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To: **Mr. Bob Eadie and Dr. Mark Whiteside**, Monroe County Health Department
Dr. John Norris and Mr. David Clay, Lower Keys Medical Center

Gentlemen:

The recent significant increase in C19 cases in the Florida Keys and in Key West in particular has caused great concern for our community. The City Commission will greatly appreciate your direct recommendations pertaining to specific decisions that have been made or will be made related to policy aimed to reduce its spread. I along with my colleagues have sought to form public policy based upon the best scientific information available and the recommendations of public health officials.

Would you please answer the following questions to assist us at our meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 2020? Would you please answer yes or no (if possible) and then provide a scientific basis for your response?

1. Are the current City of Key West mask regulations consistent with public health recommendations to reduce the spread of Covid 19? Yes or no? Should exceptions be made that are not currently considered?
2. The City of Key West has considered canceling all large major events which attract large crowds through the end of 2020. Is this consistent with public health recommendations? Yes or no?
3. With the increase of Covid hospitalizations, what is the threshold for increased cases that will trigger a higher level of alert? What is the current hospital status? What are the protocols related to the levels of alert prompting required additional resources?
4. What are your recommendations related to the renewal of the checkpoint in the Upper Keys? Does this depend on the level of hospitalizations?

Do you have any additional recommendations for the City of Key West? Your input is and will continue to be greatly appreciated and beneficial for all of us.

Sincerely,

Samuel J. Kaufman
Vice Mayor

Key to the Caribbean – Average yearly temperature 77° F.