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**Subject:** RE: Item #13, June 6 Commission Meeting

I write to strongly encourage you to vote NO on item 13 on the June 6 agenda, related to the Phil Peterson Poker Run (street closures, noise exemptions, etc.)

As has become increasingly clear over the past few years this event is not an asset to our city. Sunrise Rotary has already pulled out of their sponsorship of this event, and I think the City of Key West should follow that lead. Noise, increased violence, and little cultural value to the city is what this events brings. There will be little if any financial accountability provided to the city; we could always trust the Rotary for this in the past, but that is gone. In an event with much cash floating around, I have little trust that we will have full and proper accounting for all of it.

Meanwhile the residents of the City will have one more weekend of enjoyment of the downtown areas taken from them.

I also know that for non-bikers who might consider visiting our city over that weekend, there is ample warning on social media to stay away because of motorcycle traffic on US-1, the noisy atmosphere that extends to all of our neighborhoods that weekend, and behavior not conducive to family enjoyment.

It is time that a line be drawn between just getting more people into town and the quality of life for our residents. Saying NO to this event would be a good start on that line.

(I will be unable to attend the meeting in person to express these views, but I will be watching the discussion after the fact.)

Thank you

Randy Becker

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*You can make it if you focus on connections, not on differences.*