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VISION STATEMENT Survey Comments

- Too late to address. The county decides about zoning.
- Preserve a unique neighborhood
- Absolutely love the vision! Thank you!
- The biggest threat to the island is the deviation that would happen if a sewer system were mandated. A book could be written on the destruction that would happen during the digging.
- Thank you for all your doing on all of our behalf!
- Each one of us came here because we liked what was here...no need to change that.
- I am in favor of a toll bridge that charges the same as the ferry. Let me come and go as I please, while being cost prohibitive to random visitors. Several times I have had to get a hotel room in Sarasota when my flight was late.
- I am currently not a permanent resident but many of my family members are intertwined with the island. We support local contractors and businesses in the hopes that we can maintain the island just as it was/or has evolved since my parents built and bought me there in 1980.
- I view the Island as a community occupied by like minded people. As with all communities we have our own characteristics, it what I think is important is that some are unique, like no bridge,, dirt streets, beautiful uncrowded beach and others mentioned in the survey. The critical issue in my view is that we are fortunate to live in a free country and all of us are here because we like those unique features. As such the answer in my view is if you don't like them don't come here and as for changing them that should only be done at the will of a vast majority of owners.
- We need a bridge. I know its an unpopular opinion but we are relying on an entity currently lead by someone that i dont think is a good fit for our needs. I would like to see a small one lane bridge so that we can have abother option off an on the island. If the bridge was placed near the state park it could serve the entire island. Many owners dont own docks on the island or on the mailand side leaving them completely dependant upon Adam.
- We don't need to change for newcomers. They need to adapt to us or go buy somewhere else. Plenty of other islands have all those other things; very few places if any have what we have. Let's keep it that way.
- Is it possible to codify the county's role in dredging our canals. Could anything that is being proposed now be used as justification later for someo
- I understand progress but I also understand the unique place we live. O
- We are planning to break ground for our retirement home construction after this hurricane season and are looking forward to being full time residence after the house is complete.
- Personally, I do not like the certain roads are gated. I don't see why we need gated communities on an island like this. I think all the roads should be open to people walking and biking.
- I have loved the island for 16 years.The reasons above are the reason.It will also enhance property values if it can be preserved in an increasingly hectic world.
- I do not want the island environment damaged by trying to install a central sewer system.
- I live on Knights Island and bought here for the exact reasons stated above. Most of all, not to change it. Why does anyone move here and try to change it. It is perfect just as it is.
- As the ferry is the only means of services Charlotte Ct home owners
- Love our beach community.

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- Have owned property for 28 years. The last couple of years I feel like PIE has been trying to operate the island like an HOA instead of a neighborhood social group. PIE does not represent the island just the people who have joined. I f
- If Sabal Palm HOA is not going to let Thornton Key owners build homes by using their gate to prevent access, then we are in favor of a bridge to Thornton Key
- a little "commerical at the landing would be nice, maybe a vegetable seller in addition to not just a bistro, a mini farmers market type of thing
- I am in favor of a plan that does not turn our little slice of paradise with meandering roads and informal landscapes. A place where our human presence makes the most minuscule tip toe of a foot print.
- We appreciate all the work the committee and members are doing here.
- In general I agree w/ the following survey question " The Island should stay single family residential, with no new commercial development. However, with one exception - a decent commercial restaurant on the island I would support.
- With respect to Fire, EMS and to a lesser degree Sheriff, residents are comfortable living on the island longer because these services are available and high level. As for the Sheriff services, we know they're not here very often so I'd love to see a neighborhood watch program reinstituted, relying on the community to support the community.
- We support beach renourishment and beach vegetation.
- Need a bridge and their is private lots which the people I believe have rights I believe we can't always control people on a private island ,I'm on snapper ave
- Include the shared dock.
- These islands remain special in an area that has experienced unbridled growth in the past 20 years. That is because of the vigilance of islanders who have been united in efforts to retain the uniqueness that drew us all here. We need to continue the fight, and approval of a Neighborhood Plan will be one more step in protecting the benefits of island living for the future.
- Vacant Lot are a sanctuary for many of the native plants and critters. We need to do more to stop filling cutting and destroying these habitats.We need to do more to stop filling cutting and destroying these habitats.
- The ferry service should be a public-funded operation operating under the purvue of the County and/or State
- We should include the importance of preserving the state park as part of our community.
- We need to understand that a section of Knight island is zoned multi-family tourist and could possibly allow for limited neighborhood commercial activity (I. Think)
- If we have a neighborhood pla. All owners must be able to vote. Otherwise its not a neighborhood plan

CHAPTER 1: LAND USE Survey Comments

1.1 The Principal Land Use Regulations Comments

- Please preserve what have!!
- We support Bocilla Conservancy and any other groups to buy property and prevent additional new construction.

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- I support HB4077 and anything else that comes along to ensure that the islands are protected from future overdevelopment.
- Keep our island residential single-family only.
- I want to build if this takes away my rights in the not developed areas forget it their is a park on the island that makes the preservation it seems to me people don't want houses built on the lots that were made
- Agree with House Bill 4077 (2025)
- But do want alternative forms of island access to be considered.
- Don't allow the removal of mangroves and installation of concrete bulk
- We should have a "path" along the side of Gulf Blvd to protect pedestrians from traffic.
- I live on Knights Island. Not sure if the question to new construction was meant for the resort. Palm Island Resort
- I feel we need a bridge that is expensive to cross and eliminate the ferry. I feel we need a real restaurant and small grocery store. I feel we should have an HOA to help improve property values
- Better rules regarding private beach access would be helpful. The golf carts parked in our yard and right in front of the access at times are so frustrating and disrespectful. Are there not av easements where there is designated golf cart parking?
- We need to push for hb 4077
- Don not want multi unit building. No high rise condos
- There is nothing wrong with well planned duplexes.
- I support the House Bill but not the Neighborhood Plan. We do not live in a HOA so a
- Can it be limited to single family houses or cam
- Our Island is fragile, and we want to protect the unique nature of the Island and wildlife.

1.2 Non-Conformities and the 50% Rule

- I don't mind bringing all construction up to code. What I don't prefer is the cumulative rule in the case that you decide to do additional improvements. This gets cloudy as the ability to change items under the restrictions of CCCL, AND In my opinion the CCCL is NOT an exact measurement, I believe that it is loosely defined.
- It took us over a year to find a contractor after lan - much less pull a permit.
- Especially our demographics are different because of being located on a barrier one year is not adequate time to get things taken care plus finding quality people who want to work on the island because of ferry accessibility
- I don't understand why the one year rule was ever established. Must just make it easier for the County so they make a rule regardless of cuircumstance.
- 1 year is good to get the permit as long as there is time to rebuild...1-3 years.
- 3 years is to long . 1 year is to short. I'd go 2 years
- It took me 2.5 years to settle my insurance claim
- 3 years is too long for extending permitting period. Re: non-conformities and 50% rule, we are not responsible for educating and familiarizing people with all the County building regulations. Think we should stick to things that are unique to the island. Don't think it belongs in Neighborhood Plan.

