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To: Vanessa T. Sellers
Subject: letter of opposition to 2407-2409 N. Roosevelt Blvd.
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In regards to the major development plan on 2407-2409 North Roosevelt Blvd.

Please consider the short and long term effects of this venture. For me personally, it can mean loss of business income or worse. I am the general partner of commercial property on North Roosevelt Blvd. I am also a Conch descendant, who spent the first 30 years of her life in Key West. I have seen exponential growth over the years, some good and some bad. I am all for progress and responsible building; however, Key West has a limit of land, and thus, livable space. This development will cause traffic congestion where businesses are prominent. Some have already addressed the parking issues surrounding this, but what about the traffic effect on business along this portion of Roosevelt Blvd.? In prior years, just repairs and "improvements" done on the Blvd. managed to ruin business and some closed. The traffic is difficult as it is, and this is adding a floating residential neighborhood, with year-round traffic of new residents, service vehicles, onsite workers, utility workers, etc., where there happens to be 'little -to-none' land or parking. Traffic will be adversely affected and so will business on the Blvd. and thus, the result and irony of more workforce housing.

In addition, housing on the water, instead of land, creates problems which are not easily solved. Waste water will have to be pumped. With non-residential business, waste water is minimal, but with residential it will not be minimal. If failure happens with equipment and it is a floating marina of residential housing; there is a much greater possibility of contamination in ocean water. When a hurricane hits, the possibility of this equipment and pump to fail (or break) is greater. Repair and maintenance is costly, and more difficult. Qualified help for this will have to come from out of town, (unless there is a company established there now). Then there is wind damage from a hurricane, which will not only be more expensive for those in workforce housing, but also for others around them. Movable structures 'will move' and damage from these far greater.

There is also concern of trash. Whenever (and wherever) people have lived on the water around Key West, that area has inevitably become an underwater dumpsite with old shoes, garbage, fishing gear, cans, etc. If you have a community of people living on the water, then there will be a lot of trash. The yard will happen to be the ocean water, and even if people are extremely careful, it just happens. It is much easier to go out and clean up a yard, but who is going to be cleaning ocean bottom? I think that land should be required for housing in Key West, which is an island, and an easily overburdened one.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my concerns,

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