

First, I wish to extend my congratulations to the newly elected Board Members. The entire Board has a tough job ahead and I have full confidence that you will succeed and make our community all the better.

However, my comments this evening are not directed at the Board, they are specifically directly to the Property Owners of the Padre Isles Property Owners Association.

As most of you know, we formed the ARCH Group last fall to right a wrong instilled upon us in 2013. A wrong that stripped the owners of their sole right to amend our bylaws. Attempts were made to allow the community to vote on this issue during the recent annual member meeting. But the previous Board refused to allow our amendments on the ballot.

So, we undertook the only other option available to us. Bylaw section 1.04B allows the Members to call a Special Members Meeting if 10% of the Members request it. And last November we started to gather ballots directly from the Property Owners.

I stand here tonight to announce we have achieved that goal. I stand here tonight holding ballots from 662 property owners. This number is 12.27% of the property owners, which is 122 ballots above the minimum number required.

I stand here to announce that I, Kelly Ann McFadden, at the written request of more than 10% of the Members of the Padre Isles Property Owners Association am calling a Special Members Meeting where the Members will be allowed to vote on the 2 amendments proposed by the ARCH Group.

The meeting is scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup>, 10AM at Seashore Learning Center Gymnasium. The PIPOA will mail ballots to all 5,401 property owners allowing them to vote on these amendments. Those efforts are already underway, and I thank President Jones and Secretary Marsden for their assistance in this undertaking.

But who I really want to thank are those of you who believed in the ARCH initiative and returned ballots. Without every single one of you, we would not have achieved our goal. Thank you.

I now turn the microphone over to Karl Rubinstein who has been instrumental in the efforts of the ARCH in achieving this goal.