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- Request Description: item number 32 on your agenda tonight (nov 9, 2016) is a staff paper on options to accelerate combined sewer outflow mitigation efforts for orinoco bay. I'm a resident of North old town, and a member of the NOTICe (civic association) board. I urge you to commit to earlier action on this outflow. The study listed in one alternative would happen in the 2018- 23 time period. that seems way too far in the future. We would like to call ourselves an eco-city– and the North Old Town SAP has entertained the idea of an eco- district. Both designations are counterintuitive if we continue to excuse ourselves from mitigating the largest outflow in the Old Town area. Yes, new development will add more separated sewer lines, but not enough, and all development is a slow process; it will be years to see the benefits. Can't we seek federal sort state funding to address orinoco bay sooner?

I would like to add that I might have attended the meeting tonight and made these remarks in person had this not been 32 out of a 34 item agenda. It seems to me that the agendas frequently have substantive or controversial items at the end, which tends to suppress public attendance and comment. I do wish that you would take more care in developing the agendas to have items like this earlier in the meeting.

Thank you.

Fran Zorn
Alexandria House

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, November 16

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Honorable Mayor, Vice-Mayor, and City Council

We have reviewed the proposed schedule for addressing the outflow of sewage into Oronoco Bay.

We are disappointed to see that there is "no commitment" in this plan for meaningful action to address the problem following discussions with some of you and with various city staff in which we expressed our concerns. At the NOTICe member meeting in September, we discussed this issue in detail. The residents are aware of the many complexities of the project and its substantial cost. The overwhelming sentiment of North Old Town residents at this meeting was that we should act soon to stop dumping raw sewage into the Potomac. Delaying planning and construction action to late in the next decade or later is not acceptable. Arguments that the delay is justified because the amount of sewage discharged is smaller than that discharged by surrounding jurisdictions or that action at this site is not required by VDEQ are excuses, and rather poor ones, not good reasons.

It is essential that the city commit itself to meaningful action in the near term and aggressively pursue funding from both state and federal sources so planning and work begin in the very near future to eliminate this ecological hazard.

Tom Soapes

President, NOTICe