

Citizens Not Serfs

Together We Can Save the Keys



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Included in this Newsletter:

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- A Brief Update on Citizens Not Serfs Growing Support in Washington and a Call for Consistent Dedicated County Support.



Announcements:

- Any member of the community (including County Commissioners) have the opportunity to make announcements of their upcoming events/meetings to our members through our newsletters.
- Please attend the County Commissioner's Meeting to be held on March 21st at the Harvey Government Center (1200 Truman Ave, Key West) to show support for our efforts in ending the pilot program.
- District 2 Commissioner candidate Danny Coll is hosting a meet and greet at Boondocks restaurant from 6-8 on April 21st.
- Commissioner Di Gennaro is hosting a fundraiser on Wednesday April 14th from 5-7:30 at the Marriot Beachside Hotel (3841 N Roosevelt Blvd). Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served in the Town and Tavern Restaurant within the Hotel. Donations accepted but not required.
- Organization Still Seeking Advisory Board Members.
- Citizens Not Serfs urges each & every one of our members to gather additional information & fill out the survey located at keyscomplan.com/ and demand that the Comprehensive Plan Update include a prohibition on high rise condos/hotels & a 35 ft building height restriction. This plan will be incredibly significant to our county over the next twenty

incredibly significant to our county over the next twenty years and it is very important that all your voices are heard. If you can make it, please attend the public input Comp plan meetings to be held in Marathon and Key Largo tonight and tomorrow night. Additional details at bottom of this email.



Support Growing in Washington

Citizens Not Serfs representatives have made progress in our efforts in Washington to end the Pilot Inspection Program. We have made positive contact with Senator LeMieux, Senator Nelson, and Representative Ros-lehtinen and there is growing support within each office to terminate the Pilot Program. A strategy meeting is currently being coordinated between the staff members of all Members of Congress representing Monroe County. We are still working with White House staff to develop solutions to end this devastating program as well. We promise to keep all of you updated as significant developments occur.

Key Ingredient Missing: Consistent Zealous County Support

The key ingredient that is missing right now in our mission is the consistent zealous support of all county officials to end the pilot program and provide relief to Keys citizens. Until 100% of our county staff commit to do everything in their power to aggressively pursue the termination of this devastating program and declare that this program has placed the keys in a crisis that has contributed to the depression of housing prices, corresponding job losses, and a 9.2% loss in population between 2000 & 2008- it will be very difficult to provide relief to our citizens. Although some county officials have provided support during this mission, all of our elected and unelected officials must present a consistent unified front moving forward and hold true to the resolution that was passed by the County Commission in February. It is the responsibility of our Commissioners to take the lead and provide the guidance to staff that will ensure the best chance for relief for keys citizens. This is what we expect from our government and our members need to do everything in our power to express this sentiment to county officials. Most Citizens believe elections have consequences which should be reflected in staff operations. If Monroe County Staff are not following the will of the County Commissioners to terminate the pilot program, then their independent behavior is inappropriate and should cease immediately. Right now, our county needs unified strength in order to be successful in Washington.

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The Keys Comprehensive Plan public input meetings are scheduled at the following dates and times:

Marathon Meeting- Wednesday April 7th from 6 to 8:30 pm at the Marathon Government Center (in the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners Chamber) 2798 Overseas Hwy Marathon, FL

Key Largo Meeting-

Thursday, April 8th from 6 until 8:30 pm at the Murray Nelson Government Center (Auditorium) Mile Marker 102.5 Key Largo, FL

Although many of our members were unable to attend the **Lower Keys Meeting** that was held on April 6th, it can be viewed “on-demand” online at:

www.monroecounty-fl.gov/pages/MonroeCoFl_Media/Index (scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the “on-demand” link)

Please remember to fill out the survey located at KeysCompPlan.com/ after attending the meeting or viewing the meetings online. Thanks for your participation!





For More Information go to: CitizensNotSerfs.com
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Thank You for Your Continued Support!