

## Keri O'Brien

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Hi

I was unable to send this email through city website. I am in opposition to the rate increase for liveboards

The proposed budget plan to increase the Liveboard rental slip fee by essentially 100% over the course of two years will cause a significant hardship forcing many like me out of the Marina. This is evident by the voices of my concerned neighbors and the already 18 Liveboard boats for sale. We have never been subject to such an exorbitant slip rental fee increase as the one which is being proposed. Had I known this substantial of a rental fee increase would have been possible when purchasing and joining the Marina, I like many others would have reconsidered. The proposed rental hike is simply far too high for many of us to reasonably afford. As more residents, and those parts of the workforce like myself have seen the continued lack of affordable housing options in Key West, I am dismayed that my friends and neighbors may be another group potentially pushed out of the area and perhaps even the Florida Keys. Most in the City discuss the need to keep and provide more affordable housing options. This is an example of a time action can be taken on a more fair and equitable proposal to be made and put forward. I ask that action be taken which does not have such a large rental increase being passed on to so few, causing such a significant hardship to those in our community. Thank you

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