

To the Honorable Governor Ron DeSantis

Dear Governor DeSantis,

The City Council of Marco Island would like to thank you for your service to our State and formally request an exemption to the LIVE LOCAL ACT. We are a barrier island six miles by four miles and have legitimate density limitations; we believe this Act would create a genuine hardship for our municipality. We are currently at almost full build out and have likely reached our density projected for 2030. Though having affordable housing is a necessity, the latitude this Act grants developers to increase density without Planning Board or City Council approval would overtax our roadway infrastructure as well as our water and sewer capacity. Moreover, we have a history of severe storms and a recurring and real hurricane risk which lends to hazardous congestion in emergency situations at our current density. Our Comprehensive Plan has growth constraints built in to prevent any large scale increases in density and the LIVE LOCAL ACT would effectively void our ability to protect the fabric of our community. We respectfully ask for the right to retain Planning Board and Council oversight of all development to enforce the restrictions imbedded in our current ordinances and Land Development Code. Thank you for your consideration to grant Marco Island legislative relief from the Live Local Act.

Marco Island City Council
Stephen Gray Acting Chairman