

LAND FUND

Commission Members:

I regret I will be off-island on Friday, when Commissioners will hold a vote on the amount of property tax money that will be set aside for purchase of high priority open space land. If I were able to attend the Commission meeting on Friday, I would testify to urge Commissioners to vote in favor of the full 2% amount, per year. Please note this is the rate approved by voters in the election three years ago. It is inappropriate for Commissioners to negate that mandate from the People.

For reasons that I find arbitrary and thoughtless, Commissioners voted earlier to reduce the amount of money set aside per year to be 1/2 of 1%. Commissioners must know their action is contrary to proper democratic practice. It is irritating to our sensibilities as voters, and it promotes cynicism and disrespect for public officials. It is my hope that Commissioners will correct their earlier decision and vote to restore the fund to the full 2% that was approved by an unusually robust proportion of voters.

Sincerely,

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