

## Keri O'Brien

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Keri,

Good afternoon. Providing additional commentary received by the City.

Thank you in advance,

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I am writing in full support of Agenda Item #1. The Commission has an obligation to exercise fiscal responsibility. Allowing various non profits to decide how to utilize taxpayer funds is reckless. Non profits are a valuable asset to helping those in needs in our community. But, history has shown, when tax dollars are just handed to organizations, their annual budgetary requirements leads increase. Many times it is because well meaning individuals do not have to the skills and experience to run an organization. The City already has a finance department. It sounds reasonable that those hired to handle our budgets and financial well being, should be able to properly handle these funds and make sure they are being used to help out the needy in our community.

I also do not understand why, in the 2nd resolution, the money would be blanketed throughout the county. If any of these groups handle Key West and other parts of the Keys, it seems logical that the City

should be involved to make sure that our taxes, are properly being doled out to the residents of this community first.

We are a very generous community. I personally have used my own money and elbow grease, to put food on the table of those that need help- especially around Holiday Time. I, also, am very support active of my tax contributions to help those in need. But- our money must be handled in the most responsible of ways

Mark

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