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Key West City Commissioners and Honorable Mayor Henriquez,

As relatively new residents of 1303 Whitehead Street, Kerri and I wish to thank the City Commissioners and Mayor for deferring by just one month the bid award for the Southernmost Plaza Project. This extra time allowed us and numerous residents of the neighborhood to meet on Thursday the 14th with the City Manager along with the City's Engineering Department, to more fully understand the scope of the project. We were heard and some of our low or no cost change requests we believe are to be presented as part of the final bid approval vote at the City Commission meeting on June 4th. We hope to see the award approved for the construction of the Southernmost Point Plaza Project at the June 4th City Commission meeting.

While the City Commission may proceed with the bid approval without significant delay or changes, we could not miss the article in the Wednesday May 20th Keys Citizen on the project where only one person, a non-neighborhood resident, was quoted and questioned the need for changing the width of South Street which was directly already addressed at the meeting on the 14th.

We were also alerted to a Facebook campaign, by this same person via petition and protest that is planned at the next City Commission meeting, to have the project massively changed or cancelled altogether. We didn't recognize many, if any, of the petition signatories as living in the neighborhood. As far as we knew, the neighborhood had its say at our meeting on the 14th.

What most of the neighborhood wants is for the drainage problems to be addressed and traffic slowed and controlled, and if accepting TDC money for plaza improvements gets the job done, let's get on with it. Tourists are always going to come to Key West at South and Whitehead Streets to see the Southernmost Buoy. We did many times, fell in love with the place and bought our home here. So please, by approving the Southernmost Plaza bid on June 4th, help us make our neighborhood the best it can reasonably be, quickly and safely.

Please add our letter to Item 29 - Southernmost Point Plaza Project at the City Commission meeting on June 4, 2026.

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