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- The county should also expedite or relax the permitting process for all impacted home after a hurricane
- The value of the necessary upgrades must be based on the current value of the property and not "yesterday" values
- Three years is too long. I think two years be more appropriate
- All of our damage was to the frangible wall, stairs and elevator yet it took almost 2 years to get it fixed right.
- We had frangible walls, stairs and elevator damage. Due to the lack of qualified and trusted contractors it took almost 2 years to get it fixed right. After the storm many unqualified and dishonest trades come out. This can cost more time and money to fix and repair their mistakes besides the repair to the hurricane damage. .

1.3 Other Existing Regulations

- I wanted to make sure there is a consistent message that PIE and the island are not seeking to change zoning / build regs with respect to existing single family lots owned by residents. My understanding is that the focus of this exercise is to stop the clock and prevent future commercial development -- not take away the rights of existing lot owners desiring to build their future single family home.
- Preserve and protect natural habitat and beaches
- These have been in place and do not need any changes.
- Some regulations could be more stringent. Need enforcement of existing
- I fought and won to change the regulations relating to being able to have a dock on a vacant land so that we can have egress off of our bridgeless Island. So not all regulations as is or as they were maybe desirable but in general, I think they're fine. I bigger area of interest is in finding a way to protect the island from these private services that somehow the county and state have enabled,
- Change additional regulations to make it easier to establish a house of worship. Currently, other than on a PUD (private development), the restrictions make it impossible.
- I wouldn't support anything that would weaken the regulations that are in place and we have promised people that this plan would only maintain what we currently have - not take away any existing rights.
- The single family residence height at 35 feet is adjusted for base flood elevation but what happens when the county or state changes this elevation? That could put existing residence not in compliance.

1.4 Build-out and Zoning Codes

- Turning our precious green spaces into mini theme parks is a tragedy ☹️ Clear them of exotics & leave them natural. Please.
- Support better house spacing, but new natural areas designation should be initiated ASAP
- Would need to know more about current building codes & regulations in order to answer the above question

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- There seems to be a lot of grey in these answers. I believe single family homes should have a lot of freedom of what they do on their property. I do not believe that multi-family or condos should have the freedom that single family does.
- I do not know the complete building codes for the barrier Islands, so I can not comment on them.
- Thank you for your time and energy
- I am for PIE making suggestions on lighting or plants or other that some may feel are desirable to them however I do not wish this at all to be put into any county code or restriction. I for example, like light at night I am bothered by the darkness outside when I can't see what's there if I'm walking, take my dog out, sitting around, have guests coming and going. I feel my home and its environment needs to be safe and comfortable first, and then I can consider others looking at the sky or animals. Because , have guests coming and going. I feel my home and it's environment needs to be safe and comfortable first, and then I can consider others looking at the sky or animals. Because if the island is made to restrictive or not welcoming to those who want to live there comfortably, then all other aspects of the ecosystem become apparel anyway, when there is no money to fix it up or enjoy it.
- Our townhouse burned down in a fire and no-one has contacted us to help us.
- I'm not sure what negative impact of current codes have on my property that could be changed by us. For example the CCCL is a monster hurdle but not sure how to navigate that. What I would like to discuss is something that affects rebuild if damaged by storms, do yes there should be some height restrictions that I wouldn't mind discussing.
- I'm not sure I understand how more space between homes could be created and upon reflection, I don't think I understand the question.
- I don't think we should wait to discuss more open spaces.as island is getting built out rapidly
- I'm not sure how you can change more space in between homes” and the Conservancy is already buying land and for natural areas
- I don't know how you inforce natural areas without reducing property lines. The lots are very small but encourage protection of wildlife and plants

1.5 Preservation of Green Space

- While green space is lovely, we do t need more and more rules. Too many busy bodies. Ever keep your own eyes on your own bobbbers.
- I so very much support the preservation of green space & natural vegetation. As such, I would like to see exotics/invasives removed our precious green spaces & then left as is - not planting additional "native" plants or turning them into tourist destinations. Encouraging homeowners to plant native vegetation on their properties would be wonderful, but leave what little area is still natural to nature.
- Our neighbor clear cut half an acre of mature trees to put in a mass of mango trees that are attracting rats, iguanas, need massive water and removed tremendous amounts of shade and bird habitats. He was told to stop. This week he cut down three or four more large palm trees. We need a way to enforce existing rules.
- I don't think most homeowners need incentives but the new people moving here don't seem to care about green space/nature

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- Thank you
- Lots are not big. Trying to meet all the building requirements and then also trying to avoid a relatively not great palm tree for example, is not a reasonable path in my view. This is not a homeowners association that requires a certain number of trees or that every house looked the same that is part of the appeal of the ISLAND. Many homeowners have too little plantings or have only the natural plantings that you're suggesting because they don't want to incur the cost for watering any plant that can't survive on its own already. No further regulation is needed for that. We don't get our water from the percolation of the island and the streets are not paved so one house or 20 houses that have pavers or artificial turf or watered. Plants is not going to have any significant impact in my opinion on the environment, but may make the ISLAND less appealing to some. I think leaving things as they are up to the homeowners works out. The only issue I see coming new to the island does not relate to the planting it relates to the random cars, and debris that some have on their property, however, I accept that this is their benefit and the downside to not being in an HOA, but it is what we all chose.
- Again - we do not live in an HOA. You can not enforce or penalize home and lot owners.
- A owner of a lot that had some palms , sea oats, sea grapes etc should not be prevented from removing them to build a house. Landscape requirements after the build should be encouraged. I don't want the value of my property to go down because I can not build a house I want like the existing houses in the island. I agree on no multi family homes but to limit a single family home due to vegetation would be wrong and be a major issue for us
- I believe balance between development and conservation is always desirable. But attractive, high value single home development should not be discouraged.
- The general contractors should take responsibility, at least influenced to reduce clear cutting
- JOIN BICI !
- Native landscaping saves so much time and money, preserves water and promotes wildlife - the next hurricane will wash all the fancy non-native landscaping away!
- I do support land preservation efforts, but thought initially that the land conserved by BICI would be left in its natural state with only some clearing of invasives. I thought the original idea (which most likely I misunderstood) was to leave some lots unbuilt upon and give us some breathing room. I didn't realize that the lots would be developed into tourist attractions.
- The gopher tortoises on the island are slowly diminishing...getting hit by cars. We need speed ..slow down...signs on N gulf, where most of the turtles are hit. These are endangered species at the county needs to be more proactive and protecting them..
- Can a vacant lot be built up above adjoining properties using imported sand and gravel?
- #5 and #6 recommendations are essentially the same.
- People move here for the natural Betty of the island but should not be required to keep only native landscaping. Other types of flowers, fruit tress, and ground covering is personal and and should not be mandated to properties
- People need to be discouraged from building sea walls and taking out mangroves

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- Once someone tries to use plants that are not "native" or salt tollerant they will learn soon to use the native vegetation. The cost of water and the need to constantly replant will cure their desire for non native or non salt tollerant plants.

