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City Commissioners of KCB
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ATTN: Mr. Freddie Foster, Mayor and Chair

Dear KCB City Commissioners:

Our family is one of the original owners at Castillo del Sol Condominiums. As such, we have been proud members of the Key Colony Beach community for close to forty years. During this time, we have grown to cherish the beauty and affability that defines the culture of this city. Consequently, words cannot begin to describe the disappointment and disillusionment bordering on disgust, that we experienced witnessing the processing that took place relative to City Commissioners decision to approve construction of the 40,000 lb. boat lift by our neighbor at 841 West Ocean Drive.

What we witnessed was a charade. A Commission that downplayed or ignored the concerns of numerous citizens, and bent over backwards to accommodate the wishes of one individual. The explanations given to support this decision were spineless and underwhelming. To say that this was simply a redo of a previously expired approval, ignores the fact that the prior approval was based on information provided to the Army Corps of Engineers for a smaller scale project that did not include an on-site evaluation. It is also arguable whether this evaluation at the time even included provisions for a boat lift.

A second explanation centered around the fact that there was "nothing in the City Codes to prohibit its (boat lift) construction." Well, why is that? Why is it that we do not having zoning

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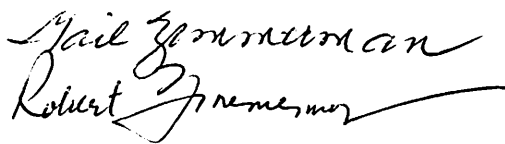
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regulations to protect the beauty and integrity of our ocean front beach? Is that not the function of a planning and zoning board and/or our city leaders? Maybe this is something that should be looked at before we lose what little precious beach we have left. At the same time something should be said for those of us who enjoy the ocean front, whether it be for swimming, snorkeling, paddle boarding, or wind surfing. There are legitimate safety concerns here that were downplayed during the meeting. The justification for this was a legal opinion that the City could, or would not be held liable, should this decision to approve result in any damage or personal injury. Thank you, City Commissioners, for your underwhelming regard for our wellbeing.

The third, and final explanation that we could gleam for approving this shameless debacle was a fear of litigation. Of all the above, this is perhaps the most defensible excuse for this judgement. But, does this mean that anyone of affluence can get anything they want simply by intimidating a potential law suit against the city? If we don't have a legal defense in these situations, I challenge our city leaders to initiate or revise our local ordinances so that the KCB does not need to cave to these threats.

Having said our piece, what's done is done, and we will now live with it. Hopefully, you, our city leaders will accept these criticisms in a constructive light, and that we can all learn from this experience. In so doing, maybe some good may eventually come from these proceedings.

Respectfully,

The block contains two handwritten signatures. The first signature is 'Gail Zimmerman' in a cursive script. The second signature is 'Robert Zimmerman' in a similar cursive script, positioned below the first.

Dr. Robert and Gail Zimmerman

Unit D4, Castillo del Sol Condominiums

Cc: KCB Planning and Zoning Board