

To: City of Key West Planning Department  
Date: January 8, 2025

RE: Minor Development Plan – 218 Duval Street (RE# 00001400-000000)

We are reaching out to you because we have learned that Linda Turek is applying for permits that will allow her to open an outside music venue on the corner of Caroline Street and Telegraph Lane. We want to make you aware of our personal experience when we lived across the street from Hank's, located at 409 Caroline Street. Hank's is also an outside music venue owned by Linda Turek, which adversely affected our lives in a profound way.

In December of 2021 we came to Key West and moved into one of the rental houses at 410 Caroline Street. Although the house is beautiful and in a very desirable location in Key West, nothing could have prepared us for the extremely loud hard rock/country "music" that Hank's played from 1:00 in the afternoon to midnight and beyond, sometimes to 2 am in the morning. Even sitting inside the house, the music was so loud you could barely carry on a conversation, and it was pointless trying to watch TV. As you can imagine, sleeping became very difficult.

We reached out to Key West code enforcement on numerous occasions. At first we would call them at night, when the music was unbearable. They said they would "investigate", but to our knowledge no action was ever taken. We then went to code enforcement during the day and were told that we would have to call code enforcement at night, when the music was loudest. Of course, calling them at night did nothing. One day Jimmy Young from code enforcement called. He said that there was nothing code enforcement could do because Hank's was located in a commercial district and was allowed to play music at extremely high levels. We knew this was not true as Hank's is actually located in an HRO which has very strict noise restrictions. I asked Mr. Young what noise readings they had obtained when code enforcement officers were sent out to Hank's to investigate our complaints. He told us that they had been unable to obtain any readings because every time code enforcement came out to Hank's the wind was blowing too hard for them to take a reading. At that point we realized that code enforcement was never going to take our complaint seriously or investigate the noise level in any way.

Due to the continuing and relentless noise coming from Hank's, we felt we had no choice but to move from our residence at 410 Caroline Street. In our opinion, the noise from Hank's made the house at 410 Caroline Street uninhabitable. We are now concerned that if Linda Turek is given the opportunity to open another outside music venue, the residents living on or around this new outside music venue will be subjected to a relentless barrage of loud music playing late into the night. We have already heard from tenants currently living at 410 Caroline Street, that if the owner of Hank's, Linda Turek, is allowed to open another outside music venue across the street from where they now live, they will have no choice but to move. Therefore, we are asking you to please deny the permits that would allow this to happen,

Sincerely,

Mary and Leonard Lind