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Topic	Special Assessment To Dredge The Southern Entrance To Grand Canal
BCC Agenda Date	10-6-2020
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose
Comments	<p>The Grand Canal Riparian Properties are not the only parties to receive a special benefit from the Project. The Grand Canal is not maintained for the private use of the adjacent property owners. It is open to and used by the public in the following ways: Access the fuel dock and restaurant at the end of the canal. A diner cruise tours the canal daily. Several fishing charters collect their customers at the hotel and docks at the end of the canal. Several ferry boat operators cruise out of the marina. Boat rental companies operate out of the marina. Marina has boat storage for hundreds of boats. Boat riders who enjoy a pretty place to cruise. It seems unfair to expect the home owners of Tierra Verde to bear the burden of 100% of the cost of maintaining the Grand Canal for the benefit of all the aforementioned businesses and users. The biggest additional stake holder is the property tax revenue collected by Pinellas County. Passage of and publication of this Resolution will cause the property values of the properties bordering the Canal to drop considerably. That drop in value is of course accompanied by a drop in tax revenue. As County Commissioners you are faced with the choice to spend some public money on this project or forever forfeit a huge source of future tax revenue. I urge you to seek a method of funding this Project with some public money and a fair assessment of all the stake holders who will benefit from this Project.</p>
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