



City of Marco Island

February 2, 2026

Dear Chairman Saunders and County Commissioners,

I am writing on behalf of the Marco Island City Council and City residents to respectfully request that the Board place a sales tax measure on the 2026 general election ballot for voter consideration.

Collier County, including the City of Marco Island, continues to experience growth and increasing demands on public services, infrastructure, and quality-of-life amenities. A voter-approved sales tax would provide residents with a transparent and democratic opportunity to decide whether additional, locally controlled revenue should be dedicated to addressing current and future community needs while helping to lessen the reliance on property taxes.

It is our position that the sales tax measure should be on the ballot prior to an additional tourist development tax that would fund only a small number of projects. A sales tax focused on stormwater, drainage, and road infrastructure will benefit every County resident and should not be delayed. Placing this measure on the 2026 ballot would ensure strong voter participation and allow ample time for public discussion, education, and input regarding the purpose, duration, and accountability of the tax. I respectfully urge the Board to advance this issue for public consideration and allow Collier County residents to decide at the ballot box whether a sales tax measure is in the best interest of our community.

Thank you for your service and for considering this request. I appreciate your continued work on behalf of the residents of Collier County.

Best Regards,

Darrin Palumbo
Chairman, Marco
Island City Council