

**Florida Keys Funeral Services, LLC  
Dean-Lopez Funeral Home  
418 Simonton Street  
Key West, Fl. 33040**

November 17, 2015

City of Key West  
Planning Department  
Melissa Paul-Leto  
Planner Analyst  
P.O. Box 1409  
Key West, Fl 33040

RE: Proposed Alcohol Sales Exception for 512 Fleming Street; Gary Onderdonk

Dear Ms. Paul-Leto:

In response to your notification that the City Of Key West Planning Board will consider a request by Gary Onderdonk for an Alcohol Sales Exception, I would like to express my objection to this exception.

As the owner and operator of Dean-Lopez Funeral Home, I respectfully request that the City enforce its existing City Ordinance which prohibits alcohol sales to patrons within 300' of a church or Funeral Home.

Additionally, concerns would include the potential that the proposed establishment could result in disruption of family services as they are grieving the passing of loved ones. There already exists very restrictive parking in this area and the addition of a 'bar' would further intensify the stress of finding parking while a person attends a funeral.

As a long term, established business owner in this area, I request that the Planning Board deny the request of Gary Onderdonk for an Alcohol Sales Exception for the purposes of providing liquor sales to its restaurant guests.

Respectfully,

  
J. Robert Dean

Owner

Dean-Lopez Funeral Home

**Donna L. Dean Rev. Trust  
Donna and Bob Dean  
418 Simonton Street  
Key West, Fl. 33040**

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Dear Ms. Paul-Leto:


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As the owner of residential property at 418 Simonton Street, I respectfully request that the City enforce its existing City Ordinance which prohibits alcohol sales to patrons within 300' (which in reality is less than 100') of my residential property.

My concerns would include the fact that the City of Key West established this Ordinance with the intent to protect and preserve the City's neighborhoods. To grant an exception would increase traffic congestion which already exists in this neighborhood. I, along with other residents in the neighborhood, would have to regularly compete for limited parking in the area. Furthermore, the addition of an alcohol establishment would degrade the integrity of this historic neighborhood and demonstrates the start of the Duval Street Crawl into residential areas.

As a long term residential property owner in this area, I request that the Planning Board deny the request of Gary Onderdonk for an Alcohol Sales Exception for the purposes of providing liquor sales to its restaurant guests.

Respectfully,

  
J. Robert Dean  
Owner and Representative  
Donna Louise Dean Rev. Trust



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Key West

401 Duval St., Key West, FL 33040  
Phone: 305-296-5142 Fax: 305-294-6687  
Rector, The Reverend Larry D. Hooper  
[www.stpaulskeywest.org](http://www.stpaulskeywest.org)



September 10, 2015

To Whom It May Concern,

St. Paul's Episcopal Church does not oppose the application and granting of a wine consumption license to "Thirsty Mermaid" located at 521 Fleming Street, Key West, FL, 33040.

We are happy to have them as neighbors and wish them continued success in their business.

Sincerely yours,

Amy M. Gage  
Office Administrator  
St. Paul's Church Episcopal Church

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Key West, FL 33040  
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**November 23, 2015**


**Key West Planning Board  
3140 Flagler Avenue  
Key West, FL 33040**

**Dear Planning Board Members,**

**My name is Steven Pribramsky. I am the owner and operator of Pribramsky & Company, CPAs, located at 937 Fleming Street.**

**I wanted to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming Street. I think it will be a great enhancement to our community and be enjoyed by the locals of Key West as well as tourists.**

**Sincerely,**



**Steven R Pribramsky, CPA, CFE**

**Cc: Kristen Onderdonk**

# THE PETRONIA ISLAND STORE

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KEY WEST FLORIDA

TYLER BUCKHEIM  
owner  
305-393-7636  
[petroniaislandstore@gmail.com](mailto:petroniaislandstore@gmail.com)  
12/7/2015

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Tyler Buckheim. I am the business owner and property owner of the Petronia Island Store, located at 801 Whitehead st.

I want to take the time to voice my full support and approval for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming Street. I think it would be a great addition to our community. I personally am looking forward to going to this restaurant and think it will also be enjoyed by visitors to our island. It's going to be owned and operated by talented locals who understand key west and want to see the community and local economy prosper. I believe that it will only be beneficial for our community and as a nearby business owner want to see them be given the opportunity to add something positive to downtown key west.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to my input,  
Sincerely,  
Tyler Buckheim

To: City of Key West, Planning Board Members

November 25, 2015

My name is Linda Shield and I am a local resident for over 20 years and a business owner in Key West, Florida.

My intent is to respectfully request the Planning Board approve the applied for beer and wine license for The Thirsty Mermaid at 521 Fleming Street, Key West.

Key West thrives on quality restaurants for locals and tourists and having options is vital to our economy. The owners of this restaurant have proven their diligence and commitment to this community through the operations of their other successful restaurants in Key West. This restaurant will truly enhance this location, in addition to benefiting neighborhood businesses and residents.

Thank you for your consideration in granting this license.

Respectfully,



Linda M. Shield

1414 Angela Street, Key West, FL

December 2015

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Jackie Gwidt. I am an employee of Premier Beverage company and live in Key West. I have lived here for twelve years and support raising the bar of our culinary offerings.

I would like to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license. at 521 Fleming Street. I think it will be a great addition to the neighborhood and will be well received by our local community as well as tourists alike.

Sincerely,

Jackie Gwidt

# Robertson & Hunter

Attorneys at Law

Dustin Hunter, P.A.  
Loriellen Robertson, P.A.  
Office: (305) 735-4587

501 Whitehead Street, Suite 2  
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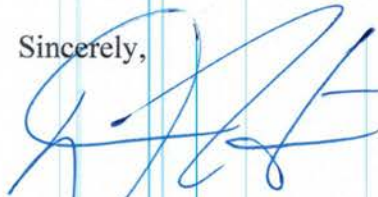
City of Key West  
Planning Board  
Old City Hall  
510 Greene Street  
Key West, FL 33040

Re: Beer & Wine Application at 521 Fleming Street

Dear Planning Board,

My name is Dustin Hunter. I am an attorney in Key West and co-owner and operator of the Robertson & Hunter, LLP law firm located at 501 Whitehead Street. I would like to take this opportunity to support the application placed before you for a beer and wine license at 521 Fleming Street. I have worked with the ownership group on other matters and found them to be extremely competent and professional. My office is right around the corner from this address, at Fleming and Whitehead, and I have no doubt that the restaurant project that they plan at this property address will be tasteful and a great addition to the neighborhood.

Sincerely,



Dustin S. Hunter



December 1, 2015

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Casey Crockett and I am the owner of Wanderlust KW Boutique at 310 Petronia Street. I would like to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, for the Thirsty Mermaid Raw Bar Restaurant at 512 Fleming Street. As a small business owner I realize the challenges of maintaining an owner operated businesses in this town. I believe the ability to provide beer and wine is essential to maintain a successful restaurant in this community. I also believe granting the approval of said license will only further the ability for the owners, already restaurant owners in the community, to continue to own productive businesses. The restaurant at 512 Fleming Street is a needed addition to the community and will be even more successful if granted approval for the beer and wine license. All of the above points are essential to keeping Key West unique and a thriving community for locals and tourists alike.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Casey Crockett". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the "Thank you," text.

Casey Crockett  
casey.crockett@gmail.com



MARINO CONSTRUCTION GROUP, INC.

P.O. Box 1706, Key West, FL 33041  
OFFICE (305) 359-5269 • FAX (305) 459-1940  
LIC. # CGC 021647

December 3, 2015

City of Key West  
Planning Department  
3140 Flagler Avenue  
Key West, FL 33040

Dear Board Members:

My name is Michael J. Marino. I am the President and Owner of Marino Construction Group, Inc. located here in Key West. I would like to highly recommend my support and approval for the recent application for a beer and wine license at 521 Fleming Street, Key West, FL.

I think it will be a great addition to the neighborhood and will be well received by our local community, as well as, tourists alike.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Marino  
President



Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Rick Warwick, I am the owner and operator of Amazing Cakes and Creations, at 517 Fleming St. I would like to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming St. I believe this new establishment will be an enhancement to our neighborhood and help to draw more residents and tourist to our downtown area.

Sincerely,

Rick Warwick

305-360-2021



# Three Fine Cooks

Full Service Catering

*Enjoy your guests, We'll do the rest!*

513 Fleming Street, #5, Key West, FL 33040 (305) 294-0082 ~ ThreeFineCooks@gmail.com  
www.ThreeFineCooks.com

December 9,2015

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Danni Becker, I am the owner of Three Fine Cooks, Full Service Catering Located at 513 Fleming Street. I have been operating at this location for the past three years and would love to see this neighborhood continue to flourish with quality businesses. The Addition of the Thirsty Mermaid Raw Bar and Restaurant would be a great asset and give the block a much needed facelift. I would like to voice my approval and full support fort the application for a beer and wine license at the location of 521 Fleming Street.

Thank you,



Danni Becker

December 4, 2015

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Chad Burtch and I am a local musician who performs at various hotels, restaurants, and weddings here in Key West. I would like to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 512 Fleming Street. I believe it would be a great addition to the neighborhood and will be well received by community for locals and tourists alike.

