From: "jim marquardt" <<u>jim@gardenshotel.com</u>> Date: July 15, 2013 8:06:23 AM MDT To: <<u>csmith@keywestcity.com</u>> Subject: Letter to be read July 18th

To whom it may concern:

I want the following statement read into the public record at the City Planning Meeting on Thursday, July 18th at 6:00pm regarding the proposed demolition of the existing rooftop structure on top off the La Concha building:

The TOP as it is referred to is a Key West landmark and a must see for our guests. To remove this from the Key West experience is a step in a direction contrary to what Key West is all about. Changes are understood, however a much better use would be to leave it open to the public and keep the ambiance. This is liken to closing Mallory Square to a private firm. There has to be a point where you our city leaders, put your foot down and say enough.

Jim Marquardt General Manager The Gardens Hotel 526 Angela Street Key West, FL 33040 <u>305-304-7683</u> C <u>305-294-2661</u> W http://www.gardenshotel.com

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From: "Leslie Stewart" <<u>lstewart33040@gmail.com</u>> Date: July 15, 2013 8:07:52 AM MDT To: <<u>csmith@keywestcity.com</u>> Cc: <<u>roberthaiman@remingtonhotels.com</u>> Subject: Top of the Concha

To Whom It May Concern:

The Top of the Concha will always hold special memories for me. I first arrived in Key West on the day we seceded from the nation and became the Conch Republic. I was sitting having a drink watching the news at the bar. Wondering what was going on, I asked the bartender if I'd need a passport to return to New York City to which he replied, 'Have another drink and you won't care'. He was correct!

It has always been my 'go to' bar for the view and the only view of the entire town of Key West which would be sorely missed. I am now a permanent resident of Key West and have been for two years and I believe it would be a great loss if we were to lose it. So much of the 'old' Key West and what brought many of us here has already been lost and we certainly don't need to lose another landmark.

Sincerely,

Leslie Stewart

lstewart33040@gmail.com

(646) 675-0322 Cell

From: John Schafer <<u>johnallkey@aol.com</u>> Date: July 15, 2013 8:39:22 AM MDT To: <u>csmith@keywestcity.com</u>, <u>roberthaiman@remingtonhotels.com</u>. Subject: For the Public Record

To whom it may concern:

I wish the following statement read into the public record at the City Planning Meeting on Thursday, July 18th at 6:00pm regarding the proposed demolition of the existing rooftop structure on top off the La Concha building:

The Top is as much a landmark as The Southernmost Point. Its age relevant to the structure it sits upon is irrelevant. La Conchs is hour history. I urge you to not let The Top wither into an upscale spa. I urge you to not permit its death as it is a contributing asset to our history and heritage. Thank you for you consideration.

John Schafer 1214 Glynn Archer Key West, FL33040 From: Garcia-Helen <<u>Garcia-Helen@monroecounty-fl.gov</u>> Date: July 15, 2013 1:14:34 PM MDT To: Smith-Cheri <<u>CSmith@KeyWestCity.Com</u>> Cc: "<u>roberthaiman@remingtonhotels.com</u>" <<u>roberthaiman@remingtonhotels.com</u>> Subject: The Top

To Whom it may Concern; 7-15-2013

The La Concha and the "The Top" has been an iconic feature of our city for decades, and holds a wonderful history, ever since I can remember. The added adventure for people to travel to the top and view our beautiful city on any given day to see our exquisite Island and sunsets, above all else shows people the charm of our town and that we are "Proud" people in preserving it. It is a shame that the history of a monumental building is now in jeopardy to be altered for some other purpose. It's hard to imagine that our city held together by Key Wester's seems to have lost it's importance. We made a mistake when we let so many outsiders come in and change this town, They came because they loved the charm of Key West, but now they want to change it – expanding beyond it's capacity. The Bahamas had the right idea, outsiders have to respect their Island for what it is–people go there to see the uniqueness and we should also hold on to our Islands heritage. I hope that the planning department and investors re-consider the future plans for this historical landmark and preserve it for what is, and was intended to be.

