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Attachments: The need for Pinellas County Charging stations.; URGENT: Please Pause EV Charging Station Decommission — A No-Cost Alternative Exists

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Just an fyi of a possible Citizens to be Heard about decommission of free county EV charging stations. Administration asked that I forward this to you.



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Subject: URGENT: Please Pause EV Charging Station Decommission — A No-Cost Alternative Exists

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Dear Mrs McDaniel & all Pinellas County Commissioners,

My name is Archie Call, and I am a Clearwater Beach resident for more than a decade writing in strong opposition to the planned June 1, 2026 decommissioning of all public EV charging stations in Pinellas County parks and facilities — including Sand Key Park, which my family with a special needs child personally depend on.

I understand the annual operating cost of approximately \$56,600 was cited as the reason for this decision. I am respectfully asking the Board to reconsider, for the following reasons:

1. A NO-COST ALTERNATIVE EXISTS AND WAS NOT EXPLORED.

Commercial EV network operators — ChargePoint, EVgo, Blink, Electrify America — will install, operate, and maintain EV charging equipment at zero cost to the property owner and often share revenue with the host. Many Florida counties and cities already operate under this model. Before permanently removing this infrastructure, the county should issue an RFP to these operators immediately.

2. THE TOURISM AND ECONOMIC COST EXCEEDS THE SAVINGS.

Sand Key and Fort De Soto are among the most-visited parks in the region. EV drivers actively route around charging access. Removing it will cost the county in lost visitor spending — far exceeding \$56,600/year in negative economic impact.

3. RESIDENTS MADE DECISIONS BASED ON THIS INFRASTRUCTURE.

Removing public charging penalizes residents who chose electric vehicles in part because of available public charging — a choice that benefits the county's air quality and environmental goals.

4. THIS CONTRADICTS THE COUNTY'S OWN RESILIENCY COMMITMENTS.

Pinellas County has a Resiliency Program. Removing EV infrastructure at public parks while claiming to support clean energy is incoherent public policy.

My specific requests:

- Delay the June 1 decommissioning by 60–90 days.
- Direct staff to immediately issue an RFP to commercial EV charging operators.
- Schedule this item for public discussion at the May 19 BCC meeting.

I plan to attend the May 19 meeting and address the Board directly. I am also organizing other affected EV owners and park visitors to join me. I believe this is a solvable problem and I am committed to working with your office toward a better outcome.

With respect and appreciation for your service,

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