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October 5, 2016

The Collier County Legislative Delegation
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To the Honorable Delegation Members:

The City of Marco Island appreciates our Collier County Legislative Delegation's past and future efforts in assisting the residents of Marco Island and Collier County. As we enter into the 2017 Legislative Session the City would like to inform and request your assistance on the following grants and issues.

- "San Marco Road Drainage Improvement Project". This project consists of an area of approximately 25 acres of property along a major arterial street, San Marco Road, which was constructed during the early phases of the development of Marco Island. The storm drainage system is very limited which causes several local collector streets to flood and become impassable. By creating a master planned storm water management system along this major roadway, the storm water will rapidly pass from the adjacent local street systems into a large collector pipe which will be installed within the current roadway Right-of-Way and into the receiving waters of our inland canal system. This project will increase the health and safety of our residents by allowing emergency vehicles to access the areas during storm events. Estimated grand funding for FY17 is \$575,000.
- "Design and Construction of Marine Based Fire Ems/Fire Station." In the 2016 legislative session your efforts helped obtain \$250,000 of an original \$1 million state grant request for the design and construction of our Marine Based Fire/EMS Station. This station would replace our current 50 year old fire station. This station has our state of the art EMS, Fire and Marine Response Vessel that responds into the Gulf of Mexico for water based illnesses, injuries, rescues and fires. The economic benefits to Collier County from the marine industry and tourism supported the obvious need to bring this Fire/EMS station up to current life safety standards and quicken response times. The City is asking for your support for the remaining \$750,000 to be combined with a commitment of the City's \$1,000,000 million plus contributions to complete this critically needed station. Upon obtaining the appropriate forms for this new legislative session we will provide you with all back up data.
- "Marco Shores Alternative Water Solution Project." The project includes the infrastructure necessary to capture treated wastewater plant effluent that is currently lost to disposal and, instead, treating and converting it to reclaimed water to augment irrigation, and providing potable water to the Marco Shores community that originates from alternative water sources such as surface water that would otherwise be lost as runoff to the Gulf of Mexico. This is a

multi-year project and is presently in the design stage. The total project cost including design, permitting, and construction is estimated to be \$6.6 million dollars. The state executed a \$400,000 FY 15-16 and a \$750,000 FY 16-17 grant agreement with the city. The city will be seeking additional grant funding in FY 17-18.

In closing, the City of Marco Island is grateful for all of the support that you have given to all of our various projects and time given to our lobbyist Ronald L Book, P.A. Thank you very much for your support and efforts on behalf of Marco Island.

Sincerely,

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- "Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity." The City is working with Collier County on a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) to allow Marco Island to have an advanced life support state license and transport capability. The City wishes to continue its good relationship with the County but must prepare for recent actions whereby EMS services potentially will be turned over to a consolidated Fire/EMS taxing district. Marco Island is in the initial phase of the County process, however, if the County does not issue a COPCN we would request the State's assistance in obtaining a specific exemption for the City of Marco Island for a State Advanced Life Support License.

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