

Hello Citizens Not Serfs!!

The June 10th meeting revealed that FEMA is empathetic to Keys homeowners! Now is the time for us to write and pass a resolution mandating Monroe County's return to pre-pilot program regulations. This resolution would be the ultimate win-win for Monroe County and FEMA!

Mayor Neugent said on the Bill Becker show that FEMA was "**if you can believe this, EMPATHETIC to the economic times and the impact to the residents in them having to PULL THESE ENCLOSURES OUT.**"

Obviously, FEMA is very concerned about the negative effect of forcing families to demolish their downstairs enclosures. If there ever was a perfect time to pass a County Resolution requesting FEMA release us from the FEMA approved but County Commission contrived and created mandatory downstairs enclosure inspections which are triggered when requesting a building permit and applying for flood insurance, IT IS NOW!!

Now is the time for the Mayor and our Commissioners to request FEMA release Monroe County from the automatic downstairs enclosure inspection trigger regulations and return to the same non-mandatory downstairs enclosure inspection regulations applied to the other 23,000 FEMA flood insured communities.

Our Citizens and County Commission have nothing to lose except the few minutes it takes for the County Attorney to produce the resolution and the few minutes to pass and forward the resolution to our FEMA friends. Timing is everything and the time is now!!

Get fired up like this fellow Citizens Not Serfs member who sent this letter to our Mayor and our Commissioners:

Dear Commissioners,
Especially you George Neugent! I voted for all of you! And now I find out that you, George Neugent, were instrumental in making our lives miserable with these FEMA enclosure inspections! I can well assure you Mr. Neugent, that if this problem is not corrected immediately, that you, my friend, will disappear as a representative of the people in Marathon and Monroe County! I am sure that many people went to the poles to vote not knowing that these commissioners we elected were the demons behind the FEMA aggravation policy that is in place.

If this is not corrected, I will personally campaign against each and every one of you and let it be known that these commissioners have been behind the FEMA harassment that we have experienced for all of these years! We are not serfs and will not tolerate a commission made up of dictators, period!

All of the FEMA arguments are pure crap! FEMA doesn't even want any our residents to have a bait freezer in a downstairs enclosure, but it is OK to put it outside in the hot sun with an extension cord! In case you haven't looked around lately, most of the residents of Monroe

County are fisherman! This one FEMA harassment item is just one of the many ridiculous items in the "we will control the people campaign" that is being perpetuated by our elected commissioners and FEMA! No, you do not control us! You are not the police department, and we are fed up with you behaving as though you are! You are elected to serve us, and we, the voters, will put this picture back into proper perspective with the next elections if you are not responsive to us, the citizens of Monroe County! I promise you that one!

Jim LaVore

Resident, Duck Key, FL
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HOW CAN YOU HELP?!?

Fax this letter to our Mayor and Commissioners!! Our dire need for relief should be a piece of paper sitting on their desks that they see a dozen times a day!! Let's stay in their minds!!

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Mayor Neugent: [Fax: 305-872-9195](tel:305-872-9195)

Heather Carruthers: [Fax: 305-292-3577](tel:305-292-3577)

Mario DiGennaro: [FAX: \(305\)289-6306](tel:305-289-6306)

Sylvia Murphy: [Fax: \(305\) 453-8989](tel:305-453-8989)

Or, Call your Commissioners and ask them to immediately support a new resolution! You can't just delete a phone call!!!!

Kim Wigington: [305-292-3440](tel:305-292-3440)

Mayor George Neugent: [305-872-1678](tel:305-872-1678), [292-4512](tel:305-292-4512)

Heather Carruthers: [305-292-3430](tel:305-292-3430)

Mario DiGennaro: [305-289-6000](tel:305-289-6000)

Sylvia Murphy: [305-453-8787](tel:305-453-8787)

Or, Forward this letter to your commissioners and ask for their immediate action!!

Forward this email to:

carruthers-heather@monroecounty-fl.gov; wigington-kim@monroecounty-fl.gov; digennaro-mario@monroecounty-fl.gov; murphy-sylvia@monroecounty-fl.gov; neugent-george@monroecounty-fl.gov

Or, reply to this email with "I, (name), grant Citizens Not Serfs the permission to send this letter to my commissioners. (full name)."

Also, feel free to log on to CitizensNotSerfs.com and send us a message about your personal downstairs enclosure story.

We are winning this battle and must ACT NOW!! We cannot sit idly by and allow this moment of opportunity to pass us by--FEMA is on our side!! Citizens Not Serfs is known for its active members and this is our chance to turn our activism into regulations without

downstairs enclosures.

As always, call me at 305-745-1715 or email me at sara@citizensnotserfs.com with any question or concerns or volunteer interest.

TOGETHER, WE CAN SAVE THE KEYS!!

Sincerely,

**Sara Cunnard
Citizens Not Serfs Legal Intern**

How did we get into this mess? During the 80's and 90's Monroe County Commissioners violated FEMA law. As punishment our homeowners have been subjected to the unique temporary FEMA downstairs enclosure inspection pilot program for the past seven years.

Fortunately, our seven year sentence will soon expire. Our homeowners are looking forward to the end of the temporary pilot and getting out of downstairs enclosure jail.

While I know the Florida Keys are different, we are still guided by the Constitution which prohibits double jeopardy.

Our former Commissioners did the crime and our homeowners have done the time. Now our Mayor and Commissioners must assure Monroe County homeowners that they are governed by the same FEMA non-mandatory downstairs enclosure inspection regulations that apply to the other 23,000 FEMA flood insured communities.

Mayor Neugent and our County Commissioners have a once in a lifetime opportunity to rescind the onerous downstairs enclosure inspections created by the 2002 County Commission and only approved by FEMA.

Now is the time for The Mayor to put politics aside and have the County Commission pass a resolution requesting FEMA release Monroe County from their 2002 commitment and return to the same non-mandatory inspections rules applied to the other 23,000 FEMA flood insured communities.

Remember the pilot was temporary. Don't make any unique program permanent.