Thank you,

Chad Burtch  
chadburtch@gmail.com



November 23, 2015

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is David Sloan. I am the owner and operator of The Key West Ghost Hunt and Phantom Press in Key West.

I wanted to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming Street. I frequent the area on a daily basis with my tours and my books. I think it will be a great enhancement to our community and be enjoyed by the locals of Key West as well as tourists.

Happy Hauntings,

A red handwritten signature, appearing to be 'David Sloan', written in a cursive style.

David Sloan  
Key West Ghost Hunt  
Phantom Press  
407 Olivia Street  
Key West, FL 33040  
(305) 923-7822

Dear Planning Board Members,  
December 8, 2015

My name is Molly McHale and I am a server/manager at Blackfin Bistro. I have worked for Tommy and Kristen, not only at Blackfin, but also at Antonia's. Tommy and Kristen are such great people to work for and I am so excited about their new adventure at Thirsty Mermaid. I want to voice my approval for a beer and wine license at 521 Fleming Street. I know it will be a great addition for local and tourists alike.

Thank you,

Molly McHale

## Lawrence Bradley

305-304-6568    KeyWestBarTab@hotmail.com    909 Grinnell Street, Key West, FL 33040

December 4, 2015

Key West Planning Board  
3132 Flagler Avenue  
Key West, FL 33040

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Lawrence Bradley. I am the owner and operator of Key West BarTab, 321 Julia Street.

I wanted to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming Street. I think it will be a great enhancement to our community and be enjoyed by the locals of Key West as well as tourists.

Sincerely yours,

Lawrence Bradley



December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Hassan Ladha. I am the former operator of Bagatelle and current property owner and landlord at Bagatelle, at 115 Duval St. I would like to voice my approval and support for the recent application for a beer and wine license at 521 Fleming Street. I think it will be a great addition to my neighborhood and as well be well received by our local community as well as tourists alike.

Sincerely,



Hassan Ladha



December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Hassan Ladha. I am a homeowner at 529 Margaret Street. I would like to voice my approval and support for the recent application for a beer and wine license at 521 Fleming Street. I think it will be a great addition to my neighborhood and as well be well received by our local community as well as tourists alike. I have neighborhood restaurants within 100 yds of my house with liquor licenses that do not create a disturbance to the area.

Sincerely,



Hassan Ladha





Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Kirsten Blount Corpion; I am the owner and operator of the Visitor Services, at Fort Zachary Taylor Historic State Park.

I wanted to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming Street.

Kristen and Tommy currently own and operate two of the most popular local restaurants now, Blackfin Bistro and Antonia's, their experience and expertise will bring out the best our town has to offer.

The Thirsty Mermaid is going to be an amazing place for friends & families in this town to meet and enjoy themselves.

Sincerely,

Kirsten Corpion

Cayo Hueso Company

Fort Zachary Taylor VSP

305.295.0037

305.295.0033f



*December 8th, 2015*

*Dear Planning Board Members,*

*My name is Esther Tupino. I am Vice President and business development officer for Centennial Bank, in Key West.*

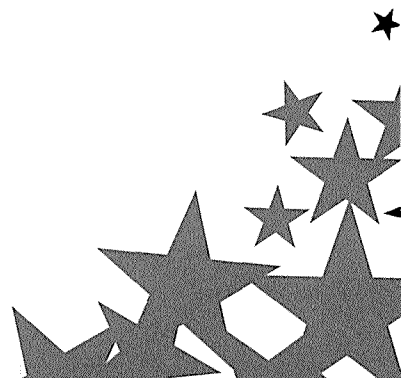
*I would like to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming Street.*

*I think it will be a great addition to the neighborhood and will be well received by our local community as well as tourists alike.*

*I greatly appreciate your consideration.*

*Sincerely,*

Esther Tupino, VP  
BDO/Key West Market





**To:** Key West Planning Board  
**From:** Mark Todaro  
**Date:** December 15, 2015  
**Re:** Thirsty Mermaid, Raw Bar & Restaurant

Dear Planning Board Members,

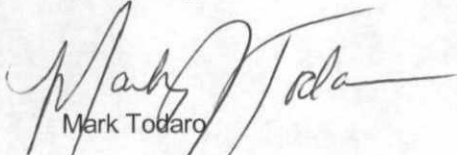
My name is Mark Todaro, I am Vice President of Commercial Loans and a Bank Officer for Centennial Bank in Key West.

I am a resident of the City and reside in Old Town, I would like to voice my approval and support for the recent application for a beer and wine license at the new business named Thirsty Mermaid, Raw Bar & Restaurant located at 521 Fleming Street.

The owners own and run well established restaurants in Key West known as Antonia's and Blackfin Bistro. I think it will be a great addition to the neighborhood and will be well received by our local community as well as tourist alike.

I greatly appreciate your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Todaro". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mark Todaro

VP/Commercial Loan

1229 Simonton Street

Key West, FL 33040

305-676-3145

[mtodaro@my100bank.com](mailto:mtodaro@my100bank.com)



**Dear Planning Board Members,**

**My name is Melanie Wilson and I am the owner and operator  
Michaels Restaurant at 532 Margaret Street.**

**I wanted to voice my approval and support for the recent  
application, for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming Street.  
I think it will be a great enhancement to our community and be  
enjoyed by the locals of Key West as well as tourists.**

**Thank you for your consideration.**

**Sincerely,**

**Melanie Wilson**

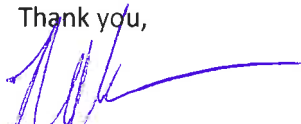
**Melanie Wilson  
Michaels Restaurant  
Old Town, Key West  
mel@michaelskeywest.com**

12/6/15

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Natasha Lane I am the owner and operator of Sea Side Cleaning, at 211 Simonton Street. I would like to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license at 521 Fleming Street. I think it will be a great addition to the neighborhood and will be well received by our local community as well as tourists alike.

Thank you,



Natasha Lane

# Robertson & Hunter, LLP

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Facsimile 1-888-881-8942

December 7, 2015

Dear City of Key West Planning Board Members,

I am a partner at the Law Office of Robertson & Hunter, LLP, located at 501 Whitehead Street, Suite 2, Key West, FL 33040. I am writing to voice my support for the recent application for a beer and wine license at the Thirsty Mermaid located at 521 Fleming Street, Key West, FL 33040. I think it will be a great addition to the neighborhood and will be well received by our community.

Respectfully,

*/s/ Loriellen Robertson*

Loriellen Robertson, Esquire



Dec. 10, 2015

To: Key West Planning Board

From: Brenda Duley  
1025 Grinnell St., Old Town

Re: The Thirsty Mermaid on Fleming St

I would like to voice my support for the proposed new dining spot at 521 Fleming St that will be known as the Thirsty Mermaid. Not only do I like the location, but I especially like the operators of the new business.

Kristen Onderdonk and her family have become community business leaders in Key West . We should support people like them whenever possible. They are locals and contribute to our town on many levels; creating employment opportunities, providing quality dining experiences, greatly contributing to our tax basis, operating wholesome business endeavors and the most important one, they are our neighbors in the community.

Please assist them in opening yet another phase of their sincere investment in Key West. We are fortunate to have this caliber of character among us.



December 10, 2015

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Tommy. I am the owner and operator of Haskins Plumbing Inc, at 17088 Flying Fish Lane, Sugarloaf Key FL 33042

I wanted to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming Street. I think it will be a great enhancement to our community and be enjoyed by the locals of Key West as well as tourists.

Thank you,  
Tommy Haskins



Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Michael Eden and I have been the owner and operator of The Eden House at 1015 Fleming St for 40 years. I would like to show my support for the recent application for a beer and wine license at 521 Fleming Street. I think it will be a great addition to the community and be enjoyed by not only the tourists but a great place for the locals to go.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Eden", is written in a cursive style.

Thank You

Michael Eden



[KristenOnderdonk@yahoo.com](mailto:KristenOnderdonk@yahoo.com)

December 7, 2015

Dear Planning Board Members,

Please let me introduce myself, my name is Joyce A. Unke, and I am the Director of Real Estate for Historic Tours of America and its Subsidiaries, located at 201 Front Street, Key West, Florida.

Please find this letter as my way to express support and approval of permitting a **beer and wine license** to the upcoming Restaurant, "Thirsty Mermaid's" located at 521 Fleming Street. I think this new establishment will only enhance Fleming Street, which already has an eclectic mix of businesses. I believe the new Owners of Thirsty Mermaids, are going to make this Restaurant a new locals hang out as well as welcome our many tourists to this new local flavor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Joyce A. Unke".

Joyce A Unke  
Director of Real Estate,  
Historic Tours of America,  
Location 3 Real Estate  
201 Front Street, Suite 310  
Key West, FL 33040

201 Front Street Suite 310  
Key West, FL 33040  
305.294.3225  
Fax : 305.293.0922



**SCHWARTZ REALTY**

211 Simonton Street  
Key West, Florida 33040

[www.C21schwartz.com](http://www.C21schwartz.com)

12/6/15

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Jimmy Lane I am the owner and operator of Century 21 Schwartz Realty, at 211 Simonton Street. I would like to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license at 521 Fleming Street. I think it will be a great addition to the neighborhood and will be well received by our local community as well as tourists alike.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jimmy Lane", written over a large, stylized blue scribble.

