

October 9, 2014

The Honorable Craig Cates
Mayor, City of Key West, Florida
3132 Flagler Avenue
Key West, Florida 33040

Delivered by hand

Dear Mayor:

I am writing this letter in support of the request for an easement by property owner Vicki Gordon of 1406 Leon Street. This application will come before you and the City Commission at your October 21 meeting.

The easement process communities use to solve encroachment issues is a longstanding mechanism that works to preserve neighborhoods – particularly in a small island community like Key West with such a rich history.


It is my hope that you will support this easement request and work to persuade your fellow commissioners to approve it.

It is regrettable that only the negative responses are read at these meetings. To mitigate this unbalanced custom, I have included a photograph for your review. I hope you'll share it with your colleague commissioners.

The photo is of Helen Ploss taken by her daughter, Denise Marchant. They have lived in the house across the street since 1963. (The corner with the giant and oldest green button wood tree on the planet.) In the background the wall in question and sidewalk along Washington street can be seen and on the back the date 1981. The Feltons of A&B Lobster House lived there.

I'd like to have the picture back. I'll contact you after your commission meeting to find out how to collect it from you.

With my best regards and thanks to you for your thoughtful consideration of this easement application,


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Enclosure
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