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Dear Mr. Waite,

Thank you for your presentation of the Megayachts Unlimited LLC development plan at the Port of Fort Pierce.

The City of Fort Pierce welcomes economic development for the industrial waterfront of Fort Pierce. Our priorities are job creation, preferable a meaningful number of jobs with a broad spectrum of skill sets and salary levels for our area's residents. In addition, any Port development must be an environmentally friendly industry that would enhance the health and attractiveness of the Indian River Lagoon.

The highest and best use of port property would yield both short and long term benefits to the City of Fort Pierce and to St. Lucie County. A mega yacht service facility has the potential to initiate the creation of a marine industry in Fort Pierce on an impressive scale. The job training possibilities could help fill the badly needed employment needs of our city and county residents.

We know our Port has many desirable assets, including proximity to the Atlantic Ocean and the Fort Pierce Inlet. Further, our city has a busy non-commercial international airport and is close to Interstate 95 as well as Florida's Turnpike. Our Indian River State College has a superb national reputation. Because of the biodiverse Indian River Lagoon, there are marine research facilities here, such as the Smithsonian and Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution. We see economic development at the Port that would support job training, marine trades, and tourism, and might qualify for state or federal job training grants and low cost enterprise financing using some federal programs.

We look forward to working with Megayachts Unlimited, and any other professional endeavors that would develop our Port to its highest potential, with all environmental safeguards in place to protect our waterways.

Sincerely,

Linda Hudson
Mayor