**Opposition to Redfish Pointe: Please Participate in our Hurricane Ian Mail/Email Campaign**

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Hi Everyone,

As mentioned in my monthly bulletin, I wanted to mark the anniversary of Hurricane Ian with a meaningful initiative. Last year’s protest march was a great success, and this year we aim to keep the momentum going.

**The landowner's representatives are currently active and have recently resubmitted a request to change the land use designation to the city. It is essential that we make it clear to city leaders that we are firmly opposed to this change.**

We’re launching a **Hurricane Ian Mail/Email Campaign** to reach out to current City Council Members and candidates running for the five open seats. Our goal is to urge them to consider the risk of storm surge to Cape Coral residents in all their decision-making.

To get you started, we’ve provided two template emails below. Feel free to use them as they are, modify them, or create your own. Please email or mail these messages to the addresses listed below before September 28, the anniversary of Hurricane Ian.

I’ve set a modest goal of 40 residents participating in this campaign, sending either emails or letters. Last time, we had 70 residents send over 560 letters, and I’m hopeful we can exceed this year’s goal.

ALSO-We are requesting POWICC members attend the **Right to Clean Water - Climate Symposium** at the CC library 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm **Tuesday October 8**. You can register [here](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/climate-wetlands-and-the-right-to-clean-and-healthy-waters-tickets-972171329617).

Thank you for your support! **Let me know if you participated in this campaign!**

Best regards,

Paul Bonasia

Lead Coordinator Protect Our Wetlands in Cape Coral.

**Template Letter ONE**--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

*Suggested email subjec*t: Cape Resident opposed to increased risk to storm surge

Dear Councilmember, (Councilmember Candidate)

As a resident of Cape Coral who was affected by Hurricane Ian, I am deeply concerned as the two-year anniversary of the storm approaches on September 28. While we understand that hurricanes are an inevitable threat, it is crucial for us to know that the City Council will take every possible measure to minimize the risk of future damage to homeowners.

With seventy percent of Cape Coral bordering wetlands, which play a vital role in protecting our homes from storm surge, it is imperative that we prioritize the preservation of these areas. The rising costs of insurance, higher deductibles, and the emotional toll from wind and flood damage to our homes, already place a significant burden on homeowners.

As new developments and infrastructure changes are proposed, particularly in wetland areas, I urge you to carefully consider the impact on existing residents. Ensuring effective stormwater mitigation and maintaining our natural buffers will be essential in reducing the risk of future storm damage.

**It is vital that you consider the potential risk of future storm surges to Cape Coral residents in all your decision-making processes.**

Thank you.

Sincerely,

[ your name]

Member of **Protect Our Wetlands in Cape Coral.**

**Template Letter TWO --------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**

*Suggested email subjec*t: Cape Resident opposed to increased risk to storm surge.

September XX,, 2024

Dear [Councilmember] [Councilmember Candidate]

As a resident of Cape Coral who was fortunate not to be directly affected by Hurricane Ian, I am deeply concerned as the two-year anniversary of the storm approaches on September 28. While we acknowledge that hurricanes are an inherent threat, it is essential for us to ensure that the City Council takes every possible measure to mitigate future risks to homeowners.

Given Cape Coral’s low elevation and the lack of suitable evacuation shelters, many residents, including those with pets, must remain in their homes during storms, putting their possessions and lives at significant risk. The increasing costs of insurance and higher deductibles further strain homeowners and make Cape Coral a less attractive place to own a home.

As new developments and infrastructure changes, especially in wetland areas, are considered, I urge you to carefully evaluate their impact on current residents. Effective stormwater mitigation and preservation of our natural buffers are crucial for reducing the risk of future storm damage.

**It is vital that you consider the potential risk of future storm surges to Cape Coral residents in all your decision-making processes.**

Thank you.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

Member of **Protect Our Wetlands in Cape Coral**.

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**Contact Information:**

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BSteinke@CapeCoral.gov (Bill Steinke, District 1)

DSheppard@CapeCoral.gov (Dan Sheppard, District 2)

THayden@CapeCoral.gov (Tom Hayden, District 3)

[Rcarr@capecoral.gov](mailto:Rcarr@capecoral.gov) (Richard Carr; District 4)

RWelsh@CapeCoral.gov (Robert Welsh; District 5;)

Klong@CapeCoral.gov (Keith Long; District 6)

JCosden@CapeCoral.gov (Jessica Cosden; District 7)

**Address for all is:**

**1015 Cultural Park Blvd, Cape Coral, FL 33990**

**City Council Candidates:**

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