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Subject: Clarification Letter to the City Council

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Dear Tammy,

Please share the following letter with the City Council.

Thank you.

The SūDā CREC Madison Group would like to address several concerns circulating on social media. Community members have voiced the absence of a skate park in our proposal. We are fully committed to integrating a skate park into our plan; and, further, to working with the community to identify and incorporate other community priorities into our development program. This is consistent with our strategies to create an activated project that provides a range of opportunities for engagement for all members of the Community. At the City Council interview, we similarly noted our intent to include a splash pad/pop-jet fountain. Our development budget has placeholders for such common area amenities that will be more than adequate to cover the cost of these offerings. Our commitment is to work with the community on the prioritization, location and design of these features. Additionally, we will work closely with the community to determine the appropriate facilities to be built on the Water Treatment site to complement the Youth Sailing Foundation, harmonizing the vision of promoting youth sports, recreation and arts activities at the Three Corners project. Our commitment is to create a place and provide offerings and activities that serve the entire Vero Beach community.

Regarding environmental stewardship, our foundational principle at SūDā is environmental protection and sustainability. We will collaborate extensively with governmental regulatory bodies and various non-governmental organizations, including One Lagoon, to ensure that environmental and conservation considerations are central to our plan. In reference to our mention of Heather Stapleton during the committee meeting on May 21st, our intent was to align with efforts to safeguard the Indian River Lagoon, as emphasized in her lecture. We did not mean to suggest a formal partnership with Heather Stapleton or One Lagoon and apologize for any confusion. Our approach is straightforward and uncomplicated: prioritizing community and environmental welfare. We will engage directly with relevant organizations to mitigate our project's impact on the environment, particularly the delicate Indian River Lagoon.

The Indian River Lagoon and its environs have always been integral to our proposal's design. For this reason, we are fortunate to have Susan Engle (Envirocare, Inc.) on our Team. Susan has developed a profound understanding of Florida's unique ecosystems, including the Indian River Lagoon. Her expertise extends to critical environmental elements such as manatee protection, mangrove preservation and seagrass conservation. Susan has designed and implemented Best Management Practices (BMPs) tailored for marinas and boaters, emphasizing minimal environmental impact and sustainable enjoyment of marine resources. Susan will advise us on mitigating any negative project impacts on the Indian River Lagoon and to define best practices for both construction and ongoing operations of the marina and waterfront activities. We assure the community and council members that these aspects will remain paramount throughout all phases of the project's development.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

The SūDā CREC Madison Team

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