

Exhibit A

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Good Evening,

Thank you to everyone involved in the completion of the Town budget process. Good Work!

The Town of Lake Park has and is still experiencing tumultuous times, because of drastic changes to it's landscape and growing resident mistrust and dissatisfaction with what they see and hear that affects their lives. The situations are very complicated, involving developers, lawsuits, public accusations, etc. Now is the time to take a breath and analyze the past and how and why the town deviated it's course without resident s' support.

In my opinion, in order to successfully move forward a Town wide forensic audit is necessary, *beginning with the Public Works Department*. In 2023, the Commission voted to increase NON-AD VALOREM taxes with the assurance that residents' hard earned money would solve the problems plaguing the PW dept.... from 2022, NAV, \$604. to 2026, NAV, \$1,184, NAV taxes almost doubled....and without visibly, improving essential services. During this period the Town also had about four different Finance Directors. A woman, Lourdes, two guys named Jeff, and maybe one I forgot. Now with Barbara Gould, and Richard Reade, the town is in good hands, if we can keep them! Residents and the current administration deserve to know how plans were made and where money has been spent in order base future plans on solid facts. A forensic audit will be money well spent.

As a past commissioner many of my questions went unanswered but now as a resident I am hopeful that a forensic audit will not only answer questions and improve future planning, but leave the door open to a more transparent system of local government.