

SAMPLE LETTER

Vero Beach Mayor and City Council
1053 20th Place
Vero Beach, FL 32960

(Date)

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council Members,

My name is _____ and I am a resident of the City of Vero Beach. I am writing today to express my deep concern regarding the City of Vero Beach Marina expansion plans. The initial goal in 2019 was to address the much-needed repairs and upgrades of the Marina. I understand this is no longer the plan for Phase 1, but instead building a 210’x115’x35’ industrial metal building for dry rack storage is the priority. I urge you to reconsider this decision. Please note the following:

- The condition of the current docks and surrounding areas are a major liability for the City. According to the Comprehensive Plan, Chapter 2- LAND USE ELEMENT GOAL, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES 6. Provides for reasonable public safety and security from hazardous conditions associated with the City's coastal location.
- The cost to build the maximum expansion of the boat barn as Phase 1 may jeopardize the completion of the Marina’s repairs and upgrades. Uncertainties of future grants, inflation, recession, and gas prices are just a few of the unknowns that could hinder these much needed repairs and updates.
- The expansion of the boat barn will serve the convenience of an additional 110 boaters, while the repair and upgrades of the Marina will be a reflection of the City’s desire have a beautiful first-class facility-- many more people walk through the Marina on a daily basis to relax and enjoy the surroundings of our beautiful Lagoon than the number who will ever use the boat barn. Maximize tax payers’ dollars, not the boat barn. Please show them you care!
- The Marina sits on public land which has been placed in the City Charter with the express purpose of preserving its status for public use. It was not intended to become a “Destination Marina” as has been touted by some members of the community.

Again, I strongly urge you to reconsider. Make Phase 1 the Repair and Modernization of our Marina, NOT the maximum expansion of the boat barn.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,
