

EXHIBIT A

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Public Comment on Decision Making Prior to Mayoral Election Results

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Good evening Mr. Mayor and Commissioners,

I'm here tonight to respectfully urge you to pause consideration, votes, or forward movement on any major or highly contentious issues until after the Mayoral election on March 10.

In a representative democracy, public confidence in government decisions is just as important as the decisions themselves. When major actions are taken immediately before an election — especially those that could have long-term financial, development, or policy impacts — it can create the perception that the public is being denied a meaningful voice at a critical moment. Even if that is not the intent, perception matters. Trust matters.

Our community is about to choose its executive leadership. That choice may signal a shift — or a reaffirmation — of the policy direction residents want for our town. Moving forward now on issues that have the potential to divide the community, risks locking in decisions before voters have had the opportunity to express their will at the ballot box.

Waiting just a short period of time demonstrates respect for voters, respect for the democratic process, and respect for the stability of the decisions you make. It ensures that major actions are taken with the clearest possible mandate from the public and alongside the leadership that voters select to help guide those decisions.

This is not about delaying progress. It is about ensuring legitimacy, public buy-in, and long-term community confidence in the outcomes you approve.

I ask you to show restraint, demonstrate institutional patience, and allow the voters to speak first. After March 10, regardless of the outcome, you can move forward knowing your actions may align with the most current voice of the people you serve.

Thank you for your time and your service to our community.