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Dear Mayor Bujalski
City of Dunedin Florida

The Tampa Bay Times article of August 11, 2016 clearly points out the many times you broke your agreement with the City of Dunedin concerning your boat slip lease. The Times stated the you were penalized for late payment for more than four years and at one time did not make payment for eight months. Your boat, however, stayed in the slip, it was used, it was not confiscated nor sold to cover delinquent payments.

City Code, Chapter 86-109e clearly states you had a appeal process if you felt you were aggrieved, and if so, you should file that appeal with the city manager. You elected to bypass this procedure and sent your husband to see parks and recreation director, Mr. Guizzi to work out a deal. This was then turned over to finance director Joe Ciarro who then crafted a plan similar to what they do for utility customers. Staff was put in a very difficult position as evidenced by comments they made in the article. Mr. Ciarro stated, "while the necessity of utilities is different than that of a Marina slip". Parks Director Mr. Guizzi admitted he had never done a Marina payment plan for anyone in his nine years with the city. To cap this all off you were not transparent, and to then say most of the people in the Marina don't need a payment plan because they have lots of money does not hold any water. Mayor I suggest to you that the city is not a bank nor a lending institution. Pay your slip fee with your credit card. The city has it's money, you are not delinquent and you can use your boat out of the city Marina and the credit card company can deal with your delinquencies.

The Times also referred to your delinquent fees due by saying, "they never caught up until this week, a day after the Tampa Bay Times called the city." I am of course referring to you bringing the account current. What should be noted now is that on August 10, 2016, a day before the TBT article, your husband made a Application for Insurance with Progressive American Ins. Co., the same company listed on slip agreement dated 3/22/12. Why would you ask for a quote from the company you are doing business with? Upon my request from the city for proof of insurance for the previous year they could not produce a required copy. Makes one wonder why you took these actions so quickly after a reporter calls the city?

Violations have been made to Sections of Chapter 86 Waterways Code, Items in the Revocable Lease Agreement as well as items in the Marina Rules and Regulations. These violations also means violation of the City of Dunedin Code of Values for Civility and Ethics Agreement that all commissioners, boards and committees signed to uphold. This agreement also states the Mayor has the additional responsibility to intervene when actions of their respective members appear to be in violation of this agreement. Is it now time to intervene?

Sincerely yours,

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P.S. I will not address any rumors about the Toronto trip other than saying I hope they are not true.