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**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 12:45 PM  
**To:** Patrick Wright; Virginia Haller; George Wallace; Natalie Hill; Shawn D. Smith  
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**Subject:** Appeal of Alcohol Sales Special Exception - 700 Eaton Street

To whom it may concern:

The Christian Science Society of Key West is a church which has been located at 327 Elizabeth Street since 1919. We share space with a second church, the Quaker Meeting of Key West.

Our two churches are located within 300 feet of 700 Eaton Street, whose owners have requested an Alcohol Sales Exception to the Key West Ordinance which forbids alcohol sales within 300 feet of a church.

By unanimous vote of the Christian Science Society Board of Directors, and with strong support from our members and from the Quaker Meeting, we would like to appeal the approval of the Alcohol Sales Exception for 700 Eaton Street by the Key West Planning Board on April 20, 2017.

Please advise if you need any additional information from us to confirm the appeal to the City Commission.

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# CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY, KEY WEST, FL

327 Elizabeth Street, Key West, FL 33040

May 17, 2017

RE: Alcohol Sales Exception 700 Eaton  
Resolution # 2017-13

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By unanimous vote of the Christian Science Society Board of Directors, and with strong support from our members and from the Quaker Meeting, as well as many neighbors, we hereby appeal the approval of the Alcohol Sales Exception for 700 Eaton Street by the Key West Planning Board on April 20, 2017.

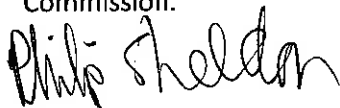
A check for \$1000 is being provided to the City of Key West as part of the filing of this appeal.

We have been opposed to this request for an alcohol exemption from the first time we were notified of the request. However, our opposition is only stronger after hearing the Applicants and their attorney present their current business plans to the Planning Board on April 20.

- 1) The Planning Board set a restriction that no bottle of wine under \$25 can be sold by the store, but the Applicant clearly stated that he wants to sell \$5 bottles of wine as part of their business plan. This is a complete contradiction to the way he has tried to sell his "upscale wine shop" to the neighbors, including our two churches.
- 2) The applicants stated that their wine tastings of FREE wine will be available to any member of the public over the age of 21. We are extremely concerned that following their four wine tastings a month there will be a risk of vagrancy on our property, with our parking lot being the closest open lot to 700 Eaton Street.

In addition, we want it on the record that the letter from the late Gloria Shaw dated December 1, 2015 was her personal opinion as clearly stated in the letter, and was NEVER meant as an expression of the will of our church. In any case, from the public statements of the Applicants and their attorney at the Planning Board hearing on April 20, it is clear that their own vision for the "wine shop" today is very different from whatever they told Mrs. Shaw in December 2015, so that letter is now completely irrelevant to the City Commission decision about this matter.

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