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To the Palm Beach Town Council:

In advance of your Council meeting of October 13th, the Royal Park Homeowners Association would like to reiterate its sentiment regarding the elements of the Royal Park and South Lake Drive improvements.

These have been discussed at length between the presidents of the RPHA condominium and cooperative associations and have been agreed upon by virtually all, as indicated by the signatories at the bottom of this communication. You will note that this includes ALL the presidents of Lake-facing associations and a majority of those on the cross-streets.

First, we take it as a given that the crosswalks and roundabout to calm traffic along South Lake Drive will be approved, as they are recommended by Town Staff and are necessary for the safety of residents and others who use and will use the Park. The traffic on the Drive has increased and will only continue to do so as local development escalates and more people move to the area. It is imperative to manage the traffic flow to minimize danger to pedestrians and other motorists. While we would have preferred raised street surfaces at the intersections, we appreciate the issue of water drainage, so will be amenable to painted surfaces as a first step and will wait to see how effective they are.

Further, at a minimum, we strongly recommend that the Council approve the following elements of the Fairfax & Sammons design for the Park.

- **Grey tabby for Lake Trail and paths; asphalt thoroughfares would be unsightly blemishes to the grand lawns that comprise the Park. Revenue from the new marina is**

forecast to increase several-fold from the past, which can support any increased maintenance of the thoroughfares.

- As a corollary to this, no vehicles, such as golf carts or maintenance vehicles, on the paths or Lake Trail; these are for the use of pedestrians and bicyclists, who should not be endangered or inconvenienced by motorized traffic. Servicing the docks should be done through the parking lots.
- Single entry/exit to the Australian and Peruvian parking lots; if possible, relocate the garbage compactor to the Public Works facility to preclude residents from having to see and hear it.
- We encourage you to retain a reputable and independent landscape architect to ensure a properly aesthetic design.

Tens of millions of dollars have been approved to be spent on the marina. To not spend a small fraction of that amount to make Royal Park a fitting complement to what is envisioned as a world-class venue would be a shame. It is universally acknowledged that it was a mistake to not incorporate the Park into the plan and budget for the marina. Now is the time to redress that oversight.

Alan Eades and Gordon McCoun on behalf of the Royal Park Homeowners Association

The following RPHA presidents are signatories to this communication to the Council as indication of the breadth of support from them and the owners they represent:

Richard Higginbotham, The South Lake, 315 S Lake Drive

Kiwi Hilliard, Casa del Lago, 325 S Lake Drive

Frank Slattey, Park Place, 369 S Lake Drive

Peter Turino, Nassau Square, 381 S Lake Drive

Lorraine Tuohy, 389 Corp., 389 S Lake Drive

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