Dear City of Key West Officials,

I am writing in favor of the Lopez family and their request for a Business Tax Receipt for Kino Plaza. I have been a tenant in Kino Plaza since 1984, operating my cigar business there for more than four decades. During that time, I have witnessed and participated in countless community events held in the plaza's courtyard—events that have brought locals and visitors together and contributed to the spirit of Key West.

The use of the courtyard for gatherings and events has been a long-standing part of life at Kino Plaza, existing before many of the codes now in place. Allowing Kino Plaza to continue this tradition under a proper Business Tax Receipt would not only preserve a piece of local history but would also benefit neighboring businesses like mine that rely on shared foot traffic and activity in the plaza.

I kindly ask for your support of the Lopez family's appeal so they can continue operating as they always have — responsibly, and in a way that benefits our community.

Best Regards,

Juana DiFabio

Rodriguez Cigars