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Subject: City of Oxnard - questions and thanks

Dear Mayor Flynn and all City Council,

Watching the City Council Meeting from June 12, I really do understand that there are pressing issues that staff must pay serious consideration to, and that you are dealing with very complex issues on a regular basis. I was very pleased to see the action and attention to parks and field restoration. But sad that this has been allowed to deteriorate this far.

It also made me think I need to start attending City Council meetings along with the homeowners we have tried to keep from freaking out and get a mike on our squeaky wheel, which is frustrating.

Representatives from our homeowners association have met repeatedly with City employees, Finance directors, Council Members, Public Works representatives, the consultants hired by the city – asking what could be done to correct this – **since the 90's**.

The City of Oxnard hired an engineering firm to perform an engineering analysis and presented the findings of studies of the condition of our Seawalls to our HOA in **2006**. It was during that presentation in 2006 that the City of Oxnard informed our homeowners that the assessment funds were grossly inadequate to cover the required restoration and repairs. The City did agree to a 50/50 split in 2012 which eventually allowed the project on Kingsbridge Way (completed in 2015) but the rest of the high priority projects (to my knowledge) have tabled due to lack of funding. We HAD been meeting with public works monthly for years - until recently, Public Works has canceled those meetings and says we can contact them if we have any questions or concerns – of course they cannot answer our questions, nor can they address our concerns.

While it is obvious that the City needed a fresh look at old problems, and nobody expects anyone to “walk on water” - we in Mandalay Bay are grateful every day that we are not required to – due to a failed seawall.

We met with Mr. Nyhoff in August of 2014 hopeful that he would recognize this as an issue that really needed attention. We were very pleased to hear an enthusiastic response from the New City Manager indicating that he would assist in our search for answers from the finance department. That was our first meeting with Mr. Nyhoff. At subsequent meetings it became apparent that he was discovering many issues with budgets and the state of the assessment districts, however, we were assured that due to the timeframe of this issue it would be addressed *as soon as possible*. Followed by... <silence>

During the budget meetings and community meeting summer of 2015 we raised questions and concerns and now we are in summer of 2016 are no closer to any useful information regarding this dilemma.

We met with and provided documentation to Mr. Ghironzi of NBS. Followed by... <silence>

We are nowhere on the schedule of Upcoming Community workshops.

Mayor Pro Tem spoke highly about Mr. Nyhoff's efforts and was disappointed in a one year extension on Mr. Nyhoff's contract because he has pulled our city from the edge of the cliff.

Mayor Flynn said that most people are very pleased with all that Mr. Nyhoff has done for the City.

You are correct - **Mr. Nyhoff did not create this**– but thus far all I see is time going by and nice flow charts while we are still asking the same question more than **10 years** after the City indicated there was a problem with funding much needed repairs before they created a disaster and the cost of recovery would be astronomical.

Mr. Perello said – “If you do not set performance standards it **is** a big deal”.

On that note: I have 2 questions for any and all of you:

- 1) **Are any of you accountable to this issue?**
- 2) **WHEN and HOW can we address and resolve this?**

You ask for the public's involvement and input. We are not allowed to fix our own seawalls – but we have had many volunteers volunteer hours and resources to study the reports provided by the consultants hired by the City. We have had many volunteers over the years since the 90's trying to make sense of studies and financial reports in an attempt to develop solutions and facilitate communications with residents and the city. I have watched so many intelligent residents work extremely hard to assist the City in adjusting behaviors, identifying issues from years before Mr. Nyhoff arrived in so many areas beyond Mandalay Bay, but are we moving forward? Meanwhile – WHY would we think we are actually being pulled from the brink when we are seeing the same level of **no change** that we have always seen.

Thank you very much – for your time and attention if you read this far!

Sincerely,

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