Jimmy Lane

Principal Broker

Century 21 Schwartz Realty



Dear Planning Board Members,

Jonathan and Megan Pidgeon, the owners of *Glazed Donuts* at 420 Eaton Street, would like to express our support and approval of the recent application for a wine and beer license at 521 Fleming Street. The applicants bring with them years of successful restaurant experience which have already served to elevate the dining options in Key West for locals and tourists alike.

Sincerely,

Jonathan and Megan Pidgeon

**Glazed Donuts**

420 Eaton St

Key West, Fl 33040



PO Box 5145

Key West FL 33040

877-538-2860

[www.oceanatm.com](http://www.oceanatm.com)

December 9, 2015

Dear Planning Board Members:

My name is Joe Ippolito. I am the owner and operator of Ocean ATM. I would like to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming St. I think it will be a great addition to the neighborhood and will be well received by our local community as well as tourist alike.

Thank you.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Ippolito", is written over a circular stamp that contains the name "Joe Ippolito".

Joe Ippolito

President

Dear Planning Board Members,

It is my understanding that a restaurant is to occupy the address of 521 Fleming Street and an application for a Beer and Wine licenses is under consideration by the planning Board.

I am writing this letter as notification that as a local resident and Business operator at the Pilot house Guest House located at Simonton Street between Simonton and Bahama I would like to offer my support and endorsement for the proposed application for a beer and wine license at 521 Fleming street.

With several guest houses and also local residents surrounding this location a restaurant here would be a benefit to the neighborhood and a complement to the existing businesses such as Faustos and the liquor store on Fleming st.

Feel free to call me at the Pilot house at 305 294 8719 if you have any questions

Sincerely Virginia Wark

Manager of the Pilot house and a Key West local for 30 plus years.



# Amanda Johnson

518 Fleming St.  
Key West, FL. 33040  
Gallery 305-414-8396  
Mobile 312-714-7427

AMANDA JOHNSON GALLERY

AmandaJohnsonFineArt@gmail.com  
www.AmandaJohnsonFineArt.com  
Facebook.com/AmandaJohnsonFineArt

December 3, 2015

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Amanda Johnson, I am the owner and operator of *Amanda Johnson Gallery* at 518 Fleming Street. I would like to voice my support for the recent application for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming Street. I think it will be a great addition to the neighborhood and will be well received by our local community as well as tourists alike.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amanda Johnson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Amanda Johnson

# HALFORD G. SCHUHMACHER, P.A.

10887 OVERSEAS HIGHWAY, SUITE 101  
MARATHON, FLORIDA 33050

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TELEPHONE: (305) 289-9397  
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December 8, 2015

Planning Board  
Old City Hall  
510 Greene St  
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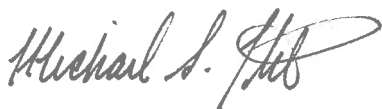
RE: Thirsty Mermaid Raw Bar & Restaurant  
521 Fleming Street  
Key West, FL 33040

Dear Planning Board Members:

My name is Michael S. Litrenta. I am a local criminal defense attorney with the Law Offices of Hal Schuhmacher, P.A. My office is located at 324 Southard Street, Key West, FL 33040. I am sending this letter to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, for the new Thirsty Mermaid Restaurant at 521 Fleming Street. Personally, I live within walking distance of the restaurant at Simonton Street and Fleming Street. I know that this restaurant will be an excellent addition to the neighborhood and cannot wait for it to open.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Michael S. Litrenta

# Kate Bentley EVENTS

2114 STAPLES AVE | KEY WEST, FLORIDA 33040

December 9, 2015

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Kate Bentley, I am the owner and operator of Kate Bentley Events located in Key West, Florida. I wanted to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming Street. I think it will be a great enhancement to our community and be enjoyed by the locals of Key West as well as tourists.

Sincerely,


A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kate Bentley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "K" and "B".

Kate Bentley

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Brett Southgate. I am the owner of Pirate Scooter Rentals at 401 Southard St. I want to voice my support and approval for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 521 Flemming St. I think it will be a great enhancement to our community and be enjoyed by the locals of Key West as well as the tourists.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brett Southgate". The signature is written in dark ink and features a long, sweeping horizontal line that extends to the right, underlining the name.

November 23, 2015

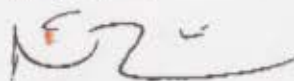
Michael Zielinski  
407 Amelia St  
Key West, FL 33040

Dear Planning Board Members,

I am the owner of Mr. Z's, 501B Southard Street. I wanted to voice my approval and support for the recent application for a beer and wine license at 521 Fleming Street. I remember meeting resistance when I began my business venture almost 14 years ago, but many kind neighbors and City employees helped me bring Mr. Z's to life. I believe I've contributed to the community, and I strive to be a positive presence for locals and my neighbors.

I believe Kristen and Thomas, and their business, will also be a positive presence in our neighborhood. I truly support them and want to help them the way so many people helped me.

Thank you,



Michael Zielinski  
Owner Mr. Z's  
305.942.1190

# ***VISUAS***

513 Fleming St. #2  
Key West, FL 33040

Dear Planning Board Members

My name is Alan Paimont, a member of the local business community and a resident of Key West. I would like to show my support for the approval of a beer and wine license for The Thirsty Mermaid at 521 Fleming Street.

I believe this area would benefit greatly by granting this license and this establishment will be enjoyed by both locals and tourists alike for many years to come. Furthermore, I also feel the establishment will fit in with the character of the neighborhood and will help drive increased sales to other businesses on Fleming Street.

Sincerely,



Alan Paimont  
Visuas Inc.

(888) 888-9910 x5920  
apaimont@visuas.com

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Elizabeth Ross and I am the owner of 614 Frances Street. I want to show my support for the recent application for a beer and wine license at 521 Fleming Street. I think it will be a lovely addition to our neighborhood. It would be nice to have another option in the neighborhood for drinks besides the large tourist bars on Duval.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elizabeth Ross', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Thank You

Elizabeth Ross

614 Frances St

Key West, FL 33040

November 21, 2015

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Lori Langton and I am a Realtor here in Key West.

I wanted to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming Street. I think it will be a great enhancement to our community and be enjoyed by the locals of Key West as well as tourists.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lori Langton  
Bascom Grooms Real Estate



December 7, 2015

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Margit Bisztray and I am the owner of the Key West Insider Guide LLC, as well as a host and a producer on Key TV. My jobs involve promoting the best dining in the Keys, and to this effect, I am writing to add my voice to the petition for a wine and beer license for Thirsty Mermaid at 521 Fleming Street. This restaurant will be a positive addition to the neighborhood, but it will also enhance the dining scene of Key West as a whole. Small, locally-owned businesses with owners and staff that are involved in the community and striving to provide quality dining are what we need. This restaurant will demonstrate the best of Key West for those of us who live here and those who visit, and I'd like to raise a glass to that at the restaurant. A glass of wine, preferably, so please let them be able to serve it.

Respectfully,

Margit Bisztray

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margit Bisztray". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Peter L. Arnow  
1413 Rose Street  
Key West, FL 33040  
Cell 305-923-9645  
[peterarnow@gmail.com](mailto:peterarnow@gmail.com)

December 8, 2015  
City of Key West  
Planning Board

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Peter L. Arnow and I work with Cocograms Enterprises. We represent, through sales and service, all of the major Theatre and Event Playbills and Programs in Key West.

I would like to voice my approval and support for the recent application for a beer and wine license at 521 Fleming Streets. I believe that the concept envisioned by the applicant, The Thirsty Mermaid, would be a great addition to the area and community, and would provide the lovers of the Performing Arts in Key West another interesting place to visit before and after the theatre.

Thank you,

Peter L. Arnow  
1413 Rose Street  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-923-9645



Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Damian DeAngelis. I am the owner and operator of Bagatelle Restaurant at 115 Duval Street.

I wanted to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming Street. I think it will be a great enhancement to our community and be enjoyed by the locals of Key West as well as tourists.

Thank you,

Damian DeAngelis

 12-5-15



# Three Fine Cooks

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513 Fleming Street, #5, Key West, FL 33040 (305) 294-0082 ~ ThreeFineCooks@gmail.com  
www.ThreeFineCooks.com

December 9,2015

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Danni Becker, I am the owner of Three Fine Cooks, Full Service Catering Located at 513 Fleming Street. I have been operating at this location for the past three years and would love to see this neighborhood continue to flourish with quality businesses. The Addition of the Thirsty Mermaid Raw Bar and Restaurant would be a great asset and give the block a much needed facelift. I would like to voice my approval and full support fort the application for a beer and wine license at the location of 521 Fleming Street.