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Thank You

Helen Garcia- Proud to be a Conch! 3310 Harriet Ave Key West, Fl 33040 From: Rene Hatalovsky <<u>rhatalovsky@fkaa.com</u>> Date: July 15, 2013 2:46:05 PM MDT To: "<u>csmith@keywestcity.com</u>" <<u>csmith@keywestcity.com</u>> Subject: PLEASE Share the top of La Concha

To whom it may concern:

I want the following statement read into the public record at the City Planning Meeting on Thursday, July 18th at 6:00pm regarding the proposed demolition of the existing rooftop structure on top of the La Concha bulding:

All my guests from out of town enjoy the top of La Concha as one of their favorite places every time they come to Key West and I always send tourists there for the spectacular view. There aren't many cool places like this left. Can't it at least be shared?

Rene Hatalovsky

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From: Kathryn Watkins <<u>kathypeachpromotions@gmail.com</u>> Date: July 15, 2013 8:42:51 AM MDT To: <u>csmith@keywestcity.com</u> Cc: <u>roberthaiman@remingtonhotels.com</u> Subject: Key West LOVES the TOP

To whom it may concern:

I want the following statement read into the public record at the City Planning Meeting on Thursday, July 18th at 6:00pm regarding the proposed demolition of the existing rooftop structure on top off the La Concha building:

As a return Key West resident since 2008, I plead for this to remain as the best place to see the sunset! I have numerous friends who visit each year and I take them there for a drink every time! Please understand the importance of this to the residents and tourist of our paradise and do not change one thing.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Watkins



Kathryn Watkins, MBA President, Owner/Peach PromotionsMobile:(305) 890-6887Kathypeachpromotions@gmail.comwww.About.me/Kathywatkins





From: "fred" <<u>fredmchugh@earthlink.net</u>> Date: July 16, 2013 6:51:15 AM MDT To: <<u>csmith@keywestcity.com</u>> Subject: Re: city planning meeting

To whom it may concern. It would be a loss for us conchs to not have the top to enjoy, i dont live there now, but when in town its one of my old best places to go and enjoy key west. Fred/Freddy Mchugh.

----- Original Message -----From: Key West Loves The Top To: fredmchugh@earthlink.net Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2013 11:46 PM Subject: Party at The Top

For those of you living in or visiting Key West we'd like to invite you to a party at The Top. **The Top Mustache Party** is happening this Tuesday the 16th at 7:00pm. Invite your friends, wear a mustache if you are feeling creative, come savor a sunset and mingle with The Top supporters.

Also as a reminder to those writing into the City Planning meeting: for submitting your statements and having them read into public record **the deadline is tomorrow Monday, July 15th at noon**. Everyone's thoughts are important. Even a single sentence counts! Email your sentiments to Cheri Smith the City Clerk. Her email is <u>csmith@keywestcity.com</u>. Begin your letter as such:

To whom it may concern:

I want the following statement read into the public record at the City Planning Meeting on Thursday, July 18th at 6:00pm regarding the proposed demolition of the existing rooftop structure on top off the La Concha building:

(Insert your thoughts here)

While you're at it don't hesitate to send the same letter to the Senior VP of Remington Rob Haiman at <u>roberthaiman@remingtonhotels.com</u>.

Thank you all for your contributed energy and support,

Key West Loves The Top

This message was sent to Fred Mchugh by Key West Loves The Top through MoveOn's public petition website. MoveOn Civic Action does not endorse the contents of this message. To unsubscribe or report this email as inappropriate, click here: <u>http://petitions.moveon.org/unsub.html?i=13905-8013433-h7sOTa</u>

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From: Caroline Horn <<u>mcaroline529@aol.com</u>> Date: July 17, 2013 4:39:49 PM MDT To: <u>csmith@keywestcity.com</u> Subject: Support for spa at La Concha

Hi Cheryl,

Mary said you didn't get this note of support from me for the spa, so I'm re-sending it. Will you please respond so that I know you received it this time?

Thanks, Caroline

Dear Commissioners,

I want to commend the owners and managers of La Concha for "cleaning up" the Top. As it is now, from the street and my office as I'm sure from many other offices, restaurants, and businesses, the eye is bombarded with unsightly phone towers, antennae, and other mechanical equipment. Additionally, the meeting room is woefully outdated and under-utilized. I think a beautiful glass spa will be a huge improvement--an airy retreat!

Replacing a bar that is only open for a few hours a day with a spa that can be enjoyed all day is clearly a good thing in terms of use, employment, and revenue--all three of which will have a positive impact on our Island City!

I commend the visionaries behind this project for thinking outside the box and bringing yet another unique and attractive structure to Key West.

