



been jeopardized as a result of the approval of a massive apartment complex on our public land at Bahia Mar. Once the construction is completed, there will be no room left for a large-scale, world-class boat show. A boat show squeezed into a parking garage is not what any of us should want or expect.

And there is more. The Boat Show is seeking \$2 million a year in tax money from the county tourism bureau to subsidize its marketing. This is the first time ever that the Boat Show has wanted government financial assistance. Why now? What has changed?

Because of these issues, I am renewing my demand that the city obtain the secret agreement that was signed between the

Bahia Mar developers and the Boat Show. It must be released it to the public. Previous leases between Bahia Mar and the Boat Show were publicly available. This one should be as well.

This is basic transparency that taxpayers deserve, yet the city attorney has not stepped forward to force the matter.

Florida has a very strong open records law. How is it possible that a long-term lease involving public facilities and public property not be a public record? This is also a point of basic real estate law. The city owns Bahia Mar and has a fundamental right to review such leases of its property.

The Boat Show agreement must be made public. We need to know what the

terms are and judge for ourselves the risks. The Boat Show is integral to our economy. As city leaders, we must do all we can to protect the thousands of jobs that comprise our marine industry.

In closing, this is my final newsletter as the District 2 commissioner. Over the past five years, I hope this regular report has enlightened everyone about important issues facing the city and laid out my views on our future. Until next time... Thank you for the trust you have placed in me.

Sincerely,




Commissioner Trantalis helps recognize Sarah Sjostrom of Sweden as the 2017 world swimmer of the year at the International Swimming Hall of Fame.



Commissioner Trantalis joins city staff and police to discuss a recent murder in Middle River Terrace Park with concerned neighbors.



Commissioner Trantalis welcomes people to the Pride Fort Lauderdale festival that was held for the second year in a row on the city's beach.



Commissioner Trantalis presents a proclamation to Father James Katinas of St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in honor of its annual Greek Festival.