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RE: Formal Request for Agenda Placement - April 28, 2026, Regular Board Meeting
Topic: CZO Violations at Algiers Point RTA Facility (Ref #2026-1250360)

Dear Ms. Rodriguez and the RTA Board of Commissioners,

I am writing to formally request a dedicated slot on the agenda for the **Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 28, 2026**, to address ongoing lighting violations at the RTA facility located behind the 200 block of Pelican Avenue.

In just one hour, 17 residents of Algiers Point signed a petition demanding that the RTA bring this facility into compliance with **New Orleans Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance (CZO) Section 21.5**. As this is a documented violation of city law that directly impacts the health and quality of life of tax-paying citizens, we believe it warrants a formal discussion before the Board rather than being relegated to general public comment.

We intend to present the following to the Board:

- **Evidence of Non-Compliance:** Photos and data showing light trespass exceeding the 0.5 footcandle limit set by CZO 21.5.B.2.
- **Community Impact:** The formal petition signed by affected residents.
- **Request for Action:** A demand for the complete replacement of unshielded LED fixtures with code-compliant, fully-shielded luminaires.

We respectfully request that this matter be listed as a "**New Business**" or "**Discussion Item**" to allow for a productive dialogue between the Board, RTA leadership, and the community.

Please confirm by April 15th whether this item will be included on the published agenda so that we may coordinate the attendance of the undersigned residents.

Respectfully,

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