Respectfully yours,

Caroline Horn 620 Ashe St. Key West, FL

From: Daniel M Schiavone <<u>shellsharp@aol.com</u>> Date: July 10, 2013 1:00:51 PM MDT To: "<u>csmith@keywestcity.com</u>" <<u>csmith@keywestcity.com</u>> Subject: Key West Loves The Top

To whom it may concern:

I want the following statement read into the public record at the City Planning Meeting on Thursday, July 18th at 6:00pm regarding the proposed demolition of the existing rooftop structure on top of the La Concha building:

I have been a resident of Key West for over seventeen years. My partner and I have spent many of sunsets there. I think it is a benefit towards a better Key West of old nostalgia. Before the streets were paved and the modern outfit that is now Key West unfolded. The LA Concha has stood as an icon in history. Time takes the characteristics of what has been and what is now. The actions that The La Concha are about to undertake will have a impact on the morale and history of Key West. The Owners of this hotel understand that in a changing world it makes sense to improve the way they do business. It is sad to hear that an old friend has gone and becomes a whisper. The sound of a bustling town only seems to grow larger, the quiet askance echos the exact thing we need to be conscious of not only Key West History but of their own. Does it make sense to tell a business what it can do? On there website it states as follows. "A national Landmark in the heart of key west historic district our legendary Key West hotel has been inspiring guest like Ernest Hemingway and Tennessee Williams since 1926. From the moment you step into our iconic hotel you fell relaxed in harmony with our island energy"."Experience Key West's brilliant sunsets at The Top, a rooftop balcony with a bar and tables for capturing breathtaking ocean views" Does this not say enough. I would like to think so. So remember does that energy stay, but the calm and maybe romantic kiss to start a nice vacation. So ask your selves is it worth it.

Sincerely, Daniel M Schiavone Brett A Gordon From: Carol Brooks <<u>carolchris325@att.net</u>> Date: July 12, 2013 1:27:40 PM MDT To: "<u>csmith@keywestcity.com</u>" <<u>csmith@keywestcity.com</u>> Subject: the Top Reply-To: Carol Brooks <<u>carolchris325@att.net</u>>

To whom it may concern:

I want the following statement read into the public record at the City Planning Meeting on Thursday, July 18th at 6:00pm

regarding the proposed demolition of the existing rooftop structure on top of the La Concha bulding:

The Top is an icon in Key West. It is an accessible location for tourists and residents alike to enjoy the uniqueness of the wonderful city of Key West. Changing this so that only paying guests can access this space is unfair to all. This would be one more example of how Key West has become a place only for "paying guests." Changing this venue would effectively eliminating access to a historic view for local residents. Please leave The top as it is.

Chris Novak

From: Alexa Humphreys <<u>nomadicstudios@gmail.com</u>> Date: July 13, 2013 5:00:00 PM MDT To: "<u>csmith@keywestcity.com</u>" <<u>csmith@keywestcity.com</u>> Subject: La Concha

Alexandra Humphreys

1501 Seminary St Apt 1

Key West, FL 33040

To whom it may concern:

I want the following statement read into the public record at the City Planning meeting on Thursday, July 18th at 6:00pm regarding the Peter Pike and Associates Major Development Plan for 430 Duval St:

The transformation of the Top of La Concha from a space enjoyed by all into a guest only spa is a tragedy and grave disservice to the city of Key West. The tallest building in Key West, locals and visitors alike have enjoyed sunsets from its peak since its creation in 1926. La Concha was a symbol of splendor during the roaring 20s, an icon of prosperity on the small but promising island of Key West.

Today we find ourselves at a crossroads. Do we go the route of corporateinterests that irreversibly alters the cultural landscape of Key West? Or do we seek solutions that serve both the needs of companies as well as people? Due to building restrictions La Concha is and will always be the tallest building in Key West. This proposed transformation is the cultural equivalency of turning the viewing decks of the Empire State Building into a tanning salon.

I implore the City of Key West to consider the future of this island and all who are touched by it. I implore both Remington and Ashford Hospitality Trust to be good stewards of this integral piece of Key West tradition. We must preserve this timeless part of Key West heritage.

Sincerely,

Alexandra Humphreys

From: kristin larkin <<u>kristinlarkin1@me.com</u>> Date: July 15, 2013 6:13:02 AM MDT To: "<u>csmith@keywestcity.com</u>" <<u>csmith@keywestcity.com</u>> Subject: Duval will look like a suburban maul!