Thank you,



Danni Becker



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December 10, 2015

Chair, Mr. Sam Holland  
Vice Chair, Mr. Richard Klitenick  
Mr. James Gilleran  
Mr. Freddy Varela, Sr.  
Ms. Cristy Spottswood  
Mr. Michael Browning  
Mr. Peter Pike  
Mr. Thaddeus Cohen  
City of Key West  
3140 Flagler Avenue  
Key West, FL 33040

**Re: The Thirsty Mermaid**  
**521 Fleming Street**  
**Via: E-mail through Venetia Flowers**  
**vflowers@cityofkeywest-fl.gov**

Dear Planning Board Members and Director Cohen:

I am writing to you today about an upcoming approval for an alcohol exception for a new business called the Thirsty Mermaid at 521 Fleming Street, Key West, FL.

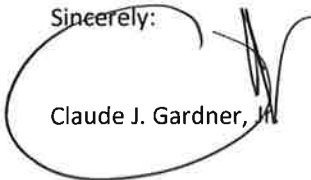
I have known the Onderdonk family for well over a decade now. They are transplants from Syracuse, NY and over the past 10 years have invested not only in real estate but also several business ventures in Key West. This is not a corporate conglomerate, this is a family that believed so much in this town that they have not only moved their family holdings and assets into the island but also their second and now third generation of family members; with grandchildren qualifying as conchs born and being raised here.

The Onderdonk family are good people and through their many private real estate holdings and first class restaurants such as Antonia's and Blackfin Bistro, they are continuing to make this island great and employ hundreds of people in this town. The Thirsty Mermaid will be another one of those eclectic, funky places that locals and tourist cherish about Key West instead of just another bar, another t-shirt shop or another cosmetic store..

For the record, I have nothing to gain from this approval as I am not financially involved in this transaction in any way other than as a concerned citizen that believes we need more family operated establishments in this town that make Key West great. Without working with and promoting businesses such as this run by smart, young and ambitious locals raising their families here I worry significantly about the future of Key West.


If anyone has any questions about the integrity, professionalism or character of the family behind this operation please feel free to contact me at any time at 305-766-3133.

Sincerely:

  
Claude J. Gardner, Jr.

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# Benton William Langley

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To: City of Key West Planning Board and Planning Director

From: Will Langley

Date: December 10, 2015

Re: Support for Thirsty Mermaid, 521 Fleming Street, Key West, FL.

Dear Planning Board Members and Director Cohen:

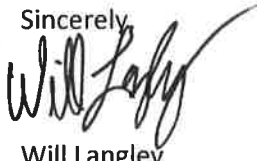
Thank you for your time and service to our great City. I am writing you to support the Thirsty Mermaid Restaurant at 521 Fleming Street, Key West, FL and their request to serve beer and wine to compliment the menu.

For the record, I have nothing to gain from this approval as I am not financially involved in this transaction in any way. I am writing you because I am in full support of having another great locally owned and operated restaurant within 2 blocks of my property.

I have the pleasure of knowing the Onderdonk family and admire their hard work and community involvement. They run a great operation and I would like to see them open up a new restaurant to add to our neighborhood.

If anyone has any questions about approving this exception please feel free to contact me anytime at 305-394-9020.

Sincerely,



Will Langley

December 1, 2015

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Casey Crockett and I am the owner of Wanderlust KW Boutique at 310 Petronia Street. I would like to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, for the Thirsty Mermaid Raw Bar Restaurant at 512 Fleming Street. As a small business owner I realize the challenges of maintaining an owner operated businesses in this town. I believe the ability to provide beer and wine is essential to maintain a successful restaurant in this community. I also believe granting the approval of said license will only further the ability for the owners, already restaurant owners in the community, to continue to own productive businesses. The restaurant at 512 Fleming Street is a needed addition to the community and will be even more successful if granted approval for the beer and wine license. All of the above points are essential to keeping Key West unique and a thriving community for locals and tourists alike.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Casey Crockett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial 'C'.

Casey Crockett  
casey.crockett@gmail.com



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December 3, 2015

City of Key West  
Planning Department  
3140 Flagler Avenue  
Key West, FL 33040

Dear Board Members:

My name is Michael J. Marino. I am the President and Owner of Marino Construction Group, Inc. located here in Key West. I would like to highly recommend my support and approval for the recent application for a beer and wine license at 521 Fleming Street, Key West, FL.

I think it will be a great addition to the neighborhood and will be well received by our local community, as well as, tourists alike.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Marino  
President



December 8, 2015

The City of Key West Planning Board  
3140 Flagler Avenue  
Key West, FL 33040

Dear Planning Board Members:

My name is Stephanie Hellstrom and I am the owner and operator of La Rubia Key West at 510 Fleming Street. I would like to voice my approval and support for the recent application for a beer and wine license by the owners of The Thirsty Mermaid at 521 Fleming Street. I think that the restaurant will be a great addition to the neighborhood and will be well received by our local community and tourists alike.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Hellstrom  
La Rubia Key West  
510 Fleming Street  
Key West, FL 33040  
305.296.6059

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Sean McConnell. I am the owner of Grand Vin Wine Bar at 1107 Duval St. I want to voice my support and approval for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 521 Flemming St. I think it will be a great enhancement to our community and be enjoyed by the locals of Key West as well as the tourists that come to enjoy the returnts of Key West.

Thank you,

*Sean McConnell*



Dear Planning Board Members,

December 9, 2015

My name is Candace Estep and I live in Key West and represent Stacole Fine Wines in the Florida Keys. I wanted to share my support for the recent application for a beer and wine license at 521 Fleming Street. This business promises to be another high quality food and wine establishment on par with the high standard set by the other businesses managed by the same members. I believe that it will be a fantastic enhancement to our downtown community and will be frequented by locals and visitors, alike. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Candace Estep

Emily Candace Estep

1411 Olivia St

Key West FL, 33040

305-797-1663

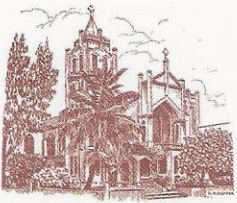
December 4, 2015

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Chad Burtch and I am a local musician who performs at various hotels, restaurants, and weddings here in Key West. I would like to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 512 Fleming Street. I believe it would be a great addition to the neighborhood and will be well received by community for locals and tourists alike.

Thank you,

Chad Burtch  
chadburtch@gmail.com



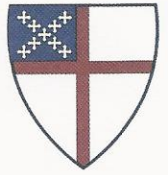
# St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Key West

401 Duval St., Key West, FL 33040

Phone: 305-296-5142 Fax: 305-294-6687

Rector, The Reverend Larry D. Hooper

[www.stpaulskeywest.org](http://www.stpaulskeywest.org)



September 10, 2015

To Whom It May Concern,

St. Paul's Episcopal Church does not oppose the application and granting of a wine consumption license to "Thirsty Mermaid" located at 521 Fleming Street, Key West, FL, 33040.

We are happy to have them as neighbors and wish them continued success in their business.

Sincerely yours,

Amy M. Gage

Office Administrator

St. Paul's Church Episcopal Church

## Lawrence Bradley

305-304-6568    KeyWestBarTab@hotmail.com    909 Grinnell Street, Key West, FL 33040

December 4, 2015

Key West Planning Board  
3132 Flagler Avenue  
Key West, FL 33040

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Lawrence Bradley. I am the owner and operator of Key West BarTab, 321 Julia Street.

I wanted to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming Street. I think it will be a great enhancement to our community and be enjoyed by the locals of Key West as well as tourists.

Sincerely yours,

Lawrence Bradley

521 Fleming – Letters of support

On Fri, 12/4/15, Jeffoverby <[jeffoverby@aol.com](mailto:jeffoverby@aol.com)> wrote:

From: Jeffoverby <[jeffoverby@aol.com](mailto:jeffoverby@aol.com)>  
Subject: Thirsty Mermaid application  
To: [KristenOnderdonk@yahoo.com](mailto:KristenOnderdonk@yahoo.com)  
Date: Friday, December 4, 2015, 2:28 PM

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Jeff Overby and I have resided here for over 33 years. I want to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license at 521 Fleming Street( the Thirsty Mermaid) . I feel it will be a great addition to our community and be enjoyed by the locals of Key West as well as tourists. Thank you, Jeff Overby

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**From:** Laurie McChesney <[mcchesneykeywest@gmail.com](mailto:mcchesneykeywest@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** December 7, 2015 at 4:57:04 PM EST  
**To:** [kristenOnderdonk@Yahoo.com](mailto:kristenOnderdonk@Yahoo.com)  
**Cc:** Kevin McChesney <[mcchesney.kevin@gmail.com](mailto:mcchesney.kevin@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** 521 Fleming St.

Hi Kristen:

Please see below.

Dear Planning Board Members:

For the past twenty years we have owned and operated our businesses on the 500 block of Southard St. We spend a great deal of time in this area.

We are very much in favor of the proposed application for a beer and wine license at 521 Fleming St. for the following reasons:

It will help these folks create a small business that will add to our economy. It will enhance the neighborhood ambiance which is important to tourism and local people, as well. This small establishment will help to improve the nighttime atmosphere of the 500 block of Fleming Street.

We hope you will give your favorable consideration to the application.

