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Dear Mayor Miller and City Council Members:

Upon receipt of the Legal Notice regarding the Stormwater Assessment -I had some thoughts.

#1 in the paragraph regarding the effect that could be expected on the General Fund Revenues-it seems to me that in order to properly evaluate the proposed assessment-the staff should have prepared a detailed review-prior to sending this to the Council for action.

#2 The decision to provide funding as proposed-changes the funding from an ad valorem tax to a regressive tax akin to a sales tax.
It seems patently unfair that a 6,000 sq.ft. house would pay the same amount as a 1,000 sq.ft. bungalow. It also seems unfair that certain condominium units that could total 4,000 sq ft or more would pay a lesser amount than that 1,000 sq ft bungalow.

#3 No mention has been made if this is to be another item that is automatically raised by 10% per annum as so many City billings have been done previously.

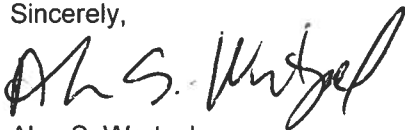
More to the point, all of the Special Assessments that I have previously been aware of have been for a one-time item for a discrete amount. This appears to be a continuing tax item that may be adjusted in the future with minimal public input.

A comment that came from one of the City Council members suggested that having this item heard during the "dog days of summer" when most island residents are not here-is not extraordinary because" governing goes on all year. It seems to me that a "tax increase" for something that is ongoing and is already funded through the General Revenue Fund-is not critical and easily could wait until after Thsnksgiving.

I would respectfully suggest that this item be tabled and a serious review of the effect that this would have on the general revenue and mileage rate be determined.

I would also suggest that the City Council review the proposal regarding the funding schedule to see if a more equitable method could be employed.

Sincerely,



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Objection to Proposed Special Asseement for "Stormwater"

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Sanibel City Clerk and Mayor MikeMiller

We are the owners of parcel 10021298, located at 1020 Bird Watch way Sanibel Florida. We have been owners of this property for in excess of 20 years. We hereby register our objection to the city of Sanibel's proposed "Stormwater" assessment, for what is described as Stormwater management.

There are a number of reasons for this objection, which are identified herein. First stormwater management does not identify what it means by the use of the term. "Stormwater" other than likely to try to get around legal objections to more accurately describe the proposal as a general funding assessment/tax. However, the use of the general term "stormwater" without identification does not provide sufficient clarity to determine what "stormwater" actually means in its use.

Additionally, the assessment seeks to make the assessment based upon an ERU which has no bearing or relationship to the actual use of the property and our Individual lot; development thereon I can assure you does not match the ERU as defined. The impervious area of our particular lot is nowhere near the estimated 6300 square feet. We cannot determine the relationship of our lot to the needed funding and use of funds given the lack of information on the specific use of the funds sought.

Further, the proposal does not identify what specific needs give rise to the proposed special assessment other than identifying improvements for stormwater and future infrastructure projects. What specific improvements and infrastructure is required that demands a special assessment beyond that which is already paid by the yearly property taxes.

We oppose any such assessment.

Joe and Lesley Sette

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