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City of Key West Commission  
1300 White Street  
Key West, FL 33040

PROPOSAL FOR A SUCCESSFUL PRODUCTION OF KEY WEST GOOMBAY 2017

June 1, 2017

Dear Mayor, City Commissioners, City Manager, City Attorney, City Staff, Residents, Friends, & Visitors:

We, the Members of a non-profit organization (NPO), namely, Florida Keys Performing & Visual Arts, Inc., (FKPVAI), greet you with great joy and positivity! We are most excited to come before you this day, to present to you our plan to produce the most successful Key West Goombay experience EVER, come this October 2017.

FKPVAI is a state-licensed NPO whose two-decades-long mission has focused on enlightening the residents of and visitors to the Florida Keys--by promotion, preservation, and education--about the exquisitely rich heritage and culture of the Caribbean/African-American Peoples, through staging events/festivals, enhanced by authentic cuisine, delicious libations, soul-enticing music, and traditional vendors! WE wholeheartedly invite YOU TO JOIN US IN THE EXPLORATION OF THE SENSES!

"Is FKPVAI the right ones?" you, the City Commission, may be asking yourselves. Our answer is an emphatic resounding, "YES, WE ARE THE RIGHT ONES TO PRODUCE A SUCCESSFUL KEY WEST GOOMBAY 2017!" "Why is KWPVAI the right ones?" you may, AGAIN, be asking yourselves. Our answer is, "YES, WE ARE! Also, We are a unique collaboration of Key Westers, Conchs, and Others, who are like-minded in spirit, in that, we want what's BEST for Bahama Village and Key West, and the Florida Keys! We are male, female, transgender, multi-racial, multi-generational, multi-sexual orientationed, multi-disciplined, from all socio-economic sectors, educational domains, and professional skill sets!"

In conclusion, KWPVAI recognizes the need to positively showcase and show off "America's Caribbean," especially in these tenuous times, with a fabulous blend of observing the traditions of OUR CARIBBEAN ANCESTORS, WHILE appreciating the nuances of those generations present and yet to come! Our prior, successful productions demonstrate our capabilities to properly fund and produce a Key West Goombay 2017, of which the City of Key West and its residents and visitors, alike, may be pleased and proud! We guarantee the execution of a festival without scandal and/or financial duress! We eagerly anticipate being your choice TONIGHT "TO GET IT RIGHT!" THANK YOU!

Most Respectfully,

Yul A. Knighten, V.P.

The Executive Board for KWPVAI

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