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Ken Nedimyer  
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Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary

Dear Mr. Nedimyer,

Please accept this letter as a formal request, on behalf of the City of Key West, for the National Marine Sanctuary to grant a representative seat to our city on its Advisory Council.

There are currently members serving who represent Monroe County as a whole. It is our position as a city that we have specific circumstances unique to our island which can only be clearly and thoroughly advocated by someone who represents us independently from the county. Our city has a higher density & population than any other city in the county, and a larger number of visitors with just over 2.6 million tourists per year visiting the city of Key West specifically of the 2.8 million who visited the entire county (Tourist Development Council estimates calculated for 2013). It stands to reason that due to our extreme economic and environmental impact on the Florida Keys, specific representation for our city is very much needed.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Best regards,

Craig Cates  
Mayor, City of Key West

*Key to the Caribbean – Average yearly temperature 77° F.*