Best regards,

Laurie and Kevin McChesney

520 and 526 Southard St., Key West

Laurie McChesney

Broker

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]  
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2015 11:47 AM  
To: Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>  
Subject: Thirsty Mermaid support letter7

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Oakleigh Waits-Geoghegan. I am the owner and operator of Isle Style Salon, Spa & Boutique at 1204 Simonton Street. I have had a successful business for nearly 12 years and have been a patron of both Antonia's and Blackfin Bistro, incredible restaurants, run with great integrity by your current applicants.

I wanted to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming Street. I think it will be a great enhancement to our community and be enjoyed by the locals of Key West as well as tourists.

I implore you to consider supporting entrepreneurs with history on our island. Supporting owners who give back to our community and represent an authentic Key West with grace, charm and integrity.

Thank you,  
Oakleigh

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From: Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2015 11:57 AM

To: Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

Subject: Thirsty Mermaid support letter 13

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Elizabeth Weinstock. I am the owner and operator of a Wedding business called The Southernmost Reverend here in Key West for more than 12 years. I have lived in and have owned a home in Key West since 1996.

I would like to voice my approval and support for the recent application for a beer and wine license at 521 Fleming Street. I know these business owners both professionally and personally and know them to have enhanced and improved our community in all of their endeavors. I have no doubt that this project will be one more 'home-run' for them, the neighborhood, the community, our tourists and locals alike. A wonderful enhancement to Key West.

I ask that you vote in support of this project and approve their beer and wine license. We look forward to enjoying this new establishment!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Weinstock  
1719 Laird Street,  
Key West, FL  
33040

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From: Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2015 12:00 PM

To: Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

Subject: Thirsty Mermaid support letter 15

To: Planning Board Members and Staff

My name is Mark Gambuzza and I own UVA Wine Shoppe, located at 519 Fleming Street. I wanted to voice my support and approval of licensing application submitted by the owners of the Thirsty Mermaid at 521 Fleming Street. I have



known the owners for 3 years and hold them in the highest regard as people, and business owners. Their new business venture will be a great addition to Key West and I look forward to having them as neighbors.

I hope you see the benefit in their proposal and support their endeavors

Respectfully,  
Mark Gambuzza

Mark Gambuzza  
Uva Wine Shoppe  
519 Fleming St  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-735-4871

[www.uvakeywest.com](http://www.uvakeywest.com)

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**From:** Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2015 12:01 PM

**To:** Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

**Subject:** Thirsty Mermaid support letter16

"Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Keith Ross. I am the operator of Santiago's bodega, at Petronia Street.

I wanted to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming Street. I think it will be a great enhancement to our community and be enjoyed by the locals of Key West as well as tourists. Thank you, Keith Ross

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**From:** Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2015 12:02 PM

**To:** Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

**Subject:** Thirsty Mermaid support letter17

"Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Louis Condos. I am a realtor for Berkshire Hathaway knight garner realty on 336 Duval St.

I wanted to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming Street. I think it will be a great enhancement to our community and be enjoyed by the locals of Key West as well as tourists. Thank you, -----

Mary Jo Rostien

305-747-6268 - 305-747-6262 [www.wesellkeywest.net](http://www.wesellkeywest.net)



Dear Planning Board Members,

I want to voice my approval for the granting of a beer and wine license for 521 Fleming Street.....soon to be known as the Thirsty Mermaid. I know there is an application on the table for your consideration and a YES vote would be the best option. I have known the proprietors for the past several years through business and social engagements. Their Culinary integrity is one of the reasons why tourists continue to favor Key West as a resort destination and one locals flock too . The Fleming Street corridor would only be enhanced by this addition, but having this license is paramount. Not having a proper beverage license is like asking a three legged dog to play fetch.....He can do it, but nearly as efficient.

Thank you for your time and considerations

Bob Sexton  
Area Manager Premier Beverage  
305 797 1868

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]  
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2015 12:11 PM  
To: Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>  
Subject: Thirsty Mermaid support letter 24

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Brittany Butler. I am the operator/Captain at Mellow Ventures on North Roosevelt BLVD. I would like to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license at 521 Fleming Street. I think it will be a great addition to the neighborhood and will be well received by our local community as well as tourists alike.

Thank you,  
Brittany Butler

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]  
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2015 12:13 PM  
To: Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>  
Subject: Thirsty Mermaid support letter 26

Dear Planning Board Members:

We have lived in key west for 33 years, and owned a business at 517 Fleming Street up until 1992. We have also know Ryan Shapiro his entire life. He is an amazing chef and hard worker. His restaurant will only be an asset to the Fleming Street neighborhood and Key West. .

We are very much in favor of the proposed application for a beer and wine license at 521 Fleming St. for the following reasons:

It will help him create a small business that will add to our economy and keep another local boy here in Key West, as opposed to moving out like so many of our young families are doing. It will enhance the neighborhood ambiance and draw more people down the side street which will help all of the businesses along that block, such as the Key West Island Books, Sammy's Treasure Chest and even Faustos. This small establishment will help create a quaint nighttime atmosphere in the 500 block of Fleming Street which is pretty much non existent. Lets help the businesses along the side streets as much as we help the ones on Duval. Let's help a young local man have a chance at succeeding with his own restaurant.

We hope you will give your favorable consideration to the application.

Regards,

Donna and Joel Nelson  
2409 Harris ave.  
Key West Fla.  
33040

Proprietor/ Imagination Station Toys and Books

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**From:** Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2015 12:15 PM

**To:** Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

**Subject:** Thirsty Mermaid support letter 28

Dear Planning Board Members:

My name is Jeffrey Dunaway, a resident of Key West for over 25 years, a Realtor at Key West Realty, LLC. Tommy and Kristen are true professionals in the conduct of their business, and truly gracious in the manner that they relate with their patrons and neighbors. I have no doubt that they will create a great success in their new establishment, which will be an asset to the neighborhood. I strongly approve and support them in this endeavor. I ask that you grant them approval for their recent application for a beer and wine license at 521 Fleming Street. Thank you for your considerations and for your service.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Dunaway

Jeffrey Dunaway  
Key West Realty, LLC  
1109 Duval Street  
Key West, FL 33040  
office: (305) 294-3064  
fax: (305) 294-8632  
mobile: (305) 360-3049  
[jrmdunaway@earthlink.net](mailto:jrmdunaway@earthlink.net)

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2015 12:53 PM

**To:** Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

**Subject:** Thirsty Mermaid support letter 32

December 8, 2015

Dear Planning Board Members:

Our names are James Morris and Robert Wood and we are permanent residents and property owners in Key West. We wanted to voice our approval and support for the recent application for a beer and wine license at 521 Fleming Street. I think it will be a great enhancement to this new restaurant and the emerging 500 block of Fleming.

Jim Morris and Bob Wood

1317 Olivia Street  
Key West, Florida 33040  
317.442.7056  
[jim.morris00@yahoo.com](mailto:jim.morris00@yahoo.com)

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2015 12:56 PM

To: Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

Subject: Thirsty Mermaid support letter 35

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Tom Kraker, I own a house at 613 Olivia street. Befor buying my home ,I lived at 615 Bahama st. for 6 years.

I would like to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license at 521 Fleming St. Not only would it be a good addition to the area, the owner are creating new jobs for local people. The money generated by this business stays local.

So please approve their license

Thank You,

Tom Kraker  
613 Olivia St

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**From:** Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2015 12:59 PM

**To:** Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

**Subject:** Thirsty Mermaid support letter 37

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Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Barb Grob, I'm the owner & operator of Key West Local Luxe at 515 Fleming St. I'd like to voice my approval & support for the recent application for a beer & wine license at 521 Fleming St. I think it will be a great addition to the neighborhood & will be well received by both locals & tourists.

Thank You,

**Barb Grob, Key West Local Luxe~**

515 Fleming St. Key West, FL 33040 \* [305.304.9001](tel:305.304.9001)

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From: Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2015 1:03 PM

To: Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

Subject: Thirsty Mermaid support letter 40

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Ali Ferguson. I am a Sales Executive that works with many local businesses in town. I have lived in Key West for 15 years and I own a home here with my husband.

I wanted to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming Street. I think it will be a great enhancement to our community and be enjoyed by the locals of Key West as well as tourists.

Thank you,

Ali Ferguson  
2401 Linda Avenue  
Key West, Florida

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**From:** Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2015 1:04 PM

**To:** Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

**Subject:** Thirsty Mermaid support letter 41

Dear Planning Board Members:

My name is Amanda Robinson, I am owner of Florida Keys Hair and Makeup at 21 E. Circle Drive, Key West, FL 33040. I would like to voice my approval and support for the recent beer and wine license at 521 Fleming street, it would be a great addition to our local community as well as our tourist.

Thank you kindly,



[floridakeyshairandmakeup.com](http://floridakeyshairandmakeup.com)

305.587.3220

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2015 1:10 PM

**To:** Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

**Subject:** Thirsty Mermaid support letter 45

Dear Planning Board Members,

My Name is Julie Fuhrman. I am the owner & operator of Simply You Weddings, Great Events Catering & The Blind Pig all located in Key West! I would like to voice my approval & support for the recent application, for a beer & wine license, at 521 Fleming Street. I think it will be a great addition to the neighborhood & will be well received by our local community as well as tourists alike.

Thank you so much.

