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From: Mike Rafferty <mer112693@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2019 7:50 PM
To: City Council; John Holic; Lori Stelzer
Cc: ggiles@venicegondolier.com; earle.kimel@heraldtribune.com; fabbruzzino@yahoo.com
Subject: NO MORE ANNEXATION FOR RESIDENTIAL USE
Attachments: attachment for aug 19.jpg

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Good Evening John, Members of Council, and Lori (welcome back),

Regarding the Annexation proposals up for consideration on Aug 27, 2019, please consider the following.

Attached brief sheet outlines some of the incompatibility issues of the proposal.....noise from I-75 and County Gun Range not compatible with residential use.....traffic on laurel Rd at capacity now....Comp Plan dictates nonresidential use for the Knight Trail Neighborhood which these parcels are a part of.

Applicant states traffic is not his problem since Laurel Rd already is at capacity.....the right answer is...**this project exacerbates the problem, so you fix it or wait until it gets fixed by the County!**

FOLLOW THE COMP PLAN....NO MORE ANNEXATIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL USE.....WE NEED COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL USES TO STABILIZE OUR TAX RATE! MANY FOLKS WILL BE VOTING THIS NOVEMBER!

Regards,

Mike Rafferty

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From: Lou Witek <loupeg1@verizon.net>
Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2019 11:37 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Annexations in Venice

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I implore you to stop these annexations! We are losing our forests at an alarming rate. It is heartbreaking to watch. Loss of habitat for our wildlife, loss of trees exchanging CO2 for oxygen, filling of wetlands, impact on traffic / water supply / schools, / road building, etc. And to allow the most majestic trees to be bulldozed and burned with no protection, as large areas are clear-cut.

There is no requirement that these re-zonings take place, despite the wishes of developers.

Much lip service is given to the Nolan Plan, which recognized the value of lower- density areas out Laurel, Border, Knight's Trail, and Venice Ave. And to add high density to a road like Rustic....he would be justly horrified.

Taking rural areas and changing the zoning to a much higher density is short-sighted at best. And it is certainly widely viewed as a gift to Pat Neal & other developers. Please halt these damaging changes. Too much is being lost. Imagine our National symbol, the eagle, coming each winter to nest, and finding ever fewer appropriate pine trees.

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Sent from my iPad

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From: Mike Rafferty <mer112693@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2019 7:47 AM
To: City Council; John Holic; Lori Stelzer
Subject: Fwd: STOP ANNEXING IN THE CITY OF VENICE – WE ARE KILLING OUR ENVIRONMENT
Attachments: before and after.jpg

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Council, John, and Lori (when you return),

As an "FYI", this was just posted on Nextdoor and Venice Tax Watch Facebook page.

You might want to give the VTW Facebook page a "like" or "share" to stay tuned to our future posts.

Please consider this message and deny the Annexation Requests being considered on 8/27/2019

Please include these comments in the Record for the Annexation Hearings on Aug 27, 2019

Mike Rafferty

STOP ANNEXING IN THE CITY OF VENICE – WE ARE KILLING OUR ENVIRONMENT

Take a ride out Border Road east of the Interstate, both sides of Jacaranda. Then ride north on Jacaranda. You won't believe the annihilation going on. In addition to the devastation of the vegetation (the "lungs" of our environment), this area recently experienced a horrific spill of 450,000 gallons of raw, untreated sewage polluting the ground water of the area.

Until we can figure out how to manage this growth, NO MORE ANNEXATIONS.

Council considers more annexations on Aug 27, 2019. TELL THEM NO MORE FOR NOW

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