1.6 Commercial Development

- We purchased on this island for a reason and one of those reasons was it wasn't commercialized. No new businesses
- No future commercial activity desired
- I would like to see a better small market (grocery) for essentials as well as fresh produce and meats. But it isn't a "must have" by any stretch.
- We need additional commercial land on the island because the commercial land is here now is run by monopoly and this run into the ground. There's no fear Market or competition and if there is or someone tries, they get banned from the Ferry something needs to change.
- these surveys are to simplistic and generic - not much useful information is being collected on these
- I love the fact there are no business on the island other then the resort & the ferry. I'd vote to keep it this way forever. I also don't like having "peddlers" coming and setting up on the island (except for special events) our special neighborhood/community needs to say as it is..this is why we live here & people vacation here..to get away from the commercialization of the mainland.
- I don't know what the ferry landing is currently zoned, but some commercial at some point may make sense there, customer base on island is limited that in itself will limit commercial activities, but it should not be ruled out entirely should a good idea or business beneficial to Islanders come along.
- The statement some future commercial activity may happen on property already zoned is not defined what that details. Need more information:
- Palm Island is the wrong place for any type of commercial development. It's a residential community. Keep the commercial businesses out of the residential communities.
- It would be nice to be able to pick up milk, ice, and a few other things at a small convenience store without going off Island.
- I like the non commercial use. I also like no high rises or major condo developments.
- The resort has a monopoly on the island and has been in consistent decline for more than 20 years . Qualify and value of services and offerings have been sub par at best and it may be time for some competition to apply pressure to perform. No different than we are seeing interest in alternative barge solutions being considered. I personally am not in favor of another barge and appreciate the charm of the quiet island but I expect better
- from the resort both from a food and beverage perspective as well as general upkeep and value of the resort amenities.
- Small grocery or another restaurant would be nice but i wouldn't want them to otherwise change the character of the island
- Hopefully we can respect the land & its habitat. I think we lose sight of the true essence of the island
- Good job you all!!

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- I think it makes sense to emphasize that commercial enterprises on the island should be solely focused on serving the island community. While it is unlikely that any commercial business would believe they could attract customers to come to the island for service due to the limitations of ferry service someone might come up with some concept that might attract mainlanders to get to the island to use the beach etc.
- I am not opposed to commercial development for truly owner needed services. This should be limited and growth plan should be developed and voted on by owners not developers. The building codes and architecture designs should very very island like and like for a space academy.
- I'm not clear on any property that would allow commercial use. It would be nice if the county send this for transparency. I'm also strongly opposed of any commercial use in a residential area.
- No additional commercial properties allowed. Period. I'm not sure if my response was clear in the choices.
- Vague questions: Some future commercial activity may happen on properties that are already zoned? Example please.
- I would like to see a relaxation of requirements currently in place that prohibit houses of worship. These regulations (i.e. 2 acre minimum) make it impossible. to have one.
- Hey commercial activity will destroy our island the way we know it and love it
- I am not against light retail or a restaurant or place od
- We do not want any further development for commercial use
- Rezoning those properties would be awesome
- There may be property that could be used to allow an additional ferry to the island. I would want zoning for that to be considered, especially as the island population grows and the need for a 2nd ferry grows. Limiting new development increases the stronghold on the monopoly that already exists. I would prefer the rule be limited to limiting new commercial residential development
- I believe that commercial development, if done properly and beneficial to the island residents (ie. general store/post office) would be a positive impact on the island
- N Gulf Blvd
- I do not know what the land next to the landing is but would not mind if that was turned into commercial use for things like convenience stores, bar or food establishments.

1.7 Short-term rentals and Guest Accommodations

- Renters should have a clear expectation of what is expected of them. Including dogs on leashes, environmental impacts, turtle requirements and other rules or regulations of this island.
- I respect the right of renters; however I've noticed a lot of trash on the roads, bridges, and beach from renters. It seems that renters don't respect the lights out for turtles rule or aren't provided information about this rule. I've seen renters be reckless on golf carts, drive through empty lots that have gopher tortoise holes, leave huge bundles of fishing line on bridges and it's very sad.

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- We have a huge issue with renters walking under our home to reach the beach despite signage, gates and cameras. Renters must be made aware not to trespass and where to locate the appropriate beach access
- Re: the last question: The text of the plan does not go so far as to "require" a local contact. Instead, the summary and full recommendations consistently state "encourage". I do support this being required and feel this should be encouraged (as stated in the summary and full version)..
- I would add specific language about dogs needing to be in a leash especially on the beach. It is currently a big issue with loose dogs. We experienced it this week. An aggressive dog was off a leash. I politely informed the dog owner and it was not well received. I think many rental owner's information binders are very out of date. We have friends who rent each year and I have seen these binders. Very old and not up to date. I apologize for the extra letters on the comment. I can not edit this on my phone. it was
- The majority of renters are respectful of our community, but some are VERY disrespectful. In those cases, there should be contact info available for the owner/rental management company so the inappropriate behavior can be addressed in a prompt manner.
- How the questions are worded is very different from how the full version was written. The written version raises concerns of unintended consequences - more governance, who is in charge, more complexity and rules and requirements and costs. And most likely with very little return - most people on vacation don't bother to read the simplest home instructions. They aren't going to read what is being described here.
- We rented on island for years before building and always adhered to such codes as you have laid out.
- I am a rental owner and have been doing this for many years
- Again, this is sounding like overreach. The questions seem to be fair; however, it once again is allowing "neighborhood policing". Once again, everyone just keep your eye on your own bobbers.
- We tried to rent our house for a year and no matter how much literature you provide, no one will read it. They do not care, they are on vacation and treat your house like a hotel.
- Curfew times
- I have had this all I place always at all of my rental units
- Short term vacation rentals are a burden on adjacent property owners and long term residents throughout Florida (not just on the island). I am hoping the island's unique character and sense of community will allow for solutions to mitigate the effects of short term rentals; solutions that are not available or feasible elsewhere
- This is 1000% up to the homeowners not PIE. I have rented for 18 years and yet to have an issue. PIE should not be policing rentals. Or anything that happens on private property. We do not live in an HOA.
- Establish guidelines and enforcement (if necessary)
- I feel very strongly that rental properties should have an on-island contact should any problems arise and that owners/managers should educate their guests as to what is/is not acceptable behavior. I realize that the majority of rental properties do not cause problems,

