

Testimony Before Lake Park, FL Town Commission 8/19/2026

Public Comment on the Future of the P3 Marina Project Plan

Post Sunshine Law Court Judgement

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Exhibit D

Good evening.

THE JUDGE HAS RULED. The decision must be honored. **NOW THE COMMISSION MUST ACT.**

The question of whether Sunshine Law violations occurred during the Lake Park Marina P3 developer selection process has now been answered. Yes, they occurred!

The Circuit Court entered a finding that the Town held multiple, private meetings where Marina proposals were discussed and that they violated Florida's Sunshine Law. Mayor O'Rourke was presiding.

Objections have been filed and overruled. Now the responsibility belongs to the Town Commission.

The four 99-year ground leases agreement, that incredibly is enforceable for only 10 years, tying up our publicly owned waterfront for generations, should be terminated. Agreements can't stand if they were executed illegally. Obviously!

WE DEMAND THAT THE COMMISSION TAKE EVERY LAWFUL STEP NECESSARY TO END THE CURRENT AGREEMENT WITH FOREST AND START THE MARINA P3 PROCESS OVER AGAIN - TRANSPARENTLY WITH A PROJECT WE CAN ALL EMBRACE.

Once publicly known, residents fought over the loss of meaningful public parking, gathering areas, and waterfront access — the very things that allow ordinary people to enjoy their own marina, one of our most valuable public assets.

This has never been just about money, though the revenue opportunity for the town is a stunningly bad deal. It lacks a fundamental standard – common sense.

Control of our public waterfront for almost a century, on terms that many believe provides far too little in return, must be fixed. Resident testimonies have been provided for a long time now. You are keenly aware of our objections.

The marina does not serve only its residents. It serves boaters, fishermen, families, businesses, environmentalists, and visitors throughout South Florida. It is a local public asset with regional importance. Its future deserves a process that is lawful, open, competitive, and worthy of public trust.

Commissioners, **this is your opportunity to make a clean break.**

End the Forest deal. Start over and do the process the right way.

Give the public a transparent marina development process it should have had from the beginning.

The Judge has spoken. End an agreement that was illegally created. Demonstrate common sense leadership!