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**From:** Office of Chairman La Rosa  
**Sent:** Monday, June 3, 2024 9:28 AM  
**To:** Commissioner Correspondence  
**Subject:** FW: Septic to Sewer Conversion Palm Island area of southwest Florida

Good morning,

Please place the email below in CORRESPONDENCE – Consumers & Representatives in docket 20240032.

Thank you.

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**Sent:** Monday, June 3, 2024 8:36 AM  
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Ladies and Gentlemen,

Please put the subject of improving overall water quality in the Charlotte Harbor and Lemon Bay area as a first priority on your “to do list”.

It is time that the old septic systems including compromised drain fields on barrier islands like Palm Island, Knight Island, etc..... be replaced with a central sewer system which will have a huge effect on improving the overall water quality in our area!

As a 40 year resident and boater of the Englewood area, I can attest to the degraded water quality we’ve witnessed over the last 4 decades effecting two of our most valuable resources in this area, Lemon Bay and Charlotte Harbor.

Last summer I had the pleasure of visiting some of my Boca Grande clients at their home on Gull Lake outside of Kalamazoo, Michigan. I asked why the lake looked so beautiful, and the water so clear. My host Pat Gallagher said it wasn’t always that way when he was a kid growing up in the area. The “game changer” was when the local residents and government officials made the important decision in 1983 to get rid of old septic & drain field systems around the perimeter of the lake and convert to a central sewer system. The results over time have been absolutely amazing.

Let the local financially effected naysayers who own these inefficient systems at their properties know that their cost to help make this important step a reality will be paid back in full due to increased property values as a result of the pristine waters that will result. Also keep in mind that these same property owners over the last 3-4 years of Covid have seen real estate prices basically double during that time frame, so their net worth has increased substantially which should help them afford the cost of conversion as a property owner.

Finally, take pride in pushing forward with this project so that you as a concerned group of Commissioners will be known in the future as the ones who helped make this important transformation a reality!

Thank you.

Randy and Judy Wojcik



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