

**Keri O'Brien**

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**From:** Teri Johnston  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2021 7:40 AM  
**To:** Keri O'Brien  
**Subject:** FW: KWA Board Size

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**From:** Caroline McGuire <carolinemcgu@gmail.com>  
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**Cc:** Teri Johnston <tjohnston@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>  
**Subject:** KWA Board Size

Dear Commissioners,

As a resident of Key West, FL living at 300 Truman Avenue, I am writing in **support of Key West Mayor Teri Johnston's proposal to increase the size of the Key West Housing Authority's (KWA) board from five to seven** commissioners as soon as possible.

Expansion of the KWA board, the first in its 83-year history, would bring more specialized knowledge onto the authority board and increase transparency on a board where three of its five members have been in place for decades. Expansion of the commission would also provide an opportunity for appointments that better reflect the racial, cultural, gender, and age diversity of our community.

Although I value the decades of experience and commitment to service the KWA commissioners have given, I believe taking steps to increase the board from five to seven members is the change we need in bringing new life to the board. I respectfully ask that you support Mayor Johnston's efforts to integrate the board with new board members' experience while incorporating the historical knowledge of 134 years of combined expertise already in place.

Sincerely,

Caroline McGuire