

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA REMOVING LISSETTE CAREY FROM THE POSITION OF VICE-MAYOR OF THE CITY COMMISSION AND NAMING COMMISSIONER DONALD "DONIE" LEE AS VICE-MAYOR; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, following an extensive investigation in response to numerous complaints and reports of unlawful activity within the City of Key West, Florida, the Monroe County Grand Jury, Spring Term 2025, released its Final Report titled "*Unbuilding Trust: The Grand Jury's Findings on Abuse of Power in Paradise*"; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Jury's investigation resulted in a total of seven (7) indictments, related to, or in connection with, their public/official employment with the City of Key West, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Lissette Carey currently holds the position of Vice-Mayor of the City Commission of the City of Key West, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Final Report of the Monroe Couty Grand Jury Spring Term 2025, states Lissette Carey was not charged with criminal violations by the Grand Jury, "...the testimony and evidence of her actions raised many concerns in her decision-making and, more importantly, her ability to serve the city in

her capacity as a commissioner.”; and

WHEREAS, the Final Report of the Monroe County Grand Jury, Spring Term 2025, recommended that “*..in the interest and integrity of the city, Lissette Carey resign from her position as City Commissioner.*”;

WHEREAS, Lissette Carey has not resigned from her position as City Commissioner and still holds the position of Vice-Mayor of the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, based upon the findings and recommendations of the Grand Jury’s Final Report, the Commission finds Lissette Carey should be removed from the position of Vice-Mayor of the City Commission of Key West, Florida to regain the trust of the citizens of this community and maintain the integrity of the Commission;

WHEREAS, in the absence of the Mayor, it is important that an experienced and knowledgeable member of the Commission serve as Vice Mayor; and

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

Section 1: That the Commission finds it is in the best interest of the City of Key West, Florida to remove Lissette Carey from the position of Vice Mayor of the City Commission and Commissioner Donald “Donie” Lee shall replace Commissioner Carey

as Vice Mayor.

Section 2: 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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

AUTHENTICATED by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

Filed with the Clerk on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

Mayor Danise Henriquez	_____
Vice Mayor Lissette Carey	_____
Commissioner Aaron Castillo	_____
Commissioner Monica Haskell	_____
Commissioner Mary Lou Hoover	_____
Commissioner Sam Kaufman	_____
Commissioner Donald "Donie" Lee	_____

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Danise Henriquez, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Keri O'Brien, City Clerk