

On Apr 16, 2018, at 12:50 PM, [REDACTED]

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Good afternoon,

I am writing to you in behalf of my family and many of my neighbors who are extremely concerned with the work that has taken place on Palm Island. I received an email from the Mr. David Martinez Director of the Office of Capital Improvement projects stating that we will not have permanent generators to run the new storm water pumps.

I applaud the previous administrations efforts to address climate change however the execution is not something to be grateful for. On my street (North Coconut lane) the street has been raised approximately 2 feet. While the street did flood a few times a year, it also held a large amount of rain water that eventually went away causing no real harm. I do believe that the new system will help reduce the flooding on the street however we lose power (almost weekly lately) and without power this new system will do more harm than good as all of the water that used to flow and accumulate into the street will now flow into our homes.

I have a list of concerned neighbors; in fact, the vast majority of our homes are now below the street which does not make any sense. If the city is trying to help the residents by raising the streets they should do so when more than 51% of residents in a specific area will benefit. In our case 90% of my neighbors and I are worse off than we were, we all prefer a flooded street occasionally than a flooded home.

I understand that for the city it might not be feasible to place generators in every neighborhood and I have also heard that this issue is now being revisited and such projects placed on hold. I urge you as elected officials to do anything you can do provide us with PERMANENT generators as we know that moving/installing and fueling temporary generators in a heavy downpour does not make sense and by the time it is deployed and functional our homes will be flooded.

I have seen that Sunset Harbour area has benefited from the permanent generators and I ask that we be provided with such. I also urge you to stop raising the streets in other neighborhoods unless such work will benefit the majority, unlike what is happening to us.

Please advise when there will be a meeting that we can attend where this issue will be discussed and I will coordinate for my neighbors and I to attend.

Thank you in advance for anything you can do to help us. The rainy season is right around the corner and it will be catastrophic for us if what has happened in Sunset Harbour happens to our homes.

Regards,

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