Warmest Regards,

Julie & David Fuhrman

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**From:** Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2015 1:11 PM

**To:** Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

**Subject:** Thirsty Mermaid support letter 46

To whom this may concern

"Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Marius Venter. I am the owner and operator of Fury Water Adventure at 313 Margaret Street, and operator and owner of Cuban Coffee Queen on 5 Key lime Square.

I wanted to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at [521 Fleming Street](#). I think it will be a great enhancement to our community and be enjoyed by the locals of Key West as well as tourists. I have known Kristen Onderdonk for a long time and she is a real standup Key West citizen and has a lot of integrity, great energy and that is why I give my approval.

Thank you,

Marius Venter

305 747-0799

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2015 1:11 PM

To: Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

Subject: Thirsty Mermaid support letter 47

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Dan Smith. I am employed by Southern Wine & Spirits of Florida locally as well as a long time member of the downtown Key West community.

I wanted to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming Street. I think it will be a great enhancement to our community and be enjoyed by the locals of Key West as well as tourists.

Thank you,

Dan Smith

Southern Wine & Spirits of Florida

(352) 551-6342

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2015 1:16 PM

To: Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

Subject: Thirsty Mermaid support letter 52

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Amy O'Connor. As Director at the Montessori Children's School I have gotten to know Kristen Onderdonk and Tommy Quartararo very well over the past two years. They have are generous donors to our school, wonderful parents, and respectable and responsible community members.

I wanted to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming Street. I think it will be a great enhancement to our community and be enjoyed by the locals of Key West as well as tourists.

Thank you,

Amy O'Connor

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2015 1:17 PM

To: Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

Subject: Thirsty Mermaid support letter 53

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Karolina Bien and I am a long time Key West resident.

I would like to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming Street.

I believe it will be a great addition to our neighborhood and will be enjoyed by the locals and tourists alike.

Thank you,

Best Regards,  
Karolina Castellano  
914.815.0197

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2015 1:18 PM

To: Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

Subject: Thirsty Mermaid support letter 55

Dear Planning Board Members

This letter is in regards to Thirsty Mermaid. I am writing this letter to give my support to the owners of Thirst Mermaid. I feel that this new establishment will benefit our community in a great way and is a great addition to the neighborhood. I would like to give my support for the recent application for a beer and wine application at 521 Fleming Street.

Sincerely Tito Ivanov

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**From:** Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2015 1:19 PM

**To:** Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

**Subject:** Thirsty Mermaid support letter 56

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Louis Spelios and along with my wife, Jenna, we are the owner and operators of Island Dental, on Flagler Street.

I wanted to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming Street. We think it will be a great enhancement to our community and be enjoyed by the locals of Key West as well as tourists.

Thank you,  
Dr. Louis & Jenna Spelios

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From: Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]  
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2015 1:20 PM  
To: Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>  
Subject: Thirsty Mermaid support letter 57

Dear Planning Board Members: My name is Marie L. Dixon at 2601 South Roosevelt Blvd-B202. I would like to voice my approval and support for the recent application for beer and wine at 521 Fleming Street. It would be an addition to our community, also to be enjoyed by locals and tourists. Thank you. Marie L. Dixon

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Original Message-----

From: kristen onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]  
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2015 1:26 PM  
To: Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>  
Subject: Thirsty Mermaid Letter to Key West Planning Board 59

Dear  
Planning Board Members,  
My name is Jennifer Shaffer and I am one of the previous owners of Key West Island Book Store located at 513 Fleming Street. I also own property here locally. I 100% support the recent application for a beer and wine license at 521 Fleming Street. Being a previous owner in the building I think the restaurant would be a great addition and would be frequently be visited by both locals and tourists. The owners who plan to open this restaurant are also owners of two amazing restaurants in town which are both very successful (with amazing food and service). They have also proven to be very responsible and respectful business owners. I enjoy having the option to have a glass of wine or beer with dinner and feel strongly that to be a successful restaurant with quality food the option to have a drink with a meal would make the dining experience complete. Please help 521 Fleming Street obtain a beer and wine license as we anxiously look forward to the opening of another amazing restaurant in town for both locals and tourists to enjoy. Thank you.Regards,Jennifer Shaffer305-619-4245

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**From:** Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2015 1:31 PM  
**To:** Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>  
**Subject:** Thirsty Mermaid support letter 60

Dear Planning Board Members,  
My name is Deanna Cox, I would like to voice my support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming Street. As a local of Key West for over four years, and an active member of the dining community, I believe it will be a great enhancement to our city and be enjoyed by fellow locals of Key West as well as visiting tourists throughout the year.

Thank you,  
Deanna Cox

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December 5<sup>th</sup> 2015

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From: Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]  
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2015 1:35 PM  
To: Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>  
Subject: Thirsty Mermaid support letter 61



Dear Planning Board Members,  
My name is Joseph Castellano,  
I am the owner and operator of Blackfin Bistro for the past 6+ years, at 918 Duval St.  
I wanted to voice my approval and support for the recent application for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming street.  
I think it will be a great enhancement to our island and be enjoyed by locals and visitors alike.  
Both, Tom and Kristen have great respect for the food industry, and i know it will reflect in their new establishment.

Thank You

Joseph Castellano  
Blackfin Bistro  
918 Duval St.

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**From:** Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2015 1:36 PM  
**To:** Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>  
**Subject:** Thirsty Mermaid support letter 62

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Frankie Gutierrez. I am a local Firefighter.

I wanted to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming Street.  
I think it will be a great enhancement to our community and be enjoyed by the locals of Key West as well as tourists.

**Best Regards,**

**Frankie Gutierrez**

**(305) 896-5131**

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**From:** Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2015 1:37 PM  
**To:** Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>  
**Subject:** Thirsty Mermaid support letter 63

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Key West Planning Board

Re: Approval For The Thirsty Mermaid / 521 Fleming Street

My wife and I (property owners in Key West since 1994) are thrilled to learn that Kristen and Tommy are opening their restaurant, The Thirsty Mermaid. Dining in Key West will be greatly complemented with this new venture.

We strongly urge the Key West Planning Board to approve the licensing of The Thirsty Mermaid.

Thank you.

Dennis & Rosemary Hopps  
603B  
Key West by the Sea  
2601 South Roosevelt Blvd.  
Telephone: 305/294-1358

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From: Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2015 1:38 PM

To: Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

Subject: Thirsty Mermaid support letter 64

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Jules Mavromatis. I am a Partner and am responsible for all creative development at Agave 308 Tequila Bar located at 308 Front Street. I would like to voice my approval and support for the recent application for Beer and Wine License, at 521 Fleming Street. I am certain that this Restaurant will be a most wonderful addition to the neighborhood where both locals and tourists will be able to enjoy a fantastic culinary experience. I am personally very much looking forward to it!!

Thank you,  
Jules Mavromatis

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**From:** Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2015 1:39 PM

**To:** Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

**Subject:** Thirsty Mermaid support letter 65

Dear Planning Board Members,

I am writing in regards to the approval of a beer and wine license for the future business, Thirsty Mermaid, that will soon occupy 521 Fleming St. My name is Lisa Onderdonk and I have been a Key West resident for seven years now. I have worked at numerous restaurants on the island and plan to work at the Thirsty Mermaid as well. I believe that most, if not all, restaurants or vendors should be allowed to serve beer and wine as it is a great accompaniment to any meal. I know of many future customers, including myself, that will greatly appreciate this addition to the establishment as well.

Thanks,

Lisa Onderdonk

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**From:** Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2015 1:40 PM

**To:** Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

**Subject:** Thirsty Mermaid support letter 66

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Natasha Matarazzo. I am the owner and operator of Tucker's Provisions at 611 Duval St. I would like to voice my approval and support for the recent application for a beer and wine license at 521 Fleming St. I think it will be a great addition to the neighborhood and will be well received both by our local community and visitors alike.

Thank you,

**Natasha Matarazzo**

[tucker@tuckersprovisions.com](mailto:tucker@tuckersprovisions.com)

**TUCKER'S PROVISIONS**

611 Duval Street

Key West, FL, 33040  
305 304 5004

[www.tuckersprovisions.com](http://www.tuckersprovisions.com)

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From: Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]  
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2015 1:43 PM  
To: Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>  
Subject: Thirsty Mermaid support letter 70

Dear Planning Board Members:

Hello! My name is Cheyenne Pratt and I run Coconut Ink on Roosevelt. I just wanted to give my support/approval for the application of beer and wine license at 521 Fleming. I believe it will make the establishment a more successful addition to our community for locals and tourists to thoroughly enjoy.

Thank you for your time!  
Cheyenne Pratt

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**From:** Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2015 1:44 PM  
**To:** Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>  
**Subject:** Thirsty Mermaid support letter 71

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is John Caldwell. Having lived in Old Town Key West for over 25 years working at Antonia's Restaurant, I am keenly familiar with the service industry and the professionalism that Kristen and Tommy consistently expect of themselves and the restaurant business. There is no doubt they will make this new establishment a great success and an asset to the neighborhood. Therefore, I would like to voice my approval and support for the recent application for a beer and wine license at 521 Fleming Street.

Thank you, John Caldwell

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**From:** Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2015 1:45 PM  
**To:** Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>  
**Subject:** Thirsty Mermaid support letter 72

"Dear Planning Board Members, My name is Alessandro Piazzo . I am the owner and operator of Onlywood pizzeria at 613 1/2 rear Duval Street. I wanted to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming Street. I think it will be a great enhancement to our community and be enjoyed by the locals of Key West as well as tourists. Thank you, Alessandro Piazzo.

