

**Subject: A Letter To City Council From Committee of the Islands (COTI)**

# Communique To The City Council

Utility Tax Option

April 30, 2008



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To: Members of the City Council

During its meeting of April 30, 2008, the Board of Directors of The Committee Of The Islands voted to adopt the following position regarding Sanibel's fiscal condition and the proposed utility tax:

1. COTI opposes the adoption of a utility tax as well as any attempt by the City to obtain an option to impose such a tax.
2. COTI requests that the City of Sanibel provide a detailed explanation of the nature and extent of the fiscal problem.
3. COTI requests that the City meet any anticipated revenue shortfall via the reduction of expenditures rather than the imposition of new taxes or an increase in existing taxes.

We are providing the City Council this information now, with the hope that the council will discuss it during the next Council meeting.

Sincerely,

Harvey Padewer  
Chairman, City Governance Committee  
Committee Of The Islands"

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