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Lanelda Gaskins, Town Clerk
Douglas Hillman, Mayor
Natasha Moore Vice Mayor

Town of Highland Beach, FL
Town Clerk's Office

Dear Ms. Gaskins:

Please place this letter on the Agenda for the next Town Meeting on **February 7, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.** I would like to discuss this with the Commission and obtain information from the Town of Highland Beach on its Recycling Program.

I live at the Clarendon Condominium Complex. We have a newly elected Condominium President, John Shoemaker, who is trying to make radical changes at our Condominium Building. One of the items John Shoemaker is changing is our Clarendon Recycling Program. He stated in a recent January 24, 2023 'State of the Clarendon' letter to the owners, the following:

"We have learned in discussions with town officials, to our dismay, that while we diligently recycle glass, plastic, and paper, the waste management company does not sort all the recycled products but simply adds them to all the other trash. In effect, there is no effective recycling program, except for cardboard, electronics, and metals."

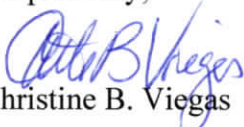
I contacted and was advised the following by:

- **Palm Beach County. (866.639.2467)** It operates a Gold Standard of Recycling and its Solid Waste Authority operates 7 Transfer Stations that accepts recycled (plastic, glass, metal and cardboard materials and from Waste Management through its Residential Recycling Program for Highland Beach. Trash items put into the recycling are burned at the Palm Beach County Burn Center.
- **Waste Management. (954.974-7500)** It has special trucks for the residential Highland Beach recycling pick-up on A1A. Those Waste Management trucks separate the recycled materials while the trucks are in transit and they bring the material to the Transfer location for Highland Beach located at 651 Industrial Way, Boyton Beach, FL 33426

Newly elected Clarendon President John Shoemaker provided differing information at our January 30, 2023, Clarendon Board Meeting that in fact our Highland Beach recycling materials go to Delray and are burned and after burning the metal is taken by magnets out of the burned material.

I seek information on what is the Highland Beach/Waste Management Recycling Program? Where does our residential recycling go after it is picked up? How is it disposed and is it as Mr. Shoemaker stated that Highland Beach "adds recycling to the other trash"? Mr. Shoemaker has suspended our Clarendon recycling program except for metal, electronics and cardboard. Many owners in our building are upset and are looking for facts. They will end up putting plastics in the trash and not recycling. Seems a shame.

Respectfully,


Christine B. Viegas