



June 5, 2023

Commissioner Kevin Ruane
Commissioner Cecil L. Pendergrass
Commissioner Ray Sandelli
Commissioner Brian Hamman
Commissioner Mike Greenwell
Lee County Board of County Commissioners
2120 Main Street
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

The Board of Governors of the Captiva Civic Association have voted unanimously to request that the Board of County Commissioners defer Item 8 of the Consent Agenda (Direct to Public Hearing LDC Amendments for Building Height, Resiliency, South Seas) and to not direct this matter to public hearing on June 20, 2023.

The Captiva Civic Association, together with the Captiva Community Panel, has worked for many years developing the Captiva chapter of the Lee Plan, the Captiva chapter of the Land Development Code, and various Captiva-specific ordinances. The changes now proposed have not been shared with the Captiva community and will have a major impact upon the future of our barrier island.

Furthermore, any public hearing scheduled for June 20, 2023, will take place when many of our members are either out of town or struggling with the impacts of Hurricane Ian. Scheduling a hearing for June 20 almost guarantees that Captiva property owners will not have appropriate input on these major changes and is not in keeping with the County's long history of proper notice, transparency and cooperation.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emily Hess Ankersen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Emily Hess Ankersen
Executive Director