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Sincerely,

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Please read!

Thanks,
Jessica Hawthorne

Carlos Beruff wants to destroy Long Bar Pointe. He wants to destroy the native mangroves to put up more condos, more restaurants, another marina, a convention center. Manatee county/ Sarasota Bay is the largest undeveloped coastline left in Florida.

By approving Carlos Beruff to destroy this ecosystem he will not only make the fisherman and wildlife lovers angry, but he will be killing 14 species of grasses, coral and nursery habitats. He will be taking away the homes of 18 different species of birds and which 9 of them are already endangered. He will be killing the babies that come to stay and grow until they are large enough to move out into deeper waters, starfish, sea horses, shrimp, crabs, crustaceans, 1400 different species of fish.

Mangroves are essential to the eco system. The mangroves at long bar pointe are over 11 feet tall and are the home from the birds and cutting them down to a 6-foot range will impact them and they will no longer feel safe, it's their safe haven. When a hurricane hits the water, level raises and when it rises everything floods and with mangroves it's saving home and lives. Mangroves slow the flooding process. The water slows down as it goes through the mangroves roots and therefore prevents flooding. And when the mangroves are taken out for the new condos and marina the bay will lose the oyster bars. Oyster bars are the feeding stations for crustaceans and they also help the water stay clear it's a natural filtration system.

As a 6th generation Floridian and an Active Duty Army Soldier who grew up fishing. I am asking you to vote NO to the condos and help save the largest undeveloped coastline that is left in Florida.

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Subject: Long Bar Pointe-Response to Citizens

Commissioners:

The information described below may be sent in response to correspondence received from citizens concerning Long Bar Pointe and the proposed Wetland Mitigation Bank/Environmental Resource Permit proceedings pending with the State.

The County has received citizen comments regarding the project proposed for Long Bar Pointe (also known as Aqua by the Bay).

Some of these citizen comments regard a pending administrative proceeding before the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation (FDEP) for a Wetland Mitigation Bank/Environmental Resource Permit. The County does not have jurisdiction over the proceedings before the FDEP and will be taking no action concerning those proceedings.

Additionally, the County has received citizen comments regarding the possible trimming of mangroves on Long Bar Pointe. The County does not have jurisdiction over the regulatory process to obtain permits from the State to trim mangroves. Any mangrove trimming must be conducted by a licensed professional mangrove trimmer and take place under a mangrove trimming permit issued by the State. See Sections 403.9321-403.9333, Florida Statutes.

All applicable state or federal permits must be obtained before commencement of development.

In short, Manatee County has no permitting jurisdiction over these matters. These permitting decisions are strictly in the hands of state authorities.

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