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From: Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]  
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2015 1:45 PM  
To: Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>  
Subject: Thirsty Mermaid support letter 73

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Christian Sigler. I am a local salesperson for Sysco Foods of South Florida and live here in Key West. I wanted to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming Street. I think that this restaurant will be a great enhancement to our community and be enjoyed by the locals of Key West as well as tourists.

Thank you.

~Christian Sigler

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**From:** Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2015 1:46 PM

**To:** Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

**Subject:** Thirsty Mermaid support letter 74

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Mark Pierson. I am the owner and operator of Wonderdog Studios, at 600 White Street. I would like to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming Street. I think it will be a great addition to the neighborhood and will be well received by our local community as well as tourists alike.

Thank you for your time,

Mark J Pierson

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**From:** Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2015 1:48 PM

**To:** Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

**Subject:** Thirsty Mermaid Support letter 76

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Joseph Riaan Van Schoor. I am the owner and operator of Splash Photography Key West, at 201 Front street suite 108. I wanted to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming Street. I think it will be a great enhancement to our community and be enjoyed by the locals of Key West as well as tourists..

Thank you, Joseph Riaan Van Schoor

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**From:** Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2015 1:49 PM

**To:** Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

**Subject:** Thirsty Mermaid Support letter 77

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Jon McIntosh, and I am the owner and president of McIntosh Ink, Inc., at 513 Fleming Street. I would like to voice my approval and support for the recent application for a beer and wine license at 521 Fleming Street. I am sure it will be a great addition to the neighborhood and will be well received by our local community as well as tourists.

Thank you,

Jon McIntosh

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**From:** Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2015 1:51 PM

**To:** Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

**Subject:** Thirsty Mermaid Support letter 79

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Erika Stokes I am a teacher at Sigsbee Charter school.

I wanted to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming Street. I think it will be a great enhancement to our community. I am sure that the owners/operators will treat this license with respect. Additionally, I am confident that it will be enjoyed by the locals and tourists of our island.

Thank you,  
Erika Stokes

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**From:** Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2015 1:52 PM

**To:** Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

**Subject:** Thirsty Mermaid Support letter 80

Dear Planning Board Members,

As a Key West resident for more than 10 years I would like to voice my approval and strong support for the recent application for a beer and wine license at 521 Fleming Street.

I know the business owners personally and professionally. Through their hard work, sound business practice and integrity, they have been successful in all of their endeavors in our community. The current project on Fleming Street will be another success from which the Key West community will benefit. Their proposed business model underscores many of the facets that make our community vibrant and unique.

I ask that you vote in support of this project and approve their requested beer and wine license.

Respectfully,

Jeffrey Weinstock

1719 Laird Street

Key West, FL 3304

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**From:** Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2015 1:52 PM

**To:** Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

**Subject:** Thirsty Mermaid Support letter 81

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Kelly Fowler. I am the owner and operator of Just Save The Date, LLC, at 302 Southard Street. I wanted to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming Street. I think it will be a great enhancement to our community and be enjoyed by the locals of Key West as well as tourists.

Thank you,

Kelly Fowler

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**From:** Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2015 1:54 PM

**To:** Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

**Subject:** Thirsty Mermaid Support letter 82

Dear Planning Board Members,

We would like to voice our support and approval for the recent application for a beer and wine license at 521 Fleming St. The Thirsty Mermaid restaurant and bar will be a great enhancement to the community and will be enjoyed by locals and tourists alike.

John and Heather Bowns

2601 S Roosevelt Blvd.

Key West, Fl.

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**From:** Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2015 3:33 PM

**To:** Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

**Subject:** Thirsty Mermaid support letter 104

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Lauryn Parra and I am a nursing student at Florida Keys Community College. I wanted to voice my approval and support for the recent application for a beer and wine license at [521 Fleming Street](#).

I have known Kristen and Tommy for many years now and I am a big part of their everyday life. I know that they will be making huge improvements to the 500 block of Fleming Street with their new business and look forward to see their success in the years to come. They are very respectful citizens of this community and we are lucky to have them jumping on board with yet another successful business!

Thank you,

Lauryn

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**From:** Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2015 3:31 PM

**To:** Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

**Subject:** Thirsty Mermaid Support letter 104b

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Tiffanie and I wanted to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming Street. I think it will be a great enhancement to our community and be enjoyed by the locals of Key West as well as tourists.

Thank you,

Tiffanie McInturff

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**From:** kristen onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]

**Sent:** Saturday, December 12, 2015 8:22 AM

**To:** Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

**Subject:** Thirsty Mermaid Letter to Key West Planning Board 115

Melissa,

As I was typing up the list I realized that there was a missed number when I forwarded the letters and then saw that this one had not been included. This is the last letter #115. THANK YOU

Dear Key West Planning Board Members,

Hello. My name is Rachel E Ligon. I have been in Key West for over a decade and I am the owner and operator of Rachel E Ligon Photography at 713 Caroline Street (upstairs). I wanted to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming Street. I think it will be a great enhancement to our community and be enjoyed by the locals of Key West as well as tourists. The business owners are not just people coming in from another state. They are well established successful long time Key Westers and deserve to serve the locals and tourists on Fleming just as they do in the other locations they own and operate.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Happy Holidays to you!

RACHEL E LIGON | PHOTOGRAPHY

Phone | 305.395.1161



Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Michael Eden and I have been the owner and operator of The Eden House at 1015 Fleming St for 40 years. I would like to show my support for the recent application for a beer and wine license at 521 Fleming Street. I think it will be a great addition to the community and be enjoyed by not only the tourists but a great place for the locals to go.

Thank You

Michael Eden

Marquesa Hotel - Café Marquesa

600 Fleming Street

Key West, FL 33040

(305) 292-1244

Re: Thirsty Mermaid

Congratulations and welcome to our immediate neighborhood. Just wanted to say that we are thrilled to have you on the block.

Having been involved in slews of restaurant openings, I know that there are always potholes along the way. Please feel free to reach out if there is any way our team can be of assistance. We see no downside to having another successful dining location where the sight line to our place is clear and easy. (Plus, you know, with our personal history, I know that the quality and appeal of your operation will be unassailable.)

Good luck and break a fork.

Yours Sincerely,

Bruce Strong

Dining Manager

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**From:** Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2015 12:01 PM

**To:** Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

**Subject:** Thirsty Mermaid support letter16

"Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Keith Ross. I am the operator of Santiago's bodega, at Petronia Street.

I wanted to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming Street. I think it will be a great enhancement to our community and be enjoyed by the locals of Key West as well as tourists. Thank you, Keith Ross

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"Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Louis Condos. I am a realtor for Berkshire Hathaway knight garner realty on 336 Duval St.

I wanted to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming Street. I think it will be a great enhancement to our community and be enjoyed by the locals of Key West as well as tourists. Thank you, -----

Louis Condos

Mary Jo Rostien

305-747-6268 - 305-747-6262 [www.wesellkeywest.net](http://www.wesellkeywest.net)

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2015 1:55 PM

**To:** Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

**Subject:** Thirsty Mermaid Support letter 83

Dear Planning board members ,

My name is Michael Castellano , I am one of the owners/operators of Blackfin Bistro at 918 duval st, I wanted to voice my approval and support for the recent application for a beer and wine license at 521 fleming st. I think it will be a great enhancement to the community and be enjoyed by both locals and tourists alike.Thank you for hearing my opinion.



Michael Castellano  
Blackfin Bistro  
Key west

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**From:** Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2015 1:55 PM

**To:** Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

**Subject:** Thirsty Mermaid Support letter 84

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Kevin Pribramsky. I am the owner and operator of Pribramsky Real Estate, LLC at 937 Fleming Street as well as an Old Town Resident.

I wanted to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming Street. I think it will be a great enhancement to our community and will be enjoyed by the locals of Key West as well as tourists.

Thank you,

Kevin Pribramsky

[www.pribramskyre.com](http://www.pribramskyre.com)

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**From:** Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2015 1:56 PM

**To:** Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

**Subject:** Thirsty Mermaid Support letter 85

"Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Mary Jo Rostien. I am a realtor for Berkshire Hathaway Knight Garner Realty on 336 Duval St.

I wanted to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming Street. I think it will be a great enhancement to our community and be enjoyed by the locals of Key West as well as tourists. Thank you, -----

Mary Jo Rostien

305-747-6268 - 305-747-6262 [www.wesellkeywest.net](http://www.wesellkeywest.net)

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**From:** Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2015 1:58 PM

**To:** Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

**Subject:** Thirsty Mermaid Support letter 87

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Patricio A. Duarte. I am the owner and operator of Duarte Floral Design at 1203 Virginia Street.

I wanted to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming Street. I think it will be a great enhancement to our community and be enjoyed by the locals of Key West as well as tourists.

Thank you!

Patricio A. Duarte

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**From:** Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2015 1:59 PM

**To:** Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

**Subject:** Thirsty Mermaid Support letter 89

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Erin Mckenna, I reside at 709 Pearl Street, and have been a full time resident for 8 years.

