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Miriam Garcia/Redevelopment Specialist
City Manager's Office
City of Fort Pierce
100 North U.S. 1
Fort Pierce, Florida 34950

Miriam,

I am writing this letter to express our sincere thoughts on how Captains Galley Restaurant receiving part of the allowed Commercial Façade Grant would be an absolute win win for both The City of Fort Pierce as well as Captains Galley. Our business, a local favorite for over thirty-five years, is family owned by Fort Pierce natives who treasure the history and growth of our community.

As stated in The Stakeholder and Property Owner Workshop, April 28, 2017, "it would be undesirable to lose 12 A Buoy Restaurant as well as Captain's Galley Restaurant". Captains Galley has plans to add a very attractive and comfortable deck to the existing building which will enhance the aesthetics of the building which faces Indian River Drive and Seaway. This intersection sits at the access point to the southside of Fort Pierce Inlet and is visible to ALL traffic to and from the island. Included in the addition of the deck will be attractive landscaping native to the area. With the redevelopment of Fisherman's Wharf and the addition of Derecktor's mega yacht facility and King's Landing, it is imperative that the current businesses fall into place with the direction of growth while keeping the historic feel and build on the strengths of "Historic Edgartown" which include our active working commercial and recreational waterfront.

In addition, it will provide much needed and desirable outdoor seating for our guests. Doing so coincides with current recommendations from the CDC regarding safety protocol to help eliminate the spread of Covid-19.

Approval of this grant would allow Captain's Galley to continue contributing to the beauty and economic future of one of the most amazing coastal communities in the state.

We would be proud and look forward to working side by side with the city to accomplish the redevelopment of The Sunrise City.

Sincerely,

Taryn M Rains
Vice President
Captains Galley Restaurant