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- While homeowners have an absolute right to rent out their homes, there needs to be some restrictions on the number of guests allowed. Some homeowners add as many beds as possible to get a huge number of renters into the home, straining the septic systems and creating a lot of noise. I think there should be some restrictions on number of guests tied to number of bedrooms/bathrooms in the home.
- Who is going to manage “on-island” contacts. A uniform book of info of our island should be used by rental companies and it is their responsibility along with the homeowner to educate renters. Companies and homeowners that rent directly should vet the amount of people per home along with responsible ages of those renting
- I believe everyone (not just short term rentals) should not disrupt the island's quiet lifestyle or strain local resources.

CHAPTER 2: PRESERVING OUR ENVIRONMENT Survey Comments

2.1 Preserving our Environment : Wildlife

- I support installing manatee/slow speed signs on existing pilings or on newly installed pilings that will also serve as channel edge markers, but I do not support installing new pilings only for signs. There are now too many sign pilings in the bay now, particularly near but not in channels. Sign pilings near channels but not in channels are leading boats (who mistake sign pilings for channel markers) out of the channel and on to the grass flats. Sign pilings near channels that are not marking channel edges also make it much more difficult to navigate a boat through the ICW at night
- Turtle lady here. I live off island. I'd like to help you with these things where I am able. This is wonderful. I'm hoping that the problem with beach driving can be eliminated with some actual enforcement by CCSO, Thanks for all you are doing for nature.
- Environment first !
- I support using actual images of the island instead of AI generated photos that are actively destroying the habitats, you claim to want to protect.
- the concept of Dark Sky is great. I'd like to better understand driveway and landscaping options that would be considered acceptable. For instance, my driveway meanders and I've had people drive over plants when trying to leave my property until I put in driveway lighting. I also have a few trees that I would love to highlight.
- Again, this all sounds great on paper but no one needs more tattletales and neighbors policing neighbors. Keep your eye on your own bobbers.
- Dark Sky Community is a great idea and I have tried to work towards reducing my lights; I have put in sensor lights on all outside lower entry points
- My somewhat answers are due to the following: I hate signs so I'm not dying for signage in canals. And I personally like tasteful landscape lights that are only on certain times of the night. That goes against dark skies. I get it. But I enjoy a porch light and landscape light until bed
- We need to do more about the dog owners who allow dogs to run loose on the beach. I tried to inform a couple and they were not receptive to me informing them. I was very friendly.

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- I would like more information about how they will put the Signs in the canals and how to implement the Dark Sky.
- Palm Island is not part of an HOA ...
- I strongly support a program to return little brown bats to our island. When we first came in 1983, they were plentiful and mosquito population was not near as bad.
- Please call me to address go for tortoise enforcement privately
- I am not replacing several thousands of dollars worth of existing fence (that i've already paid for 3 times after storm damages) and don't trust a grandfathering process sticking. And assorted critters have had no problems digging trenches under our fences for passageways for them all in several places and under tree stumps and our house, which we are fine with. Dark Sky Community - I've experienced a full on dark sky community first hand. Great for critters, not great for human safety. I agree with making people aware of lighting, especially a few on the island that light their houses up like 4th of July every night, all night. But don't agree with full on dark sky compliance - everything in moderation, doesn't need to be extremes on either side.
- I think more should be done to combat the invasive iguanas on our island
- I do not believe street lights are necessary on our island but if someone has lighting for safety purposes or low landscaping for aesthetics no one should be enforcing "dark sky" to a home owners property..
- Before Placida road had lights installed you could have a Dark Sky community. But not now. Because of Placida road it doesn't work. I have seen the difference.

2.2 Preserving our Environment : Habitat and Vegetation

- Does Charlotte County, FWC or The Army Corp of Engineers have anyone assigned to our island to monitor illegal removal of mangroves, or filling in of wetlands and habitat?
- Regarding hard scape, the term "excessive" is in the eye of the beholder. The benefit to adding it is that it provides a neat, cared for look. Simply allowing nature to takeover can lead to an unkempt, un-cared for look which is also undesirable. There is a balance and it is not easy to meet. As a new owner who built and also owns an adjacent lot that is undeveloped, this information is helpful. It makes me consider more seriously leaving our adjacent lot undeveloped and natural.
- We came for nature, let's preserve it
- To preserve the island's natural ecosystem we all must consider sustainability with natural landscaping with wildlife in mind...every yard matters to our environment.
- I would not ban crushed shell. Some people need it for mobility that can't walk on the sand.
- I need the crushed shell around the house so I have a stable walking surface. I agree on protecting the mangroves but some trees on the island are messy and should be cut down. Also if someone is building on their property they will need to clear a lot of the land to make room for the house and septic - just like everyone else did when their house was constructed
- There are plenty of regulations in place. There is no need to push more and more rules

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- Need more information on what is considered excessive landscaping and what the stronger law enforcement would be.
- change the codes that allow for removal of mangroves and replace with seawalls on manmade canals
- "encourage" - how does the encouraging happen? who does the encouraging? who decides what the appropriate design is? what are the ramifications if someone doesn't agree with the encouragement? As far as modifying current landscaping, who sets out the best practices? After buying this house we spent more money than I will ever admit to my husband pulling invasive plants including a horrifying amount of bamboo and getting it where it is today and then even more after Ian and Milton. We have rabbits and tortoises and awesome possum and otters and raccoons and many birds and screech owls and snakes and bees. Critters seem to like our yard the way it is but I don't know if we follow Florida friendly best practices. My aim was drought and salt tolerant and privacy from neighbors. But not inclined to make changes given our current results with the wildlife. Having said all that, I am all on board with no more destruction of mangroves (go back to the east coast if you want a seawall) and no more ripping out vegetation / clear cutting lots just to leave them a mess or cover every bit with hardscape. My heart hurts every day I look at my neighbor's yard and each week it somehow gets worse (iykyk).
- While enforcement along the water to preserve and protect the land is very important, dictating what homeowners can and can not do with their landscaping away from the coastal area is a tough sell. For those with established landscaping, requiring modifying their yards could be too costly
- Mangroves currently growing along manmade canals should be protected as natural mangrove areas -
- This survey is redundant. There are enough restrictions on how to design your property. We do not need any more restrictions. People will learn what plants survive in this environment.

