



Legendary
KEY LARGO
Chamber of Commerce

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Dear Board of County Commissioners,

The Key Largo Chamber of Commerce is bringing to your attention what appears to be a gross disparity of wastewater tax funding between the Lower Keys and the rate payers of the Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District.

Records indicate that the Key Largo project has received an estimated \$23 million in infrastructure sales tax from Monroe County, while projects in the other unincorporated areas will receive an estimated \$123 million. This huge spread is inexplicable and must be rectified.

While much has been made about the county's purchase of Rowell's Marina in Key Largo, we reject the notion made by some county officials that Key Largo has received an excessive benefit from infrastructure spending. We do not think this claim is supported by county records.

The bottom line is we believe Key Largo tax payers will be paying over \$1,400 dollars more per EDU out of our own pockets for our wastewater system than taxpayers in the Lower Keys.

The Key Largo Chamber of Commerce respectfully requests that you direct county staff to use due diligence in rectifying this gross imbalance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Thibos', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Matt Thibos
Chairman of the Board of Directors
Key Largo Chamber of Commerce

Mission statement

Creating a vibrant business and community environment