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Hi Supervisors,

For ordinary people who build houses, this doesn't seem to mandate flood prevention as much as guarantee perforated houses, meaning the stormwater may be running through your house. (sec 811.501(e)) or maybe you'll have to build a house on piers (subsection d.) Great for letting in rats and snakes, though. No health and safety there.

And apparently the board wants to exempt developers from these requirements (sec, 811.503.

This seems to diminish health and safety by potentially allowing vermin easier access and also allows the buildup of stormwater which might eventually present a health or mosquito hazard. But apparently, the designers of this ordinance would rather not look at the big picture.

Moreover, I think that as representatives for the entire County, you should have drafted this ordinance apply to the entire County, not just the unincorporated part. There are flood zones all over, as we saw on January 22.

The one good thing is that you get a 20% discount on flood insurance. Other than that, you should reject this poorly planned proposal.

Regards,

Paul Henkin