2.3 Preserving our Environment : Water Quality

- Thank you for your hard work!
- Definitely...and the data should be easy to find. We are surrounded by water...it's important to monitor its quality for both human & marine life
- Assure septic systems are maintained and inspected for compliance
- You do not want an "independent" monitoring program. Water quality data are noisy and variable. It may take you 10 years of data collection before you can say anything with an independent program. Instead, you want to pair your sampling dates and methods with existing programs so you can use their existing datasets as force multipliers to augment your data and help make predictions and understand trends. Also consider implementing improvement projects and monitoring the results. For instance, improving flow under Palm Drive at the southern end of the canal might improve water quality in the whole canal and adjacent bay. Finally, consider purchasing, installing, and operating continuous monitoring equipment. There is a lack of or even complete absence of continuous water quality data in Lemon Bay

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- decades ago when we lived at the east end of Long Island, we participated in a program run by Cornell Cooperative which educated participants as to how to create & grow their own oyster gardens. We were provided with oyster seedlings..each "gardener" was responsible for sourcing/making their own cages for seedlings & eventual oysters. Weekly maintenance for cleaning and measuring natural mortality. Participants were allowed @70% harvesting of their own mature oysters & 30% of oysters that lived returned to the bays to help filter algae/bacteria/etc. Saw an article that people are doing this in FL however it is discouraged in this article to eat them and discusses vertical oyster gardening which we did not do (<https://blogs.ifas.ufl.edu/pascoco/2025/04/16/vertical-oyster-gardens/>)
- My opinion as to water testing depends upon what we intend to test for and for what purposes the results will be used. If we do test, then the results must be reviewed and shared with the community.
- Can't imagine anyone not being concerned about the condition of our waterways
- The water company is required to test our drinking water. FWC test for waters for Red Tide. That is Enough!!!

CHAPTER 3: NAVIGATION & COASTAL Survey Comments

3.1 Navigation and Coastal: The Waterways

- Question 1 (Interior Waterway Dredging): The recommendation for property owners to 'work together to fund dredging' is currently too ill-defined to support. While the plan acknowledges that Charlotte County is not responsible for this maintenance and suggests the creation of an MSBU taxing unit, it provides no specific data regarding the projected costs per household. Furthermore, there is a lack of clarity regarding the division of responsibility between individual homeowners and the community for the 'access channels' versus private dockage. Detailed cost-benefit analyses and jurisdictional maps are necessary before homeowners can agree to a shared funding plan. Question 3 (Law Enforcement): Increasing law enforcement presence is a broad goal that lacks essential implementation details. The plan identifies the FWC and County Sheriff as the responsible agencies but does not specify the scale of the resource increase or the geographic focus (e.g., interior waterways vs. the ICW). Most importantly, the source does not address whether this increase would result in a property tax hike or how the funding responsibility would be split between the county and island residents. While I strongly agree that protecting the environment is a critical issue to resolve, a more transparent financial and operational plan is required for a sound decision.
- If someone wants to put a dock on their empty lot, great - but not if it means they clear cut the lot, rip out mangroves to put in a seawall. I would rather they not have the option than those things happen. However, existing docks on empty lots should be grandfathered to get permits for repairs. Those people didn't do anything wrong other than trying to keep their dock in good shape and follow the permitting rules
- I think a no wake zone around the ferry would make the most sense.
- I would be interested in a public boat
- I would be interested in a public boat ramp for smaller boats that could be trailered and launched from the island so that I wouldn't have to trailer off island to launch.

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- I believe the county should have some responsibility in maintaining navigable canals and bays
- All property owners pay for beach replenishment, all property owners should work together to fund dredging to keep the channels navigable. The county should pitch in as well. Both the beach and canals are used by everyone...not just the waterfront lot owners.
- Dock issue addressed. Allowed now.
- I don't see the dredging fund ever happening. Unless it is a unanimous decision, I would feel concern forcing others to pay more taxes
- FYI, County is in the process of creating an MSBU for Bocilla Lagoon dredging and additionally on 3/24 will be considering a proposal to change the BBI restriction on non-commercial private docks
- At 3/25 meeting the County Commissioners approved an ordinance allowing private docks to be built on vacant property.
- Being a part of a small HOA that needs to maintain private roads, I know how difficult it is to get all homeowners to actually pay for their percentage of maintenance. I feel it would fall on the same homeowners to maintain the interior waterways even though all homeowners will benefit. There needs to be another way to get all those who benefit to also help fund it
- Let's face it, funding and extra manpower will always be a problem. As far as the barge having problems with boaters, they should consider a slow wake zone in that area. Owners with lots and no house should be allowed to have docks for their use. Conservancy property should be conserved as is and not be allowed to put in a public dock. Joint effort of lagoons and basins should not be the sole responsibility of those waterfront properties. These are accessed by anyone and are not private.
- We have sufficient Law enforcement on the water now.
- We are paying extra in our taxes for our Beaches, Dunes and waterways to be maintained, we need to make sure our local government keeps it's promises.

3.2 Navigation and Coastal: The Beaches

- Walkovers - constantly had paths going around them from people with their wagons and chairs and coolers not wanting to walk up and down stairs. Cheaper and and less maintenance and more effective to just have a clear walking path from the entrance to the beach.
- Questions 2 and 3: I wholeheartedly agree that dune preservation is an environmental necessity for island protection; however, the recommendation to install walkovers and sand drift fences warrants further evaluation regarding their impact on nesting sea turtles. While the plan specifies that walkovers should be DEP compliant, implying adherence to environmental regulations, it does not explicitly detail the potential negative impacts that walkovers or drift fences might have on sea turtles. Additional discussion is needed to ensure these measures do not inadvertently hinder sea turtle habitats.
- I worry about any structures on our beaches. I would like to see research before putting anything permanent on the beach
- Fences and hay bales used many places should be considered
- More explanation what you consider dune walk overs? What we had before I did not necessary like. Too high and takes away from the natural beauty. Walking path either on the ground (wood slat's) or slightly elevated walk overs.
- Thank you!

