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## SONS OF THE BEACH OPPOSES SILVER BEACH PROJECT

**DAYTONA BEACH, FL June 1, 2023** – The SONS OF THE BEACH announces its opposition to the Silver Beach Condo Project slated to be heard by the Daytona Beach City Development Board. It is our feeling that the project should immediately be paused until such time as the City Planning Department can conduct adequate research and the required studies to ensure public safety, as well as the protection of our natural beach and wildlife resources.

Section 6.15.C.1 of the CODB Land Development Code, as well as subsequent LDC provisions (supplied upon request) demand the city take certain steps should a project be located 'wholly within or partially within any flood hazard area'. A quick search of the FEMA Flood Map shows that half of the proposed development is within a flood zone.

Rich Yost, newly elected President of SONS OF THE BEACH, states "the whole purpose of these policies (per city ordinance) is to safeguard the public health, safety, and general welfare as well as protect against development which may increase flood damage or erosion potential".

We at the SONS OF THE BEACH demand the city comply with their own Land Development Code in order "to safeguard the public health, safety, and general welfare, and to minimize public and private losses due to flooding through regulation of development in flood hazard areas" (CODB LDC 6.15.2.a).

The storms of the fall of 2022 make it truly clear how vulnerable our coastline is when faced with catastrophic meteorological conditions. We see no reason the city should bypass their own regulations, especially when those regulations are intended to protect our coastline and public safety.

The Sons of the Beach of Volusia County (SOBs), Inc. is a grassroots organization dedicated to increasing public awareness of matters concerning the management of our beaches, the protection of its marine wildlife habitat, and securing preservation of the traditional vehicular access to Atlantic Ocean Beach.