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Please, please, please consider the ramifications of what a marina of this size will incur. Environmentally, a disaster. The seabed, seagrass sanctuary, mangroves, ocean, and all of its inhabitants need to be protected. This super sized marina will destroy too much of these precious resources. Culturally, this marina will not aspire to keep local traditions alive. It will not even attract a mellow, laid back vibe that so many people come to Coral Bay to find. Socio-Economically, I fear that it will not provide the job and economical opportunities it promises. It will only cause segregation, in which history does not need to repeat itself. I have lived on STJ since 2007. My partners family has had land in Coral Bay for a little over 10 years. Some of that land is used in vacation rentals. Our guests come to Coral Bay to enjoy a quieter side of life and that of the beautiful scenery that abounds. I can not imagine that many guests will want to visit once tons of construction and destruction start to occur. People want to enjoy STJ for what it is; a beautiful natural island that is known for its beautiful beaches and warm, friendly people. Lets not destroy what is not broken. I'm not against sustainable development, but this proposal does not fit in that category. Lets aim for something that fits Coral Bay.

Thank you for your time and consideration...

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