What will be left of old key west? Fast Bucks is gone , duval willlook like a suburban maul !! Save the roof top . Kristin LoGerfo

Sent from my iPhone

From: Rusty Hodgdon <<u>rusty.the.writer@gmail.com</u>> Date: July 15, 2013 5:09:47 AM MDT To: <u>csmith@keywestcity.com</u> Subject: THE TOP OF LA CONCHA HOTEL

To whom it may concern:

I want the following statement read into the public record at the City Planning Meeting on Thursday, July 18th at 6:00pm regarding the proposed demolition of the existing rooftop structure on top off the La Concha building:

I am a resident of Key West. I have enjoyed the sunsets from the top of the La Concha Hotel for over four years now. It is the best vantage point in the City to do so. I think that, over these many years, access to the top of La Concha has become a matter of "public trust", which the owners of the La Concha should now respect.

Thank you.

Rusty Hodgdon Key West By the Sea Condominiums

Rusty the Writer

From: Pamela Deery <<u>deeryp1@gmail.com</u>> Date: July 15, 2013 5:08:25 AM MDT To: <u>csmith@keywestcity.com</u> Subject: Save the top!!!

Don't get rid of a famous landmark!!!!

--Pam Deery <u>708-946-9797</u> DeeryP1@gmail.com From: Jean Gregory <<u>conchsister@yahoo.com</u>> Date: July 15, 2013 4:19:41 AM MDT To: "<u>csmith@keywestcity.com</u>" <<u>csmith@keywestcity.com</u>>, "<u>roberthaiman@remingtonhotels.com</u>" <<u>roberthaiman@remingtonhotels.com</u>>, "jweekley@keywestcity.com" <<u>jweekley@keywestcity.com</u>>, CLAYTON LOPEZ <<u>CLOPEZ@KEYWESTCITY.COM</u>>, Teri Johnston <<u>tjohnsto@keywestcity.com</u>>, Mark Rossi <<u>mrossi@keywestcity.com</u>>, Billy Wardlow <<u>bwardlow@keywestcity.com</u>>, "<u>tyaniz@keywestcity.com</u>" <<u>tyaniz@keywestcity.com</u>>, "<u>ccates@keywestcity.com</u>" <<u>ccates@keywestcity.com</u>>, "<u>ccates@keywestcity.com</u>" <<u>ccates@keywestcity.com</u>> Subject: SAVE THE TOP - PUBLIC COMMENT - CITY PLANNING MEETING 7/18/13 Reply-To: Jean Gregory <<u>conchsister@yahoo.com</u>>

To Whom It May Concern:

Please read the following comments into the public record at the City Planning meeting on 7/18/13 at 6:00 pm.

SAVE THE TOP FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF KEY WEST

The best and <u>only place</u> to see a panoramic view of Key West is at The Top of the LaConcha, especially now when the Royal Poinciana trees are in bloom. It is priceless. It is also unthinkable to me that our city government would ever consider limiting public access to this <u>one-of-akind</u> experience at The Top. I understand the argument has been made that the current structure at The Top is not historically significant. Whoever made that determination forgot the fact that the building is the <u>only high rise structure on the island</u>, making the entire building including The Top <u>historically unique</u>. Public access to TheTop must be preserved for all of Key West -- its natives, its locals and its visitors. We have lost so much of our historic culture at the altar of "progress." PLEASE SAVE THE TOP FOR ALL OF THE PEOPLE OF KEY WEST.

JEAN GREGORY 1109 GEORGIA ST. KEY WEST, FL 33040 <u>305-293-0902</u> conchsister@yahoo.com From: <u>mjpopovice@aol.com</u> Date: July 15, 2013 2:27:28 AM MDT To: <u>csmith@keywestcity.com</u>

Subject: proposed demolition of the existing rooftop structure on top off the La Concha building:

To whom it may concern:

I want the following statement read into the public record at the City Planning Meeting on Thursday, July 18th at 6:00pm ... regarding the proposed demolition of the existing rooftop structure on top off the La Concha building:

"All that glitters is not gold" ... is a well-known saying, meaning that not everything that looks/sounds precious, turns out to be so.

THIS is SO very true here in Key West - BIGGER / NEWER / MORE / OUT-WITH-THE-OLD ... IN-WITH-NEW / MORE developing,

MORE ships AND BIGGER too, MORE people, MORE cars, NEW houses, NEW and BIGGER schools, MORE, MORE, MORE ...

And is it not funny... The "Old", "Funky", "Colorful" Key West was REALLY your "Pot-of-Gold" ...

