

Lissette Carey

From: Cheri Smith
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 12:30 PM
To: Lissette Carey
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From: Bob Walsh <robertwalsh620@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, June 01, 2020 12:27 PM
To: Cheri Smith <csmith@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>
Subject: Comments for June 2, 2020 Commission Hearing: Items 14 & 15
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Dear Ms Smith,

Please add my comments to the official list of comments on these agenda items, and copy the Commissioners.

Thank you,

Robert Walsh

Dear Mayor Johnson, and City Commissioners,

I own 810 Terry Lane. I have owned property in Key West for over 30 years, and I purchased my Terry Lane home in 2009. The parcel in question is across the street so less than 75 feet from my home.

I have witnessed a significant transformation of the neighborhood driven by the opening of the Blue Macaw Restuarant. In general, I think the change has improved the neighborhood. I supported having a restaurant the size and scale that Fran had when he operated the Blue Macaw. The City Commissioners that granted the conditions for operation back then were right to balance the needs of the operator with the needs of the neighborhood. They provided operator stipulations that were meant to enforce that balance.

That said, I **strongly oppose** the proposed zoning change of the parcel in question from residential to commercial. Doing so would significantly increase the potential usage for that parcel, and it would eliminate a valuable buffer zone for the neighborhood. This would alter the balance between commercial and residential interests substantially.

My 87 year old mother lives in the first floor front bedroom of our home. When Fran ran the Macaw, the amplified music located on the Petronia St. side of the Restuarant, while quite loud on occasion, was tolerable, with this residential zoned parcel acting as a buffer. Should the parcel be rezoned commercial, the new operator could play amplified music in that area. That would be a huge expansion of usage and would be very detrimental to our quality of life. That is why previous Commissioners thoughtfully provided the neighborhood with this buffer zone.

For that reason, I respectfully ask you to continue, as the past Commissioners did, to balance the needs of the residents with the commercial interests **by not granting the zoning change requested**. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert Walsh
Owner
810 Terry Ln
Key West, FL 33040

Attachment: Sworn Statement

Meeting: Commission Hearing, Items 14 & 15

Date: June 2, 2020

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing statement and that the facts stated in it are true.

Signature:



Print Name: Robert Walsh, Owner

Address or Organization: 810 Terry Lane

Date: 6/1/2020

Please provide this form, along with your written statement, to the City of Key West Clerk's Office by 3:00 PM of the date of the meeting. Please contact 305-809-3832 with any questions. Thank you.