I wanted to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming Street. I think it will be a great enhancement to our community and be enjoyed by the locals of Key West as well as tourists.

Thank you,

Erin Mckenna

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**From:** Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2015 2:01 PM

**To:** Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

**Subject:** Thirsty Mermaid Support letter 91

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to support the approval of the beer and wine license. My name is Anthony Babutsa and I have lived in Key West for seven years now. I currently work at Antonia's Restaurant and know the importance of being able to supply alcoholic beverages to those who find them appealing. I believe it will be a very positive addition to Thirsty Mermaid and to the patrons who visit.

Thank You,

Anthony Babutsa

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**From:** Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2015 2:03 PM

**To:** Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

**Subject:** Thirsty Mermaid Support letter 91

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Alex Damian. I work as a server and bartender at Antonia's Restaurant , at 615 Duval Street.

I wanted to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming Street. I think it will be a great enhancement to our neighborhood and will be well received by our local community as well as tourists alike.

Thank you,

Alex Damian

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**From:** Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2015 3:07 PM

**To:** Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

**Subject:** Thirsty Mermaid support letter 101

Dear planing board members

My name is Jacob harnett I am the operated and owner of bottom dollar charter and deep end charters. I would like to voice my approval and supportfor the recent application, for a beer and wine license at 521 Fleming st. I think it'll be a great addition to the neighborhood for locals and visitors

Thank u

Jacob Harnett

**From:** Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2015 3:08 PM

**To:** Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

**Subject:** Thirsty Mermaid support letter 102

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Danny Parra and I am the owner and operator of So Cool Window Tinting in Key West, FL. I wanted to voice my approval and support for the recent application for a beer and wine license at [521 Fleming Street](#). I think it will be a great enhancement to our community and be enjoyed by the locals of Key West as well as tourists.

Thank you,  
Danny Parra  
So Cool Window Tinting  
[305-747-0061](tel:305-747-0061)

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**From:** Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2015 3:10 PM

**To:** Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

**Subject:** Thirsty Mermaid support letter 103

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Darcie Parra and I am a teacher at Poinciana Elementary on Kennedy Drive. I wanted to voice my approval and support for the recent application for a beer and wine license at [521 Fleming Street](#). I think it will be a great enhancement to our community and be enjoyed by the locals of Key West as well as tourists.

Thank you,  
Darcie Parra

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2015 3:31 PM

**To:** Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

**Subject:** Thirsty Mermaid Support letter 104

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Tiffanie and I wanted to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming Street. I think it will be a great enhancement to our community and be enjoyed by the locals of Key West as well as tourists.

Thank you,  
Tiffanie McInturff

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**From:** Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2015 3:33 PM

**To:** Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

**Subject:** Thirsty Mermaid support letter 104b

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Lauryn Parra and I am a nursing student at Florida Keys Community College. I wanted to voice my approval and support for the recent application for a beer and wine license at [521 Fleming Street](#).

I have known Kristen and Tommy for many years now and I am a big part of their everyday life. I know that they will be making huge improvements to the 500 block of Fleming Street with their new business and look forward to see their success in the years to come. They are very respectful citizens of this community and we are lucky to have them jumping on board with yet another successful business!

Thank you,  
Lauryn

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From: Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]  
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2015 4:19 PM  
To: Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>  
Subject: Thirsty Mermaid support letter 108

Dear Planning Board Members,  
My name is Christopher Shultz. I am the owner of 2 Cents Restaurant at 416 Appelrouth Lane, The Porch at 429 Caroline and a partner in several other local businesses down town. I also live two blocks from where The Thirsty Mermaid is located. I believe that that Kirsten Onderdonk is a valuable member in the community and the addition of this establishment will be a wonderful addition to the neighborhood. I am in support of the application for a beer and wine license at 521 Fleming Street.

Christopher Shultz  
533 William Street  
Key West, Florida  
33040  
305.849.0930

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From: Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]  
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2015 5:23 PM  
To: Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>  
Subject: Thirsty mermaid support letter 111

Planning Board members,  
I Evan Mehuys, an employee of the owners of upcoming Thirsty Mermaid for 5 years strongly supports the application placed to the city in regards to their beer and wine license. I believe the issuance of this license to the Thirsty Mermaid will help improve the ever growing demand for quality places to dine in our community. I think that ignoring this request would only hurt future progress on our island of Key West.

Sincerely,  
Evan Mehuys

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From: Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]  
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2015 10:15 PM  
To: Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>  
Subject: Thirsty mermaid support letter 114

Dear Planning Board Members,  
My name is Jennifer Robinson. I am the Manager of Blue Heaven, on Petronia Street. I want to hope for an approval of the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming Street. I think it will be a great enhancement to our community and be enjoyed by the locals of Key West as well as those who visit. These are active members of this community that only bring the best to the table. If anyone in this island deserves the opportunity, it is this group. Thank you, Jennifer Robinson

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From: Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2015 10:18 PM

To: Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

Subject: Thirsty Mermaid support letter115

"Dear members of the Planning Board,

My name is Kelly Hall. I am the owner and operator of Hallsome Designs.

I support the license application for beer and wine at 521 Fleming Street. I think it will compliment their menu tremendously a shell round out fabulous menu! Can't wait!!

Thank you,

Kelly Hall

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2015 10:27 AM

To: Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

Subject: Thirsty Mermaid support letter 118

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Suzanne Orchard. I want to express my support for the recent application for a beer and wine license at 521 Fleming Street. I own a business on the same block and sorely miss having a restaurant with beer and wine available that I can pop into after work. (There was a one in that same location until just a few months ago.) This new restaurant sounds like a perfect fit for our neighborhood and will definitely help draw people to our quaint commercial block.

Thank you,

Suzanne Orchard

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**Sabrina Acevedo**  
**REALTOR**

December 15, 2015

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Sabrina Acevedo, I am a Realtor with Doug Mayberry Real Estate. I'd like to voice my support and approval for the application for a beer and wine license at 521 Fleming Street. This establishment will be a great enhancement to the neighborhood and our community. I believe both locals and tourists alike will find enjoyment if this license is approved.

Thank you.

All the best,  
Sabrina Acevedo

**J. Todd Manuel**  
**810 Elizabeth St.**  
**Key West, FL 33040**

December 15, 2015

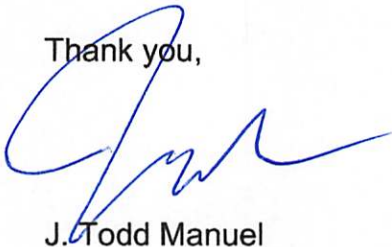
Thaddeus Cohen, Director  
Planning Board  
City of Key West  
510 Greene St  
Key West, FL 33040

RE: Beer and Wine License at 521 Fleming Street.

Dear Director Cohen and Planning Board Members,

My name is John Todd Manuel. I am a co-owner and operator of 2¢ restaurant, at 416 Applerouth Ln. I want to voice my approval and support for the recent application, for a beer and wine license, at 521 Fleming Street. I live and work in the area and believe this type of establishment is not only appropriate but will be a great enhancement to our community and be enjoyed by the locals of Key West as well as tourists.

Thank you,



J. Todd Manuel



Dear Planning Board members,

My name is Allen Mueller. I am owner and operator of Allen Mueller Design in suite 3 at 513 Fleming Street. I do graphic design and branding for small businesses and financial institutions.

I would like to add my voice in support of the recent application for beer and wine licensing for the new restaurant opening at 521 Fleming street - Thirsty Mermaid. I'm a big fan of their other projects and based on their track record, this will only serve to elevate the designation of the 500 block as one of the best parts of old town Key West. I look forward to having a new fine dining option so close to my office and I must say it wouldn't be complete without their wonderful selection of fine wines and beers.

Thank you for considering my input on this decision. Contact me any time with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Allen Mueller

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allen Mueller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a prominent initial "A".

**allen mueller** design

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513 FLEMING ST - SUITE 3 - KEY WEST FL 33040 - ALLEN@ALLENMUELLER.COM - 404.824.4648

**From:** Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 16, 2015 4:26 PM  
**To:** Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>  
**Subject:** Thirsty Mermaid support letter 121

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Amber Archer Bosco, a resident of Key West for 53 years where I have served as an educator. I currently reside at 3369 Northside Drive. I would like to urge you to approve the recent application for a beer and wine license for 521 Fleming Street. The owners have well run establishments and the chef partner is a young man who graduated from Key West High School, went on to perfect his skills and has returned to his home town to make contributions, not only as part of a business, but as a member of this wonderful community. I believe the restaurant will be a welcome addition to tourists and locals alike and hope that you support their application for a beer and wine license.

Thank you for the consideration.

Amber Archer Bosco

**From:** Kristen Onderdonk [<mailto:kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 17, 2015 8:20 AM  
**To:** Melissa Paul-Leto <[mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:mleto@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>  
**Subject:** Thirsty Mermaid Support letter 122

Dear Planning Board Members,

My name is Suzanne Gedney and I fully support the application for a beer and wine license at 521 Fleming Street. As a local resident and business owner, I believe that the Thirsty Mermaid will enhance the neighborhood and provide a respectable establishment to neighbors and tourists alike.

Thank you,  
Suzanne Gedney