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From: Greg Fogg, Admiralty House Treasurer

To: Condominium Owners of Marco Island

The reason for this email is to give you a heads up on water rates that will increase on 10/1/10 and to ask for your help with this situation. I am part of a Beachfront Condo Directors group which meets once a month to discuss similar issues and invites different speakers to address issues and changes affecting condos here on Marco Island. This is open to all condos and currently we have about 20 condos attending these meetings. At last weeks meeting we had an individual who lives in a condo here on Marco and is a member of the Citizens'

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Advisory Board (which will recommend to council at the May meeting) discuss with us what their proposed water rate increase could be. I am not going to get into all the numbers; however, the current situation is that the condos on Marco currently pay a much higher water rate than the residential base and the gap is about to get larger if the recommendation by this committee is approved. This individual who spoke to us is unhappy with this proposal as it continues to play favorites to certain groups. As this individual discussed with us, with only one condo voice on this committee it is very difficult to be heard, especially when most of the members are from the residential base. CITY COUNCIL is the one who has authority to set the Water and Sewer Rates.

**Here is where I NEED YOUR HELP!**

Enclosed you'll find a letter we are asking all condo unit owners to send to city council ( web site is:

CityCouncil@CityOfMarcoIsland.com ). We need you to email or send this letter asking council to be fair to all customer groups when reviewing water and sewer rate increase to take place on 10/1/10. If we can generate enough letters to council then they will have to recognize our efforts and respect our input. Feel free to change this letter to better fit your style as this is just a sample. Please feel free to forward this information to your friends who also own condos on Marco and encourage them to get involved. The best time for this email to be sent to council is the week of May 3rd.

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**To:** citycouncil@cityofmarcoisland.com

**Subject:** Water Rates

To: City Council, City of Marco,

We want water/sewer rates that are fair to all customers, No customer group should pay more for these services than another. What customers actually pay is the test of fairness. The combination of base and volume charges plus volumes used is the key that must be considered.

We are watching the outcome of the current rate studies with great interest.

We want water sewer rate and final pricing as a result of the new plan to be fair to all customer groups. We also want the Marriott to pay their share just like the rest of us.

No more favorite groups on sewer and water prices. We want pricing equality among all customer categories, including hotels and timeshares. By equality we mean prices paid.

We want pricing to condos on water and sewer services to be equal to single family homes. By equal we mean final prices, resulting from rates and volume calculations.

Everyone should pay their share.

Water in the kitchen is just as important as water on the lawns.

We want water rates and volumes used to result in equal per volume unit prices for all customer groups.

Regards,