

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

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