

Commissioners, Good afternoon. My name is Kathleen Strakes, and I am the HOA President of Harbour Landings Estates.

In the Fall of 2005, the then BOCC voted unanimously to pursue the purchase of the Seafood Shack property for the purpose of installing boat ramps. The citizens of north Cortez united under the *Concerned Citizens for Cortez Coalition* to inform the commissioners and the broader community on the unique infrastructure challenges of the area that together with many other reasons, proved without a doubt that boat ramps could not be SAFELY located on the site.

Four months later, after listening to the input from the coalition and understanding the issues, the commissioners wisely voted unanimously to *abandon* the purchase.

Twenty years later, though nothing has changed to make boat ramps at this site feasible, and with several contributing factors like traffic congestion far worse, here we are again.

We REVIVED the Concerned Citizens of Cortez Coalition as we are exactly that, very concerned!

We, 327 Residences, are the citizens who live adjacent to site targeted for redevelopment. We have the most at stake and uniquely understand the associated infrastructure challenges and the significant impact more traffic congestion will have including from the massive 3-year bridge replacement project.

Our first step was to survey our neighborhood citizens to be sure they wanted the coalition to represent them and to make certain we understood their views.

The results were overwhelming – 93% of our 327 residents responded and 99% said they wanted the coalition to represent them. 96% of respondents firmly oppose boat ramps. It's important to note, we only permitted one survey response per household – otherwise our numbers would have been much higher.

Our collective neighborhoods pay county property taxes of almost \$3M annually. As our elected officials we count on you to represent us and to do the right thing when deciding what will be included in this development.

We support SMART development and amenities that will serve all residents and visitors while preserving the charm of Cortez. Patty will tell you more about that next.

Inflicting harm on the citizens of our communities by putting their safety at risk is wrong. Mark will tell you more about that.

After you receive the information, we are about to share we hope you will come to the same conclusion your predecessors did 20 years ago and permanently abandon the idea of putting public boat ramps on this site.

Thank you for your time and your consideration.