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eren't having food on the nds and out of school. So, as just really upsetting to nd I really wanted to do hing to help change that." litionally, during a recent be County School District meeting, demographic s revealed 72.8% of students iciana are economically rantaged. Data from 1 Adams revealed 80.1% of tudents are economically rantaged. Of these students, Iso qualify for free or ed lunch. en took all of these points onsideration and brought ea to the SOS Foundation t formulating a plan. In

this partnership, Green would come up with fundraising and the SOS Foundation would be able to order and provide the food for distribution.

Green said in the beginning, volunteer efforts looked like her and a small group waiting at Bernstein Park handing out meals to children getting off the bus. Her plan was to make sure kids had meals to enjoy once they arrived back home or to save for the weekend.

However, Green said, as the program continued, she made some adjustments.

"The kids were eating them right as they were getting off the bus, and not really quite saving it for the weekends," Green said.
"And then you know, some of the things were perishable so there's a little bit of nervousness around that."

Through personal observations and surveys given out to teachers at the schools, Green fine-tuned the program to address the need for shelf-stable mid-day snacks.

"We were realizing a lot of kids didn't have anything to eat during the snack periods in class," said Green.

Green then worked with the SOS Foundation to make the transition, making sure they would be providing both nutritious and popular options for the kids. Green explained that now she and a group of volunteers go to the SOS Kitchen to pack bags with various snacks once a month. The SOS Foundation then brings these snacks into the classrooms, which are intended to be readily available for students.

SOS Foundation Executive Director Morgan Tracey said these snacks have guaranteed that kids have the peace of mind that food is always available and that they won't feel excluded if other students bring in snacks. Teachers have also shared in surveys that kids are more attentive than before.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO USE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS

The City of Key West, Florida (the "City") hereby provides notice, pursuant to section 197.3632(3)(a), Florida Statutes, of its intent to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem special assessments to be levied within the Incorporated area of the City, for the cost of providing fire services commencing for the Fiscal Year beginning on October 1, 2026 and continuing until discontinued by the City. The City will consider the adoption of a resolution electing to use the uniform method of collecting such assessments authorized by section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, at a public hearing to be held at 9:00 a.m. on December 2, 2025 at the Commission Chambers, City Hall, 1300 White Street, Key West, Florida. Such resolution will state the need for the levy and will contain a legal description of the boundaries of the real property subject to the levy. Copies of the proposed form of resolution, which contains the legal description of the real property subject to the levy, are on file at the City Clerk's office, located at City Hall - 1300 White Street, Key West, Florida. All interested persons are invited to attend.

In the event any person decides to appeal any decision by the City with respect to any matter relating to the consideration of the resolution at the above-referenced public hearing, a record of the proceeding may be needed and in such an event, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the public hearing is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should call the TTY number at 305-809-1000 or the ADA Coordinator at 305-809-3951 at least five business days in advance for sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or materials in accessible format.

DATED this 4th day of November 2025.

By Order of:

Danise Henriquez, Mayor

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