



CITY OF MARCO ISLAND

To: George E. Wittmann, Jr.
From: Casey Lucius, Interim City Manager 
Date: March 20, 2026
Re: Finding Of Sufficiency:
Marco Island Referendum Petition – Advanced Wastewater Treatment

SUFFICIENCY CERTIFICATION

With reference to the "Petition" by the Committee to Improve the Quality of Marco Island Reuse Water, Inc., (the "Committee") for an Ordinance Requiring Advanced Wastewater Treatment at the City of Marco Island's Wastewater Treatment Plant.

On March 5, 2026, the City Clerk received from the Collier County Supervisor of Elections Office certification that 1,431 valid registered City voters properly signed the Committee's Petition for an Ordinance "For The Purpose Of Upgrading The Marco Island Wastewater Treatment Plant To Achieve Advanced Wastewater Treatment (AWT) Nutrient Standards To Meet A Total Nitrogen (TN) Standard Expressed As "N" Of The No More Than 3 MG/L And A Total Phosphorus (TP) Standard Expressed as "P" Of No More Than 1 MG/L".

Further, the Supervisor has specified that 14,312 is the official total of registered voters in the City of Marco Island as of book closing for the 2024 General Election. Pursuant to City Charter Section 6.03(2), the City Manager has 20 business days after receipt of the Supervisor of Elections certification to determine sufficiency.

Based upon the foregoing, more than 10% of the qualified electors (voters) of the City have petitioned the City Council to adopt the Committee's Ordinance "For The Purpose Of Upgrading The Marco Island Wastewater Treatment Plant To Achieve Advanced Wastewater Treatment (AWT) Nutrient Standards To Meet A Total Nitrogen (TN) Standard Expressed As "N" Of The No More Than 3 MG/L And A Total Phosphorus (TP) Standard Expressed as "P" Of No More Than 1 MG/L" (City Charter Section 6.01 (1)).

This Certificate of Sufficiency was completed timely pursuant to the City Charter (twenty business days from March 5, 2026, which is April 2, 2026). This item will be scheduled for Council discussion on the April 6, 2026, Council meeting agenda.

cc: Alan L. Gabriel, City Attorney
Joan Taylor, City Clerk