TPS Program are unjustly vulnerable..they have been here for years contributing to our Community.

I oppose ending that Program.

Tonight you have to make a decision...follow the law or succumb to the threats of the opponents of the law.

The decision you make will be contested no matter what.

The fact is...this confrontation...resistance...to the rule of law re immigrants rights has come to a head....and you can thank the previous corrupt administration for that.  
Unfortunately...many good people will pay the price..

Thank you.

Allen Tidball.

Key West

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The following email was received by the webmaster today from Richard McClure. I am forwarding this to you to ensure City management received his communication.

Best,

*Angela Budde*  
IT | City of Key West  
Office: 305-809-3924

**From:** rick mcclure <[rick.w.mcclure@gmail.com](mailto:rick.w.mcclure@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 3, 2025 10:30 AM  
**To:** Web Master <[webmaster@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:webmaster@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Key West - ICE Decision

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Over the past 20 years, we have absolutely loved coming to Key West on nearly an annual basis! We fly into the airport, rent a scooter, and normally stay at a gated community on Atlantic Ave. We absolutely love the place, the restaurants, and just the island vibe.

Unfortunately, with the City's decision/vote to not cooperate with ICE agents (essentially creating a "sanctuary city" and consequences therein), we won't be back to Key West until this situation changes. There are just too many other options available.

The City's decision simply breaks our heart. We normally spend \$10,000-\$12,000 per year in enjoying Key West's rentals, restaurants, and entertainment. That ends today.

Sincerely,  
Richard W. McClure  
Cleveland, TN

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**From:** Keri O'Brien  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 6, 2025 11:36 AM  
**To:** Keri O'Brien  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] 287g = Bye Bye & Never Again

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**From:** Stephen Davenport <[davenport.s@live.com](mailto:davenport.s@live.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 2, 2025 10:29:54 PM  
**To:** District III <[districtIII@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:districtIII@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] 287g = Bye Bye & Never Again

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Dear Mr. Lee,

I hope you're happy with your "decision from the heart" that puts American citizens in harms way by not allowing ICE officials do their job. I wanted to let you know that my "decision from the heart" was to cxl an October & December trip to Key West. I refuse to vacation and spend any more money in a place that flaunts Federal law for heart felt decisions." I've been visiting Key West, twice a year, for the last 24 years. My original plan was for my wife and I to retire in 4 years and the Keys was the destination. That's done. Gone. No more. Never again. Good riddance. You're one of the dumb █████ progressives that make this country a little worse every time you open your mouth. Do us all a favor and hang yourself.

Respectfully,  
A Former Fan Of Key West

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**From:** Charles Robbins <crobbins995@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 3, 2025 10:50 AM  
**To:** City Clerk External E-Mail  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Safety and Character of Key West

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**From:** Charles Robbins <[crobbins995@gmail.com](mailto:crobbins995@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Thu, Jul 3, 2025 at 7:42 AM  
**Subject:** Safety and Character of Key West  
**To:** <[cityclerk@cityofkeywest-fla.gov](mailto:cityclerk@cityofkeywest-fla.gov)>

I find it extremely disturbing that the City Commissioners have decided to encourage and expect local law enforcement to NOT cooperate with ICE. We love Key West for being an inclusive town which fosters goodwill, welcoming surroundings and a safe and clean environment. Reverting to a "sanctuary city" in essence will likely reverse those attributes. Nowhere has an established sanctuary city improved itself or furthered the living conditions and standards of its citizenry. On the contrary crime has increased (whether petty or more serious), property values have been compromised, services for locals are stretched, businesses are hurt, and some flee, because the town/city has become a magnet for those looking for a potential hideaway. Those on the commission who voted for this harmful action are not looking out for the community but merely taking an activist position to the detriment of the residents and visitors. Do the right thing! Charles Robbins, 812 Fleming Street, Key West 33040, ph. 540-589-0089. (part-time resident who was in the process of full-time status).