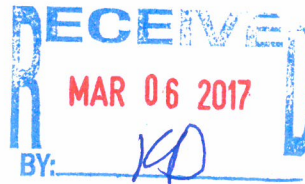


# **Public Comments**



March 6, 2017

Ms. Karen Demaria, Urban Forestry Manager  
City of Key West, Planning Department  
1300 White Street  
Key West, Florida 33041

Dear Ms. Demaria:

I live next door to Mrs. Christina Hayes at 1115 16<sup>th</sup> Terrace, Key West, Florida. She has, as you have been informed, a large black olive tree in her front yard. I have lived here 14 years at the mercy of that tree.

Of course, and naturally, it keeps growing and will continue to grow until it is unmanageable. Mrs. Hayes is 70 and I am 71 years old, we both have incapacitated husbands who cannot help us manage the tree and its growth. We are care givers.

The tree is now growing over my carport, and limbs headed over the roof. Our worries concern its continued growth, and home damage in case of severe storm. Cutting the tree back, which Mrs. Hayes has done many times, does not prevent its continued growth. The tree's output of debris is huge.

Mrs. Hayes is trying to further protect her home with updated hurricane protection shutters due to her husband's condition, and all that investment gets ruined with staining from the tree. We all need to be safe. Mrs. Hayes home is severely impacted by this tree and its cost. She now has the expense of care for her husband.

We are all negatively impacted by this tree. Please help us, and grant Mrs. Hayes the ability to remove the tree. You would be doing her a grateful and blessed service.

I am writing in support of her request.

Respectfully yours,

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