The Top of La Concha gives ANY person a VERY REAL and TRUE ISLAND VIEW ... seeing the colorful, funky, HISTORIC Island below you surrounded by water REMINDS locals and gives visitors a wonderful feeling of just where you are ... On a beautiful, colorful, old, funky island AWAY from a main stream of life we left behind.(or tried to ...)

Think about it ... ALL "THAT" WAS GOLD and YOU got rid of it for something NEW AGAIN!

THANK YOU for your time ...

Michael J. Popovice

From: "William J. Toll" <<u>bill@finelinedesign.com</u>> Date: July 15, 2013 12:20:48 AM MDT To: <<u>csmith@keywestcity.com</u>> Subject: City Planning Meeting on Thursday, July 18th

To whom it may concern:

I would request the following statement be read into the public record at the City Planning Meeting on Thursday, July 18th at 6:00pm regarding the proposed demolition of the existing rooftop structure on top of the La Concha building:

The existing rooftop structure of the La Concha building and the policies concerning it's use have real historical significance to the thousands of visitors to the Conch Republic who appreciate significance of Key West as a part of our shared American heritage.

It is a window and a gift to the public into both the past and the future of the city. For vacationers and many locals a visit is, in a word: unique. It is a unique little "secret" enthusiastically shared between fans of Key West. And uniqueness is the single over-riding strength that Key West possesses.

Thanks,

William J. Toll Fine Line Design From: Nena Guzzi <<u>nagguzzi@yahoo.com</u>> Date: July 14, 2013 11:45:03 PM MDT To: "<u>csmith@keywestcity.com</u>" <<u>csmith@keywestcity.com</u>> Subject: La concha Roof Top

Me and my husband have been here 4 years every military christmas party we have up there . There are so many memory's up there . It would be so sad to see it gone. Key west is slowly but surely changing for the worst. Really disappointed

Nena Guzzi

Sent from my iPad

From: Wade Bunting <<u>ironmaster333@yahoo.com</u>> Date: July 14, 2013 10:00:27 PM MDT To: "<u>csmith@keywestcity.com</u>" <<u>csmith@keywestcity.com</u>> Subject: To whom it may concern.

I must say I feel it is not right to tell someone what to do with there property. However, I feel someone who is sitting behind a desk not here is micro managing from behind a desk. They have never scene the view from The Top. Save our Island. I send at least 60-100 people each month. Thank you Capt. Wade Bunting. Sent from my iPhone From: <jager128@gmail.com> Date: July 14, 2013 11:43:28 AM MDT To: "<u>csmith@keywestcity.com</u>" <<u>csmith@keywestcity.com</u>> Subject: I want the following statement read into the public record at the City Planning Meeting on Thursday, July 18th at 6:00pm regarding the proposed demolition of the existing rooftop structure on top of the La Concha building

Sent from Windows Mail

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Allow The Top to remain a public access joy for ALL visitors to Kew West. Don't limit it to a service industry catering to a chosen few.

Don't do it. That simple. The real and historic uniqueness of Key West is fast fading into a rich person's crowned memory.

Key West's economy is based on average tourists, in volume, supporting the city. Why do they come and do that, BECAUSE of unique treats such as The Top, not in spite of them.

Thousands have instructed those they encourage into vacationing in Key West to MAKE SURE they visit The Top, for the best and most unique view of the island.

We do not need another spa. But more importantly, we do NOT need a spa which takes so much away from so many.

So, don't do it.

Look to the future and thousands of other ways to make money. You can never look to the future to see what we have lost. And confirming what we have lost in the future is simply too late.

Don't think a dollar today in any way replaces this precious view and experience thousands walk away with for a lifetime — and will tell others, as well as their family, to go experience for themselves.

Key West has changed in so many ways — and not usually for the better. You have a chance to do something better, right here, right now.

Make the choice to preserve Key West before no one cares anymore, since it will fast become just another bar town with expensive stores, What I grew up knowing as "the Key West feeling", will never be experienced by the dwindling number of tourists, who have hundreds of alternative places, where the views remain spectacular. The Top is our ONLY spectacular view.

The Top is a metaphor of what Key West can be, should be, and needs to be.

Losing The Top, means Key West will lose, now and forever.

