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Hi, can you please post my public comment below regarding agenda item 57 for this June 4th evening meeting and copy the commissioners?

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This proposal directly contradicts the original purpose of Houseboat Row: to provide housing that is affordable in Key West—the city's #1 priority. The resolution is based on a market study of private marinas, which are focused on maximizing profits—not supporting our community.

Moreover, the justification regarding seawall repairs is no longer valid. The marina continually runs in the black, with approximately \$5.6 million in reserves and several other untapped funding

sources and engineering options available. There is absolutely no financial crisis. In fact, I'll offer again my help to create a full disclosure budget/plan laying out how the marina can not only survive but thrive.

Bottom line: This proposal with a minimum increase of 75% will kill Houseboat Row, eliminating one of the last remaining affordable housing options in Key West—and for no justifiable reason.

Thanks, Paul Heberer