



CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA

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Mayor Morgan McPherson
Commissioner Bill Verge
Commissioner Mark Rossi
Commissioner Dan Kolhage
Commissioner Harry Bethel
Commissioner Teri Johnston
Commissioner Clayton Lopez
The City of Key West
525 Angela Street
Key West, FL 33040

Dear Mayor and Commissioners:

It is my pleasure to provide this letter of reference for SWC (Sandra Walters Consultants, Inc.) in regard to the City of Key West general environmental services contract coming before you at your November 7th 2007 meeting.

I have worked with Ms. Walters and her qualified staff for several years, while with Monroe County and in my most recent capacity as Planning Director for the City of Marathon. The firm is highly professional, producing thorough and effective documents and applications. The quality of their work stands out as exceptional in my experience here in the Keys, and I feel confident the City will be very well served.

Ms. Walters is also well-connected at the State level, serving on the South Florida Regional Planning Council as an appointee of Governor Crist. The firm works routinely with all State and Federal regulatory agencies, so has good relationships to bring to bear on City issues.

I urge you to rank the SWC highly in your selection process.

Sincerely,

Fred Gross
Planning Director