

March 13, 2014

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Dear Mayor Cates and the Members of the City of Key West Commission :

On behalf the Health Council of South Florida (HCSF), the state designated planning agency for the Monroe County Local Coordinating Board for Transportation Disadvantaged Services (LCB), I would like to express our support for the draft City of Key West ordinance related to the additional wheelchair accessible vehicles for hire.

Board Members

Robert C. Arnold, Esq.

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The LCB was established by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) under Chapter 427 of the Florida Statue to accomplish the coordination of transportation services provided to the transportation disadvantaged." The mission of CTD is to ensure the availability of efficient, cost-effective, and quality transportation services for the transportation disadvantaged (TD). The LCB has a stated goal of providing a cohesive network of transportation for the citizens and visitors of Monroe County.

The LCB is the oversight body for the Community Transportation Coordinator and provides a forum for the TD population in the community. The Board advocates for improved transportation and coordination of services to meet the needs of local residents.

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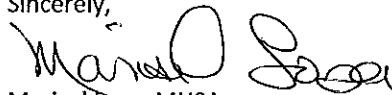
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As such, we fully endorse the ordinance, and request you approve it unanimously on second reading. Transportation options are limited and there is a clear need to provide transportation to all TD residents and visitors. Additional taxicabs will offer greater mobility to TD populations in Monroe and will result in a net reduction in the number of private vehicles utilized in the City of Key West.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 305-592-1452.

Sincerely,



Marisel Losa, MHSA
President and Chief Executive Officer

CC: Cheri Smith, MMC, CPM, City Clerk, City of Key West