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- Have lived in coastal areas for years, walkovers and paths are nice in heavy traffic area but create their own issues when destroyed in storms, not maintained and impeding wildlife movement. Sand fences can block and build some areas but are temporary, the sand will move where it wants to. Seasonal sand fence works to prevent buildup along roads etc during high wind seasons but long term effectiveness is not obvious and the fences become unsightly and garbage on the shore as they wear down if not maintained.
- Not sure that sea turtle nesting rules would allow placement of sand drift fences.
- Agree that dunes should be restored quickly, but we all know the reality is that the wheels of progress grind very slowly. Sand drift fences may be helpful but most likely would have to be taken down during turtle nesting season.
- Sand drift fences would be so helpful
- My issue with dune walkovers are for those who can not manage stairs
- Who is paying for this research? What is currently being done in the area of red tide? This is something not just on our coast. For years we put up ridiculous overpasses to access the beach to be washed away or destroyed in a storm. Come on, how tall is a turtle or some vegetation? How about the mothers with their kids or physically challenged trying to navigate these structures. Look into lower and more friendly means to include preservation.
- FWC does monitor for red tide. Dune walkovers destroy property in a storm surge causing more damage. A path for foot traffic would be just as good to protect the dune system.
- A large problem we have in Charlotte Co. is - we do not go after the funding that is available in our state. We have missed millions of dollars available. We have no one in Tallahassee I have been told this numerous times by my business associates that Lobby and by the staff in Charlotte Co.

CHAPTER 4_INFRASTRUCTURE Survey Comments

4.1 Infrastructure – Transportation to and from the Island

- no bridge
- We always wondered why there isn't a ferry that goes directly to the resort since that seems to be a large portion of the traffic. tly to the resort from a different landing
- The system has been working for years. Ian / Debbie / Helene / Milton in short order are hopefully not the new norm or we've got bigger problems. Anyone thinking getting the county involved in an alternate ferry should read up on the current issues of daufuskie island as a case study for private ferry management vs county. It's very eye opening how very badly things can go when the county tries to run something. People need to be very very careful what they wish for and the potential impacts on daily life, what could happen to costs and long term impact on property values wrapped up with decreased service.
- The ferry should be a closed vid system to help keep costs of the ferry down
- It would be nice to have a drop off / pick up dock on both sides next to the Ferry landing for after hours personal boats
- I'm disappointed to see the idea of operating the ferry 24 hours a day dismissed on the basis of cost. I understand the ferry is a convenience rather than a guaranteed right, but that "convenience" directly limits my ability to travel. I can't book more affordable early morning

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flights because I can't leave the island early enough, and if a return flight into Florida is delayed, I'm forced to pay for a hotel because I would arrive after the ferry stops running. Is there any consideration given to operating a smaller vessel for overnight runs to bridge this gap?

- Not sure we need another barge company- damage to island tranquility. No other paved option to handle continuous traffic
- I believe owners should continue to be able to have reduced rates for ferry fees. If there is a second ferry solution I would like to make sure it does not encourage uncontrolled growth. I don't mind renters and the general public having easier access with a second ferry. I can't get back to the beginning of my comment to proofread what I have written. I hope it makes sense.
- Dialogue with the ferry service to run till 11 pm on weekdays
- I've got lots of ideas and opinions on all
- I believe we should be pursuing the option of forcing the ferry service to be a regulated public service which would control their pricing and require appropriate services.
- These questions and concerns do not reflect the real issues and concerns island home owners have about transportation as it relates to the island -as has been indicated in many PIE meetings and others, people want to know how we solve the ferry problem (currently owned by dictatorship/held hostage) - or a bridge solution...questions around these issues should be the focus
- A lot of folks complain about the ferry but I think they do a good job. It's been pretty consistent since we bought 13 yrs ago
- The current owner of the ferry has way too much control over the residents. The state should look into this and options for the non resort residents for island access.
- I believe that there needs to be a contingency plan in place in case ferry operations cease for other reasons besides weather related. Also, there needs to be better information regarding emergency evacuations when ferry service is not available, ie. in the middle of the night.
- Don't know where you are going to get extra parking. For those concerned there is a paid lot available. If you live on this island you must be prepared to deal with traffic situations. Having some commercial camera is not the answer. Building and repairing will slow down and hopefully the hurricanes also!
- I see no way to change the traffic flow near the ferry without adding an additional ferry landing. After a storm it would be nice to have an additional place to land a ferry to move the traffic better but no one wants to live next to it.

4.2 Infrastructure – Transportation on the Island

- Phased plans that stop at the first two phases - good. Concern over more phases being added. Golf cart safety - there will always be stupid renters who do stupid things and don't care / won't read whatever you give them. They don't strike me as being the bigger part of the problem as the irregular vendors and the construction workers who speed and throw cigarettes out their windows. We don't need MURTs. To extent seems we are trying to kill flies with bazookas.
- Clear Zones need to apply to the WHOLE island and not just the North and South Gulf. We do not need additional traffic calming rules. Owners generally know the rules for golf carts and other vehicles. Renters may need to be given this information if not already done.
- Again these statements sound great. Of course people want to ensure safety; however, saying e-bikes are dangerous on the beach, that's silliness. Once again, this survey is imploring every bitty on the island to become neighborhood tattletales. While we know the sheriff, emts, fire are

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amazing they certainly don't need to referee tattletale squabbles which is what seems to be the agenda of this survey- especially when such vague questions have continually vague responses.

- No E-bikes on beach!!!
- Many underage drivers during Spring Break period, Rentals of both homes and carts should do more to emphasize the danger and legality of this practice.
- We need stronger enforcement on the island. In particular, there must be a firm crackdown on children operating golf carts—especially when they're transporting other children. I recently watched a three-seater nearly roll over in front of my home because a child attempted a high-speed U-turn. Another growing concern involves day laborers and resort workers. Once they clock out, their only goal seems to be getting off the island as quickly as possible, with little regard for speed limits or the slower pace that keeps our community safe.
- where are questions and focus on the maintenance of non-paved roadways for safe and comfortable travel / use of those roads?
- A safe place to walk on the busiest road which is the paved road is also essential to our island safety.
- Most of the speeders are contractors
- Having landscaping in right of way is essential to both the character and safety of the island. It should only be disallowed in select areas required for beach parking. I fear that a one sized fits all approach here will destroy the island's character.
- I hate all the sign pollution so, I'm not in favor of more informational gold cart rule signage. But I do think stop signs at all intersections, and at certain points of straight away roads could reduce excessive speeding. ALL-way stops at Palm/N Gulf, Palm/Tarpon, Tarpon/Bayshore, Bocaillon/Kettle etc
- I support all 17 recommendations
- POST a 15mph speed limit on S Gulf Blvd
- I am not opposed to a bridge to the island as long as we have strict commercial development regulations and restricted parking for beach access. I do think that some of our much traveled, main roads that are now sand should be paved.
- Define traffic calming measures? Registration of golf carts? Cars aren't even stopped for speeding and what about the manpower to enforce this? Gas powered are noisy and too powerful. Renters should be informed of rules by owners or companies. Including those that come from the resort.
- Off roading should be addressed. And etiquette, like slow down near pedestrians so you don't choke them with dust!!
- Do not want to change the roads. We have enough "clear zones" and enough parking per the county. Unless they start clearing the easements in the back of the island do not plan on starting on the beach side. The roads now are 20mph or less. That is calming enough. Do not need street lights either. This will damage any dark sky effort.

