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Subject: Plan for Reverter/Deed Modification - Marina
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Mr. Manager –

In response to Mr. Harden's email of June 19th, please see our plan for resolution of the reverter/deed modification issue.

We propose the following strategy to resolve the reverter/deed modification issue:

First, the retention of Noah Valenstein with Brightwater Strategies. (<https://www.brightwaterstrategies.com>). Noah Valenstein is former secretary of FDEP and has deep relationships in Tallahassee and the regional offices. He can help us navigate. As you know we are up against a timing issue so we need to expedite quickly.


Second, the team (Forest, Brightwater and the Town) would approach leadership at State Lands and ask them to put us on the September Governor and Cabinet (TIIF) Agenda. We would affirmatively make the following commitment(s):

1. That the Barge would be moved out of the reverter area no later than August 1, 2025;
2. That the Town would immediately notify Jet Ride and Freedom Boat club of the fact that we would not be renewing their leases and that they would have to be out of the marina no later than when the current term ends (September 30, 2025); and,
3. That any approval by the TIIF would be contingent upon 1 and 2 above being accomplished.

Third, Brightwater, the Town and our marine consultant (BMA) would approach the permitting division of FDEP and advise them as to the foregoing and ask them to grant us an extension of the current permit application so that it can be processed after the September cabinet meeting.

Feel free to call me at 954-999-2115 if we need to discuss before the meeting tomorrow.

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