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I live in Oak Harbor and attended the public meeting in Slidell on August 15th.

While I appreciate the effort to solve numerous problems with flooding around the Parish, the proposal for the flood wall at Oak Harbor Drive actually increases the potential for future flooding south of Oak Harbor due to storm surge. That increased risk plus the very limited detail available in the current plan for "Non Structural Implementation", make it extremely difficult to evaluate a future in Slidell. All of the homes in Oak Harbor and Eden Isles are defined by FEMA as 'slab on grade'. While most of the slabs are poured on top of 12ft driven pilings, almost none of these could reasonably be raised without driving new pilings down to the level of the original substrate on which these developments were built and then lifting the structure on top of it. The lack of information about 'non structural implementation' makes it difficult to believe that the process is well thought through or that the quality of what would result would meet the original.

The people who live in this area are likely some of the highest tax payers in the eastern part of the parish not to mention the percentage of income they bring to the area. If they are like me they are very likely to think it is time to plan on a move to a more welcoming community that would appreciate those contributions.

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