4.3 Infrastructure – Water and Wastewater

- Shallow well failed. My landscaping depends on irrigation
- One type of low-water landscaping would be just putting stone and hardly any plants on the property. Some properties owner do this and it would lead to the name "Palm Island" becoming misleading. That should be discouraged!

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- water costs are unreasonably expensive on the island. the central sewer plan was also unacceptable in its form. there are other Florida islands with better infrastructure solutions
- I don't think people should be "forced" to do sewer, but it could be an option if it could be proven it was best for the island and environment. It would have to be operable during power outages and not be cost prohibitive to owners.
- I support all 12 recommendations
- I am all about conserving water. I personally have eliminated all grass (which I was watering) and have a low irrigation system and or hand water potted plants. My concern is BICI or other individuals deciding who they believe is over stepping this and target them. When you use the verbiage discourage home owners from using well water, I would like to know what exactly that means. Again, I am seeing over reach and a means for BICI (which I highly admire) from singling out an individual home owner and possibly targeting them.
- I strongly support the investigation into competition for Bocilla Utilities. I find their charges to be very high.
- Some of us have septic systems that are 20 + years old. Serviced regularly and are in compliance. I would not want to be forced to put in a new system.
- No Sewer - they have major issues during storms - St. Petersburg Also we have to have our septic inspected each year and the report is submitted to the County. All septic systems should have to do the same
- Water and Sewer are expensive...everywhere its a fact of modern life, old septic systems should be upgraded or a central sewer implemented (govt not private)
- Our home has its own water collection/filtration system that fully supports our extensive irrigation. I believe more homeowners who want landscaping that relies on extensive watering should be encouraged to build their own watering system. Ours is large enough to supply our interior waterways even though needs but we choose to use county water for that. I would not be opposed to a county supported sewer system (as opposed to a privately owned one), perhaps for waterfront homes only or those with smaller, non-conforming lots. I do not know if the resort has it's own sewer system, but if it doesn't, then the county should enforce that they do.
- What kind of steps are going to be taken with peoples personal property? Are we going to be told what to do if we put in shell or a pool?.
- Septic systems now are monitored. This is sufficient. Keeping the remaining lots to single family residential will aid in protecting the available water. What does the water company that provides our water now say about the water supply?

4.4 Infrastructure – Other Infrastructural Elements

- Street lights can help with safety of walkers, bikers, etc.
- The island is home to a high density of nesting sea turtles (federally protected), and streetlights would be difficult to shield from the island beaches. Keep the island dark for the health and safety of the residents and it's wildlife.
- And the underground needs to be deeper than what Xfinity does
- Not only no streetlights but some restrictions on the super brite spotlights some people are putting on their houses
- I don't necessarily oppose lightning as long as it is not a light every 10 feet.

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- I believe that installing some kind of low voltage street lighting is needed for safety. Except for turtle nesting season, there is no reason that there can not be some lighting along roadways. Maybe just on street away from the beach? Maybe turn off the ones that interfere with nesting during nesting season? Maybe something lower to the ground to light the roadway with out interfering with the night sky?
- What is the cost and the disruption of moving lines underground? After a storm or when needed for repair, they could be moved.
- The piece missing here is any individual costs levied by county as result of said changes
- Most utility lines are underground and were NOT better protected for Helene and Milton. FPL did a good job in getting power to us after these storms. Above ground may actually be easier to maintain for the utility companies.

CHAPTER 5: SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY Survey Comments

5.1 Services to the Community: Fire and Emergency Medical Services

- The firefighters on island need to train more for island specific needs. When Kevin's house burned down years ago they didn't automatically know where the closest fire hydrant was. Happens we were here and it's at the end of our driveway.
- One should always be wary if complaining about taxes and expenses that it doesn't end up making the situation worse ie tax actually increases, they send station 10 off island / other areas more frequently or pull them off all together
- not sure helicopters are realistic, nor advisable
- Since we are County residents we should only be paying separately the additional cost of providing the service to the island.not the total cost..
- We own two properties on the island and will be full time there soon. Our only concern as we age is the level of responsiveness, training and care by emergency responders if we have a medical emergency. Thanks for your work for us.
- These are all great points. One that stands out them most is: All homes "SHOULD" have clear. WE can request everyone to do this for safety reasons, but we can't "make" individual home owners do this. I get a little nervous with "over reach" and changing the vibe on this island. There is a fine line here.
- Preserve Don Pedro access is hindered by gate and trees planted across round in Bocilla Beach to Bay making access impossible from South Gulf Blvd. Access from Bocilla into Preserve is hampered by coded gate and a further padlocked gate
- We pay a lot of money for minimal services. This is the easiest and least active station for firefighters. Not worth what we pay for the services provided.
- If our Fire/EMS need to assist on mainland, I am fine as I expect mainland to assist if we need help here. It would be very beneficial if we could find someone to provide evening and night ferry service, even if only for people/pets. It is hard to make an early flight, early surgery, see an evening show, make an emergency vet run or assist a loved one on the mainland with no service at all.
- I saw the police department carried out a drill like this at Rum Bay. I trust our county takes care of the rest of your questions.

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5.2 Services to the Community: Hurricane Evacuation and Disaster Planning

- EMS should return to the island immediately after storm subsides to assess report and protect. Residents should not be our first line of info.
- Everyone needs to understand and plan for their own safety. Firefighters CANNOT be seen any different. Islanders cannot expect first responders to put their own lives on the line when residents make choices to stay that were told to leave for safety sake. I know what I am willing to do...they are following orders and at the end of the day they have a right to go home and protect their families.
- We've now been here since evacuating for Irma and dealt with every storm since. I'm incredibly proud of this island community and how we have handled storms, supported our neighbors, banded together for cleanups, those on island first have documented and communicated on damage.
- These are all common sense questions and answers.
- 1. Well, I do believe that everyone should be fully prepared early on, this is not something that's enforceable.
- If reformat stay on island it is up to them to save themselves. It's clearly stated. Same as the return to an island after storms. Palm island transit is NOT responsible to provide transportation if they deem it's still unsafe for their staff. That's the glory of a private business. They can and should do what's best for THEIR employees. Living out here is a luxury.
- Any individual disregarding evacuation orders should not endanger emergency personnel
- After a storm, the highest priority should be given to property owners to access the island.
- People need to pay attention to the local news and weather
- As soon as CCEM has given the "all clear", all residents should be allowed to return on the ferry, understanding there may be a long line.
- They should also evacuate but with a legitimate time frame to help others
- The group website on Facebook did a good job of informing the owners before, during, and after the storm.
- On garbage pickup, when WMS service misses it is essential for those of us that are not full time residents to be able to leave trash cans out. Having garbage rot in one's garage is not acceptable.

