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**Marco Island Area Association of REALTORS® - Board of Directors**

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Marco Island Area Association of Realtors® **OPPOSES** Short Term Rental Ordinance.

Marco Island, FL – July 22, 2022 – In response to a proposed referendum that will infringe on the private property rights of its residents. The Marco Island Area Association of Realtors® message is simple – the association believes in Private Property Rights and will work to protect them.

The referendum in a question will appear on the August 23<sup>rd</sup> ballot and will ask voters to approve a 17-page local ordinance that will negatively impact the local economy, create several new government agencies, raise taxes and impose dozens of new rules that will strip property owners of their rights. The association is supportive of short-term and long-term rentals to keep small businesses open and thriving.

As a result, the association will engage in a campaign to oppose the proposed ordinance in its present form. The campaign will include digital content, social media posts, mailer and phone calls to inform residents and businesses about the misleading referendum.

The association values and protects private property rights for all residents of Marco Island and urges residents to vote NO on this harmful ordinance.