

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. Sample email letter for VBPA website:

We have a love for our City of Vero Beach Marina, *and* its home--the environment, the wildlife, and ecosystem. These must not be thought of or dealt with separately... this precious marina and its scale must suit its surroundings. We must keep the nature and size of our city, neighborhood, and estuary in mind as we consider how we rebuild our Marina..

The city is using the outdated 2004 Indian River County Manatee Protection plan, now 18 years old, as a basis for justifying the expansion. A lot has changed in the last 18 years. More people are attracted to Vero Beach, and they want to linger, and stay... and they want services. But a place can be loved to death. This is already happening. There have been thousands of Manatee Deaths by Boats and Starvation, and loss of their primary food source, Sea Grasses, in these years. A deep look at the 2004 MPP, & the Zoning it mandates, should give us pause to think about where this new dry storage building should actually be built.

Let's get this Marina fixed up--repaired, updated, and modernized--while remembering why we came and loved Vero Beach in the first place.

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,