5.3 Services to the Community: Other Services for the Island

- Unnecessary signs are not just commercial we have a lot of non commercial signs that are not necessary. signs for
- Love having no mail.... No mailman driving around all day 6 days a week.
- I hate signage. I wouldn't mind mail service, but it's obviously not a dealbreaker
- For those of us that don't go off island much due to the cost of the ferry, a mailbox at the ferry landing would be very nice.
- I am not sure of the solution to the garbage bins being left out. Sometimes we leave a day or 2 before pick-up so they are out more than just one day. Not sure how to solve this issue. I am concerned about dead, dry branches and trees in undeveloped lots. It seems like a fire hazard.
- Biggest offender of dumping on a vacant lot is the resort on the lot in front of the entrance to the right. Tremendous eyesore and haven for rats and snakes and probably other people who

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think they can dump there too. Mail - slippery slope if you add that people will try to add Amazon deliveries etc and it will become a nightmare. Don't take the first step. Cute government signage - I think our govt has bigger things to worry about and I don't think that topic is worth blowing our political capital with them when we have other larger pressing issues.

- It's frustrating to have people dump in front of an empty lot
- Mail service could be via a common mail station on the island.
- Mail is almost a thing of the past anyway, it will be hard to eliminate for sale or contractor signs but perhaps regulations on length of time, type of sign etc
- I found commercial provider signs very helpful in finding vendor who will come to the island. I have left signs up to help those providers get more work to keep them coming here and supporting their products and services.
- I think a condo mailbox at the ferry landing is a good idea especially for us snowbirds who have to forward mail which adds at least a week to delivery time and then if only off island a couple times a week can delay receipt of bills and other important documents, even longer. Being able to hop in the golf cart and run to the box every day would be a handy item.
- Having no mail delivery on the island is ludicrous and has caused me many problems, such as delivering the license plate for my car. If the US postal service can deliver to the bush in Alaska they can deliver to Palm Island. Mailbox condos are fine and we can hid them behind a shrub garden.
- WTAF - we live in America - I want mail at my address and those who don't need to move to a communist country, three are happy to confiscate your mail. Move into the 21st century already. Geez the ferry is already off putting enough
- Secure USPS Mail drop box pick-up service would be great and may save ferry trips.
- A community mailbox and package delivery center would be nice
- Not sure why we don't get mail and the resort does? Abandoned materials and unsightly garbage should be addressed and taken care of. By owners. Many times empty cans are left due to people leaving but caring neighbors take them in.
- The amount of stupid sign pollution has gotten out of hand. We have a board for info, a website and word of mouth.

CHAPTER 6: ENFORCEMENT OF REGULATIONS Survey Comments

6 Enforcement of Regulations

- I personally don't feel its my "job or duty" as a resident to educate any/everyone. Not enough people use common sense.
- No E-bikes on beach
- Problems seem to stem from renters, could all landlords require all renters to sign and acknowledgement of the rules, rather than just hoping they read them. Speeding seems to be contractors and subs, not a fan of speed bumps but maybe a couple on Gulf with speed limit signs posted at them would help.
- We have only been here a year, but we do not see any significant issues that should involve law enforcement. Having law enforcement, more signs, warning notices, etc. would be much more

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of a negative impact on the feel of the island than any issues raised in the survey. If burning is an issue, the county fire dept should address in a letter, not the community.

- Establish a good neighbor committee rather than a direct letter. we do not want neighbors at war.
- I think we need full time police presence. I live on North Gulf outside the resort gates. When the resort workers get off work, they speed down NG like a bat out of hell to get home. This issue has to be addressed. I don't know how to combat the underage golf cart driving because some parents are just clueless. I lost a dear friend in a golf cart parade accident and it is just senseless to let children drive golf carts. And I see people driving carts while holding babies! OMG how stupid can you be?
- We live with a terrible neighbor so the "good neighbor" crap is crap. Make laws enforce laws - the island is too expensive for assholes to get away with not following the rules because no one wants to enforce them.
- once again, these questions are too generic and provide no useful guidance toward any real change or goal planning
- Once again, seems like we're asking little bitties to nag, reprimand, manage the island. Maybe we should eliminate all the rentals on the island and that would probably address most of the issues
- Excessive surveillance and reporting by overzealous neighborhood watchers can create a "policing your neighbors" culture. Visitors, renters and newcomers may feel
- I've found that people who regularly violate the speed limit & the leash law know about the rules, but do not think the law pertains to them. Rental homes should have educational flyers available inside.
- Stop making this an HOA community.... We live here to be free and away from a bunch of Karen's
- Problem is that tourists aren't going to stop to read billboards. It needs to be a friendly reminder of rules included in a package to renters, otherwise it might not be seen. Very difficult to enforce.
- My opinion with dogs on the beach, most dogs listen to their owners and are not disrupting things. They are at the water line or etc. a good owner will know that if no one is around & the dog is just enjoying. Why should we disturb that? I rarely encounter a situation that a random dog comes up to me, usually they are leashed. I don't feel we should report every issue of an unleashed dog. If they are trained & respond, let them off for a few min when no one is around to play & enjoy as long as they DO listen & nothing is disruptive.
- Golf cart law enforcement #1!
- Speeding, unsafe golf carts and unleashed dogs is a wide spectrum under one category.
- We are a laid back community, let's keep it that way. We have tried neighborhood watch in the past. It somewhat helped but some were a bit overzealous in their monitoring which caused question with their limited authority. Approaching a neighbor with a problem first is helpful but doesn't always get results. Dogs on the beach-ongoing form of contention. Most of the time our beaches are quiet and what the matter with running your dog without a leash? Most owners are responsible. Ha, who's going to leash the bobcats and pickup seagull poop!?!?!
- Neighborhood watch during certain times, like holidays and spring break?
- Annually we get information reminding us of sea turtle season. These rules are mailed annually. Appears to be sufficient.

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