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Good afternoon Harbor Commissioners,

I wanted to submit a comment regarding Agenda Item #9 for today's regular meeting.

I strongly support the board changing district counsel. As an attendee at Harbor District meetings for over six years, I have become increasingly concerned with current counsel Hanson and Bridgett's competency and impartiality. I have seen firsthand multiple interactions between counsel and district commissioners that lead me to state with certainty that current counsel is not able to comport itself or take actions in an impartial manner.

Most recently, I have been deeply disappointed with current counsel's handling of the harassment claims leveled against Commissioner Tom Mattusch, as reflected by the fact that the victim of said harassment refused to participate in the investigation because she was not happy with the process devised by current counsel. I am also under the impression that many other legal firms can provide great services to government agencies at a lower cost than Hanson and Bridgett.

I want to thank the board for considering new counsel tonight. Thank you for your willingness to improve the Harbor District.

Please include this letter as part of the agenda packet for Item #9. Thank you!

Sincerely,

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