From: Kaulfurst <<u>kaul1st@gmail.com</u>> Date: July 14, 2013 11: 19: 43 AM MDT To: <u>csmith@keywestcity.com</u> Cc: <u>roberthaiman@remingtonhotels.com</u>

Subject: I want the following statement read into the public record at the City Planning Meeting on Thursday, July 18th at 6:00pm regarding the proposed demolition of the existing rooftop structure on top of the La Concha building:

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Thank you,

JR

From:	Katrina Cool
To:	kcool@keywestcity.com
Subject:	Top of La Concha
Date:	Thursday, July 11, 2013 10:32:27 AM

------ Forwarded message ------From: Karen Strecker <<u>karen_strecker@yahoo.com</u>> Date: Tue, Jul 9, 2013 at 4:47 PM Subject: Top of La Concha To: "<u>csmith@keywestcity.com</u>" <<u>csmith@keywestcity.com</u>> Cc: "<u>roberthaiman@remingtonhotels.com</u>" <<u>roberthaiman@remingtonhotels.com</u>>

To whom it may concern:

I want the following statement read into the public record at the City Planning Meeting on Thursday, July 18th at 6:00pm regarding the proposed demolition of the existing rooftop structure on top of the La Concha bulding:

To turn the Top of La Concha into a private, members only spa would be a serious injustice not only to all the locals and visitors who enjoy going up to the highest-most point in the Southernmost city, but to the City of Key West itself. So much of the island is visable from that vantage point and being able to see from one end of the island to the other is quite a unique experience. Sunsets from the Top are meant to be shared with all, not just the select few who hold the purse strings and try to control what should not be theirs alone.

Membership in the private spa: \$ X X X X

Spa treatment: \$ X X X

View from The Top: PRICELESS !!!

I only wish that I were able to be there in person to voice my objection to this proposed demolition. Please consider NOT destroying such a wonderful landmark, a place to see and be seen. I'd hate to see the sun set on one of the most fabulous places to see the sun set!!! Sincerely,

Karen H. Strecker 104 - 2 Southard Street Key West, FL 33040

and

420 Central Avenue #10 New Orleans, LA 70121

From:	Katrina Cool
To:	kcool@keywestcity.com
Subject:	please don"t close the Top
Date:	Thursday, July 11, 2013 10:31:36 AM

------ Forwarded message ------From: **Artyboy.Jr** <<u>artyboy.jr@gmail.com</u>> Date: Tue, Jul 9, 2013 at 11:55 PM Subject: please don't close the Top To: <u>csmith@keywestcity.com</u>

Good day,

I really want to make certain that my opinion is heard on this matter. The Top needs to stay open as a venue for tourists and locals alike. It's one of the things I recommend to every hotel guest I encounter. The idea of cutting the space up and using it as a day spa is off-putting, at best.

Maybe the management team at La Concha need to reevaluate this idea. It could be a huge success if the staffing was kicked up a notch.

Warm Regards,

Rich Simone

Sincerely, Cheri Smith, MMC, CPM City Clerk City of Key West <u>305-809-3835</u> csmith@keywestcity.com

From:	Katrina Cool
То:	kcool@keywestcity.com
Subject:	The TOP TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
Date:	Thursday, July 11, 2013 10:31:56 AM

------ Forwarded message ------From: Lynda <<u>Dogdaze911@aol.com</u>> Date: Wed, Jul 10, 2013 at 12:17 AM Subject: The TOP TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN To: "<u>csmith@keywestcity.com</u>" <<u>csmith@keywestcity.com</u>>

To whom it may concern,

I live in Marathon, whenever I have company I take them to see the fabulous Keys sunset from the Top. Mallory Square is way too touristy, so I show them my favorite local gem on the island which is the TOP. There's usually a breeze, stunning sunset, and a view of the entire Island, without battling the crowds. We always have a drink on the Top, as our way of paying for the scenery. I completely support saving this lovely hidden gem in Key West.

Sincerely,

Lynda DeField,

Sent from Lynda's iPad

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Dear Commissioners and Planning

I sincerely hope we find a way to stop "structural" construction of a building downtown as well as any demolitions of existing safe structures, in particular on a "rooftop" of our tallest building.

This is not asking for a repair.

And by the way another spa?

The Top of the La Concha is a landmark, Remington properties wanting to or not to recognize this fact.

The Spotswoods are the land/building owners, please you as well do not allow this to be done to your building. For goodness sake you all are conchs.

Find any loophole and any thing that can stop this. Public input should count a lot on this.

This is a place we all have a story, a wonderful memory.

And by the way, Remington, put in a good bartender maybe food and make more money than a spa would!

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