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I object to residential density at Wasserman property! Please consider this in your vote! Nancy K Daniels  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Brett Spengler](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#); [Nicholas Pachota](#); [Jim Boldt](#); [Rachel Frank](#); [Rick Howard](#); [Kevin Engelke](#); [Ronald Smith](#)  
**Cc:** [Maira Spengler](#); [Board and Council Messages](#)  
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Mayor Pachota and Council Members -

I wanted to express my disappointment in the majority Yes votes today in favor of 32DUs per acre at the Wasserman property. Mr. Engelke made it very clear from his comments that no amount of opposition from Venice residents (not even 200+ emails) would compel the majority council to vote for what's right for Venice and its communities; your constituents. I commend Mr. Howard and Mr. Smith for their amendment votes in hopes of finding a happy medium.

I also wanted to address comments made by Mr. Boone and some council members regarding Venice Thrives. I recently became involved with Venice Thrives in support of their efforts to keep Venice special. I bring to them 25+ years of IT experience, management of multi-million dollar websites, and decades of philanthropy. I am also a staunch Republican. Any suggestion that Venice Thrives is a partisan political group is an outright lie. As public officials, you bear a greater burden if making public statements suggesting otherwise. Keeping Venice special and free of overcrowding and overdevelopment is not a partisan or political issue.

Regards,  
Brett Spengler

**From:** [larry alexander](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
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I have lived on island of Venice for almost ten years. My neighbors have rallied multiple times to object to exceptions to building rules. There was a time when traffic slowed down in the summer, went people headed back north, when life slowed down. That doesn't happen anymore. I live blocks from the beach. Unless you walk or ride a bike, finding a parking spot at the beach won't happen. I go to lunch and dinner out early just to get a table. Sometimes getting reservations to a restaurant are a week out. I avoid roads at certain times of day due to traffic. The quality of life is changing. Please Honor the guidelines you all have put in place. Thank you. Lynn Alexander  
Larry Alexander Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Amherst Ale House](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose Residential Density Exception – Wasserman Property (ORD. NO. 2025-07)  
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Dear Members of the Venice City Council,

As a property owner on Venice Island, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed residential density exception for the Wasserman property (ORD. NO. 2025-07), which is scheduled for a second vote on May 13, 2025.

While I support responsible development, increasing the allowable residential density from 13 units per acre to 35 units per acre—more than 2.5 times the current limit—sets a dangerous precedent. It will significantly increase traffic congestion, particularly on Avenida Del Circo and nearby access routes to the beach, and diminish the charm and livability of our community.

Venice's Comprehensive Plan was created with long-term vision and community input. Repeated exceptions—nearly 20 in the last three years—undermine its integrity and our trust in the planning process. This proposal does not reflect the values or best interests of those who live here.

I urge you to vote **NO** on the residential density exception for this property.

Sincerely,

John Bona III  
Property Owner, Venice Island  
716-510-2662-cell

**From:** [Sharon Matthews](#)  
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Dear Venice City Council Members,

My husband and I live at 909 The Rialto on Venice Island. This property has been in my family since the early sixties. I have watched as forested areas have been permitted to be torn down and more and more homes are built. I have watched as our street which was once quiet enough for the circus to safely parade their members along with the animals down our street. Now we have speeding traffic coming down our street.

NO MORE! Please DO NOT increase the density numbers beyond what the Comprehensive Plan states!

Thank you,

Sharon Matthews  
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Venice, Fl. 34285

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Julia Lester](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
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Good Morning,

I am a resident of Island Park Condominiums on Venice Island and I am writing again with my concerns over the Wasserman property on Avenida del Circo.

Let me first just say, "Thank You!!!" for limiting the height of the proposed development. We want our little island to remain quaint and not to become a typical Spring- Break- looking island with towering buildings. Thank you!

Increasing the number of units on the Wasserman property to 2.5 times is really going to significantly multiply the number of people, increasing the traffic, noise and pollution. We're already suffering through the development of Village on the Isle and their huge expansion. (Just the noise and shaking from construction is affecting the overall well being- both of humans and of pets- It's hard to sleep, the floor feels like it is moving, and my condo is perpetually filthy from the constant dust, but I digress.)

We also are increasing the number of people to our portion of the island with the construction at 791 S Tamiami Trail.

Enough is enough!

Please, I urge you, please do not let the Wasserman property increase its density by 2.5 fold. We would all love to see the place brought back to life, but overpopulating our quiet island would change the feel of Venice and not for the better.

Thank you for your time and consideration.  
Julie Lester