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Thank you!

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From: Matthew DeFilippis <mdefilippis@hotmail.com>
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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to you today as a concerned property and business owner at 7025 Placida Road, Englewood FL to express my support for a centralized sewer system. It is my understanding that when centralized sewer becomes available to Little Gasparilla, Knight Island and local areas a new line will be brought by our office location. I am requesting waste water service at that time.

My family lives in an amazing coastal community which enjoys the local waters of Lemon Bay, Lemon Bay Aquatic Preserve, Gasparilla Sound and near shore. We have a duty for stewardship of these coastal waters, our community and its economy. Septic systems in coastal areas are a detriment to our environment. High water tables, high flushing tides and poorly system flush human waste into the waters surrounding our area. The results are worsening coastal algal blooms, hazardous streets of Little Gasparilla after a heavy rain with high tide, reduced sales of commercial seafood, reduced recreational fishing, and inhibited ecotourism.

There has been opposition to centralized sewer when it was first proposed. I found all the supporting evidence and the information is clear. I read a study done in Lee County, the county directly south of us on the coast that shares Gasparilla Sound that proved septic contamination of local waters. I just typed into Google and Google scholar "Are septic systems in coastal areas bad for environment" and it listed some good peer reviewed Journals discussing the harmful effects of septic systems on costal watersheds.

<https://www.fau.edu/newsdesk/articles/septic-systems-southwest-florida.php#:~:text=Florida's%20coastal%20regions%20are%20particularly,water%20tables%20and%20porous%20soils.>

I urge you to consider the overwhelming evidence supporting centralized sewer system and take action to prioritize the health of our environment and community. I am requesting centralized sewer and ready to tie in.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Matthew DeFilippis

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