As a lifelong resident of Key West and the owner and broker of a local real estate company, I am writing in strong support of the Lopez family and Kino Plaza's application to get their Business Tax Receipt. I have lived in this community for all of my 58 years, and I have seen firsthand how deeply Kino Sandals and Kino Plaza are woven into the fabric of our island's history and economy.

For decades, Kino Plaza has served not only as the home of an iconic local business, but as a gathering place for our community. I have personally attended events held in the plaza's courtyard long before the current codes were established, and I know that these activities have always been a positive part of old town Key West's character.

It is disheartening to see such a well-respected, long-standing family business face obstacles simply for trying to follow proper procedure and do things the right way. The Lopez family has always acted in good faith, and their continued success directly benefits our local economy and preserves an important piece of Key West's cultural heritage.

I respectfully ask that you support the Kino Plaza appeal and allow this family to continue operating as they have for generations — with integrity, community spirit, and dedication to the city we all love.

With gratitude, Jaime Caballers

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