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Subject: Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 132 - Commercial Setbacks
within the Siesta Key Overlay District

TO: Planning Commission Members

On behalf of the **Siesta Key Association of Sarasota, Inc (SKA)**, I write regarding the Zoning Proposal for Amendment No. 132, scheduled for your consideration on December 7, 2017.

Please find our comments below. These are based upon the Objectives of the Siesta Key Overlay District (SKOD) which guides development on Siesta Key Barrier Island. **SKA** supports the SKOD objectives.

1989: A change to the county's comprehensive plan requires that any buildings rebuilt within the **Coastal High Hazard Area** must comply with **underlying zoning**.

1997: The county's comprehensive plan is changed to reflect the need for hurricane evacuation and disaster mitigation. **It also requires that density brought by future development must not exceed what is allowed by current zoning.**

1999: The Siesta Key Community Plan is developed. With a focus on creating pedestrian friendly, walkable commercial areas, with goals to maintain an attractive environment and improve traffic safety .

2000: The Siesta Key Overlay District is created, providing Zoning regulations which are unique to this environment, maintaining the intensity

and density of use by residential and commercial interest.

2017: With increased desire for commercial development near and on Siesta Key, its *essential* any actions to modify Zoning *not increase risk to visitors and residents*. For barrier islands and specifically Siesta Key, it is essential to maintain the County's protections for barrier island development.

At this time, the language as proposed regarding setbacks, doesn't provide information linked to maintaining current regulations regarding density or intensity of use.

Comments *from our Members are uniformly against a change* in the setback as proposed. This is based upon fears that once this rule is modified, 'Pandora's box' of abuse regarding density and intensity of use, will open on Siesta Key.

Respectfully yours,

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