

Dear Kimberly Barua, Donna Phillips, and Zoe Porter:

We are writing to voice our support for the transfer of the remaining transient license from the Carriage Trade House of the Studios of Key West to 430 Fleming Street. This topic is on the agenda for discussion at the City Planning Board this Thursday, November 17.

The Studios of Key West is one of our most important cultural institutions. This transfer will benefit our island community by enabling the Studios to complete its Carriage Trade House renovation at no cost to the City. The Carriage Trade House is devoted to The Residency Program which brings artists from around the world to Key West. The Carriage Trade House renovation has permitted a 25% increase in support for artists — with better facilities — and has now become a place for artists and the community to meet.

Hopefully, the Planning Board will approve the requested transfer.

Respectfully,
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