



## THE CITY OF KEY WEST

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To: The City Commission for the City of Key West

From: Ron Ramsingh, Assistant City Attorney & Kevin Bond, Planning Department

Date: July 28, 2014

RE: The creation and placement of the Bishop Albert Kee statue at the Southernmost Point.

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### **Action statement:**

This is a proposed resolution sponsored by Commissioner Clayton Lopez, that amends Resolution #10-328 and furthers the spirit of Resolution #03-372 regarding the creation and placement of a bronze statue of Bishop Albert Kee at the Southernmost Point.

### **Background:**

In 2003 and again in 2010 the City Commission resolved to create and place a bronze statue of Bishop Albert Kee to be erected at the Southernmost Point. The statue was never so created and placed because of a lack of funding sources. The City Commission amended Sec. 2-487 in 2011 (Art in Public Places funding), to mandate a 1% fee to be paid on all qualifying new construction and all qualifying major remodeling projects. This amendment has energized the public purpose of public art in Key West. This project has already been approved by AIPP and is shovel ready according to the AIPP board. Of further note, in the recent months the AIPP board has sought status as a 501(c)(3) organization for the City of Key West to solicit tax free contributions and the city fully expects to realize a marked improvement in fund raising for public art as a result.

### **Options:**

1. To pass the proposed resolution and finally construct this well-deserved, previously approved, and long awaited statue of this iconic figure to the citizens of Key West; 14 years since the idea was conceived and first approved by the AIPP board and City Commission.

The creation and placement of the statue will take priority over all other projects currently on the AIPP agenda.

2. To disapprove the resolution and this twice previously approved project will continue to flounder.

**Recommendation:**

Option #1.