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Dear City of Key West Planning Board Members,

We are writing in support of the expansion of 1217 Varela Street. We are owners of property in Old Town as well as parents of two children at the Children's School. We moved here 12 years ago to run a small business in Key West and at first were hesitant to raise a family on an island community. We soon met friends who had children at the Montessori school and since then we became confident in Key West being the home for our children. We were driven to send our kids to The Children's School and now it has become part of our Key West family culture. The quiet environment and campus has been a platform for the girls education. We are proud and lucky to send them to such a school.

As downtown residents, we do not believe that the expansion of 1217 Varela street property to the school will damage the charm of the neighborhood. The CBS home currently stands out against the wooden homes. Adding a wooden fence adjoining it to the current school will give it a uniform look, while adding a neighborhood feel.

We also bike to school as well as have a Residential sticker allowing us to legally park in the neighborhood. We understand the difficulties of parking being on Whitehead Street and feel that Varela Street parking is easier because there are no tourists that park in the area and pick and drop off are the only busy times of day.

Thank you for your consideration in supporting the expansion of The Children's school in order to continue the excellent education the school is providing the community.

Sincerely,

Betsy & Chris Casebolt