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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Objection Letter -Suellen Crowley (RE: 1200-1212 White Street)

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1/20/22 Hello Donna. My neighbor Suellen Crowler\y (1204 Duncan) is having problems with her computer (who isn't?!). She has texted me her letter to the Planning Board (below) and asked me to forward it on to you for filing. Thank you. Linda

Suellen Crowley
1204 Duncan Street
Key West, FL 33040

January 19, 2022

TO: Donna Phillips
Planning Department
City of Key West, FL 33040

Re: Objection to Special Exception for Sale of Alcohol at 1200-1212 White Street Date of Hearing: January 20, 2022

Dear Planning board Members,

I would like to introduce myself to you. I am a local artist with a great interest and experience in Historic Preservation. In the past I have been an active member of our local Historical Society, serving as President for many years. I have also been a founding member of our local Business Association and have also owned a retail store in that town.

I've owned a home and lived within 300 feet of this property for the past five years. I am very concerned about the quality of our lives in this neighborhood if the application for the sale of alcohol is allowed at this site. What has always appealed to me about this neighborhood is living in a light commercial area that has such a hometown feeling. Business owners are conscientious regarding the care of their property, are friendly and low-key, not disturbing their neighbors nor creating inconvenience or discomfort to their residential neighbors.

I have been surprised by the seeming carelessness of the owner of 1200-1212 White Street. The empty lot is an eyesore, the retail shops do not seem to have regularity to their hours, and the signage and lighting do not encourage people to feel welcome or to shop. Delivery trucks block traffic on White Street and cause a danger to pedestrians. Trash cans and dumpsters are scattered about, and it is a real eyesore in an otherwise well-cared-for area.

It is my understanding that the property is for sale, so I am not surprised that this owner feels no responsibility to his neighbors. It seems as though adding the sale of alcohol appears to him to have some financial value to a sale, rather than having a social responsibility to his neighbors. I am also very concerned about our property value if the sale of alcohol is allowed. This is a full-time residential neighborhood as you know. I would like to see that respected and protected. You can help by denying this special exception, which would benefit all the property owners and businesses, rather than just one...who is leaving.

Thank you for your understanding and your time.

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