To All Board Members,

I recognize that related to the special election on October 24, the board has discretion in setting the rules. I encourage you to establish as one of those rules that in order for the resolution to become effective, affirmative votes by a majority of the eligible voters must be cast.

While one interpretation is that is consistent with certain statutes, that approach is supported by a third way Ms. Boak said a water district could be formed at the June 11 board meeting. Ms. Boak said a water district could be formed if owners of property representing more than 50% of total district assessed value made a formal request. She went on to say that "two owners are sufficient to make this happen but we didn't want to force it." The implication was that a cramdown would occur if the board did not move ahead with the resolution. As information, I know which two non-resident owners she was referring to, but the 8 properties I understand they own represent only 15.6% of district assessed value. If you add DiNardo's, Chubby's and Albano's that have all publicly expressed support, you're only up to 25.6%. A cramdown here is not possible but it is most appropriate that before anything can be imposed on all district members that more than 50% of district members must take action.

I encourage you to follow that framework and establish a rule for the special election on October 24 that for the resolution to become effective, a majority of the voters eligible to vote must affirmatively. To set the bar any lower given the opposition the board has heard about this project from all residents of single-family homes as well as many others in the district is unconscionable in my view. I appreciate the board's due consideration of the points I have made. Thank you.

Best,

Jock

"A modern fleet of ships does not so much make use of the sea as exploit a highway"

The Mirror of the Sea, 1906

Joseph Conrad, Ukrainian-born/Polish-raised author & English novelist, 1857-1924