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City Commissioners,

As you know, the City of Key West currently owns the Spalding Court and Truesdale Court campuses. Restrictive covenants established through agreements between the City of Key West and the United States Navy still require that the property be used in perpetuity for public benefit purposes.

Since 1998, the site has served as a hub for homeless services, with organizations including MARC House, AH of Monroe County, Florida Keys Outreach Coalition, Domestic Abuse Shelter, Volunteers of America, Samuel's House, Florida Keys Children's Shelter, and Catholic Charities-providing shelter, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, food, and clothing for the Key West community.

The 11 buildings on campus have exceeded their useful life. A six-phase redevelopment plan, of which MARC will be in phase two, will replace them with modern residential care and housing facilities for men, women, women with children, and families, expanding capacity from 271 to approximately 286 residents. We at MARC are advocating that these critical redevelopment plans stay in place, as they are essential to the continued growth of Key West, and the continued protection and provision of housing for our most vulnerable populations.

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