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Subject: Fw: American Flood Coalition-Invitation to Join

Heather,
Please place this on the next agenda under council action. I think it should be a resolution for us, not an ordinance, but I will check with our attorney.

Thanks,

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Subject: American Flood Coalition-Invitation to Join

Dear Mayor, Commissioner, and City Manager:

I hope you had an enjoyable summer. I'm getting back to you to see if you feel there is any chance that your commission will join our coalition, formerly known as the Seawall Coalition, which has been renamed American Flood Coalition to remove any misunderstandings that we just advocate for seawalls. Our website *Floodcoalition.org* outlines what we are doing and recent successes and clarifies that we support whatever efforts municipalities choose to take to prepare for sea level rise.

To date 23 Florida cities have joined: Coral Gables, St. Petersburg, St. Augustine, Ft. Lauderdale, Surfside, Pompano Beach, Sunny Isles Beach, South Miami, Delray Beach, Cutler Bay, Port Orange, Key Biscayne, Boca Raton, Hillsboro Beach, Aventura, Key West, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Hollywood, Highland Beach, Miami Shores, Miami Lakes, Coral Springs, and Cocoa Beach. Many other cities are in the process of joining, as are military, civic and business groups concerned about sea level rise. In addition, we have expanded our efforts to all US coastal states, and recently the Governor of South Carolina joined, as have many congresspersons from both parties.

We would be happy to provide any information or help to have Venice become a member. This can be accomplished via a consent agenda or other resolution. There is no cost to join, and no legal obligation to membership, but the more members we get the greater traction we can have in Washington and Tallahassee for the policies and incentives coastal communities need to prepare for the future challenges of sea level rise.

Regards, Ambassador Jim Cason, Mayor Coral Gables, 2011-2017