

Good Evening Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, and City Manager

I'm Dennis Ulmer a resident of Fort Lauderdale, I believe that climate change and sea level rise is one of the greatest challenges for Fort Lauderdale's future.

We all know what happened along our beach front in 2012 and the increasing high tides in our waterfront neighborhoods. I attended the Visioning Committee meetings and I spoke to the committee about this issue. I attended the November 2013 Annual SE Florida Regional Climate Leadership Summit and I attended the January 21st Climate Adaptation Open House.

The Comprehensive Plan Text Amendments to the Coastal Management Element of our Comprehensive plan is a very important step in the process of the Adaptation Action Areas. This will allow the code changes that will facilitate the city prioritizing changes to our infrastructure to deal with sea level rise and high tidal flooding. In partnership the City and its residents can then make informed decisions on steps each can make to reduce our risks to these hazards.

I respectfully request as your planning and zoning board has recommended by a 9-0 vote at their May 21st 2014 Meeting that you approve this ordinance and transmit the amending elements to our comprehensive plan to the relevant reviewing authorities. I also believe that this ordinance moves us forward in our Fast Forward 2035 Visioning Plan. Thank you for your time.