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14 Community and Environmental Groups Issue Joint Statement to Oppose Goal 109 Increased Density in Suburban Neighborhoods

Fourteen of the major community and environmental organizations in Monroe County issued a group position statement today opposing the County's "Goal 109" proposal to amend the law to increase the maximum density for workforce housing projects throughout the unincorporated portions of the County. According to this unprecedented group statement, high-density housing developments are not appropriate in low-density suburban island neighborhoods.

"Together we represent thousands of voters, workers and property owners who support high-density workforce housing where the work is, not in low-density suburban communities. Of course, we need to restore the workforce housing that was lost to Hurricane Irma. But for high-density projects, we encourage smart growth planning to minimize traffic problems and commute times along US 1 and to avoid new housing projects that are inconsistent with existing development in our suburban island communities," said Ann Olsen, from Friends of the Lower Keys (FOLKs), one of the community groups.

The organizations that issued the joint statement are Florida Keys Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America, Florida Keys Citizens Coalition, Florida Keys Environmental Fund, Inc., Friends of the Lower Keys (FOLKs), Island of Key Largo Federation of Homeowners Associations (IKLFHA), Key Deer Protection Alliance, Inc., Last Stand, Lower Keys Alliance, Inc., Save Summerland Native Areas, Upper Keys Citizens Association, Cudjoe Gardens Property Owners Association, South Point Homeowners LLC, Sugarloaf Shores Property Owners Association and Upper Sugarloaf Residents Association.

For more information on Goal 109, go to www.friendsofthelowerkeys.com