



City of Marco Island

September 23, 2025

The Honorable Ron DeSantis

Governor of Florida
The Florida State Capitol
400 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Subject: Request for a Florida DOGE Audit of the City of Marco Island

Governor DeSantis,

As the elected Chairperson of the Marco Island City Council, and on behalf of the City Council, I am formally requesting that the Florida Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) initiate a comprehensive audit of the City of Marco Island's municipal operations and financial practices.

It is essential that the City of Marco Island demonstrates fiscal responsibility, transparency, and accountability to the residents we serve.

While the City of Marco Island has made efforts to manage resources prudently, I believe that an objective third-party audit conducted by Florida DOGE would serve the public interest by:

1. **Evaluating the efficiency and effectiveness** of current spending across departments.
2. **Identifying areas of potential waste, duplication, or inefficiency** within the city's operations and administrative structure.
3. **Providing data-driven recommendations** to inform both current budget decisions and future strategic planning.

Importantly, this audit would offer an impartial analysis that goes beyond internal reviews and political discourse. As public servants, we owe it to our constituents to pursue every opportunity to ensure that taxpayer dollars are spent wisely, and that essential services are being delivered as effectively as possible.

I respectfully request that Florida DOGE consider this formal appeal and prioritize Marco Island for review. Our residents deserve full confidence that their local government is operating with integrity, discipline, and a commitment to continuous improvement.

Thank you for your leadership in promoting transparency and government efficiency across the state. I look forward to your consideration of this request and stand ready to assist in facilitating the audit process should your office move forward.

Sincerely,

Erik Brechnitz, Chairman
City of Marco Island City Council

Cc: City of Marco Island City Council
Mr. Michael McNees, City Manager
Dr. Casey Lucius, Assistant City Manager
Ms. Joan Taylor, City Clerk