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Chief Jason Martin  
Upper Captiva Fire & Rescue District  
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Dear Chief Martin,

Thank you for recently taking time to meet with me; it's always a pleasure. First, I do want to confirm the date of our UCCA Town Hall with you. I have that locked in for Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> and we'll conduct via Zoom. I think we plan for a 7:30pm ET start time to give folks time for dinner prior to the Town Hall. We'll try to keep the session to under 90 minutes.

I believe the October 5<sup>th</sup> date will work well as the board of commissioners will have the millage rate set and there will be actual budgeted revenues for the core taxing unit versus the special assessment. As we've discussed we'll publish a FAQ in the weeks prior to the meeting to try to educate the community on some of the more trivial topics so we don't bog down the meeting with things easily answered.

Next, I'd like to pick back up on our dialogue regarding protecting our beach accesses from golf carts. It seems we've had many recent instances of teenagers on carts driving on both the gulf beach but also down the bay beach well past the main Salty Approach area. Far more instances this summer than I remember in recent years. Most happen from the violators moving beams that block many entrances. These beams are insufficient. This has happened several times at the open area between Panama Shell and Butterfly Shell just north of the State public beach entrance where two beams are easily moved by the violators.

I believe the community holds this as a top priority to resolve. As you and I spoke, I believe UCCA will spearhead this effort and can work to raise funds and purchase or build better barriers to entry at the beach accesses, however we want to be mindful that your emergency vehicles need to be able to transverse any such barriers without damaging equipment.

I would ask that you and the UCFRD please work up a couple suggestions on barriers you feel might stop golf carts yet allow for UCFRD vehicles to pass in case of emergency. I'm happy to jump on a call anytime to talk through potential solutions. As this issue is immediate and ongoing, I'm hopeful we can work together expeditiously to find a solution for the community and to protect our beaches and the wildlife that thrive on them.

Best,

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