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Mayor Becker;

During our meeting with the City Mitigation Planning Team today, it was requested that I send you a letter for considerations on the following recommendations:

We suggested that any high priority type of occupancy, build their building to withstand a type 3 hurricane. These building should also be built in non-flood zones. During the last several hurricane near misses these types of occupancies have decided to shelter in place. I believe if this is the case they should build their building to protect them as much as possible. In today's world it is safer for them to shelter in place and is much cheaper for them as well.

I would call high priority types of occupancies, nursing homes, hospitals, assisted living facilities. These types of occupancy have elderly, sick, injured types of personal that cannot be move around or be transported easily. To evacuate safely they need to start at least 3 days prior to the event. That is not always feasible or practical.

I would request that all schools that are being constructed or remodeled be included. These types of building frequently are being used as emergency evacuation shelters.

We have being working as a team for many years. With all the new influx of construction and developments being done in our City we should be considered during the initial stages of development by the planning commission.

Our calls for service have increased. We run more FIRE, EMS calls than ever. We find that there are times that our volunteers cannot make it down the clogged streets while responding. We have found there is no address on the some of the building and homes. We have had to increase our career staffing to assist our volunteers with all calls.

Your assistance with these concerns is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions, you may call me at any time.

Sincerely yours;

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