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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: The Protection of Scenic Views in the Cayman Islands.

Regulation 20 of the Development and Planning Regulations (2020 Revision) clearly states that it is the duty of the Central Planning Authority to ensure that scenic shoreline land is preserved which would include the scenic views along the coast line.

The Cayman Islands are blessed with many scenic views. These views are being destroyed during our rapid pace of development. There is the need for identification and protection of these important scenic assets. Certain outstanding natural, cultural and recreational values for the enjoyment of the present and future generations need to be preserved. There is the need to preserve the special character of the coast line views, beaches and important scenic views. The Cayman Islands Government and our elected representatives are failing to do so. Now it is time for us the people to demand that this be done.

The scenic views are sections that are free of development and need to be recognized for intrinsic qualities, cultural, historic, natural recreational and scenic. These road side views are and should be established by a scenic list registered by legislation and gazetted to preserve and protect the islands scenic roads and promote tourism and economic development. They need to be administered for example by the NRA . In so doing there must be community involvement to identify all scenic views in the Cayman Islands which would include beaches as well.

We have scenic beach areas and service roads for example The Mary Mollie Hydes Road, the only place now where you can see the entire seven mile beach, other areas being Smith Barcadere, Governor's Beach, Barkers and many others which need that type of protection. The only way to permanently protect scenic views from development is to purchase parcels of lands or future easements for the benefit of the public, which must state to be held for the benefit in trust of the public. (i.e. for the people of the Cayman Islands).

Regulatory guidelines/laws must be put in place for their protection especially that such scenic areas will lead to the accrual of substantial benefits that will increase tourism value. Other countries have in place such protection to enhance and preserve their natural resources.

The purpose of this letter is now to demand the Cayman Islands Government and the Elected Representatives to implement scenic protection legislation to protect the unique views from pressure of development so as not to allow the loss of such important views that exist in the islands. We should not forget that these islands were known for their wonderful natural beauty and this should not be totally sacrificed for the sake of concrete buildings.

Respectfully

For an on behalf of the Concerned Citizens Group

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