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September 7, 2023

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mr. Ed Lavallee, City Manager
elavallee@venice.gov

Re: Continuation Request; Pre-Annexation Agreement – Oaks at Venice

Dear Ed:

We represent the applicant in connection with the above-referenced matter and appeared before the City Council on same at the previous City Council meeting on August 22, 2023.

As you are aware, during this previous meeting and after hearing our concerns relating to the City's proposed language change to Section 5 of the Pre-Annexation Agreement, the Council members decided to delay decision on the Pre-Annexation Agreement until having the benefit of a Staff presentation and public discussion on same. It was presumed that such presentation and discussion would take place at the next available meeting, but no specific date was identified or selected.

However, following Council's decision at this meeting, the Utilities Director, Javier Vargas, approached us and requested that, in lieu of such Staff presentation and discussion on the appropriate language in the public forum, he provide us with proposed alternative language on which we could come to an agreement. We received proposed language from the Utilities Director and sent it to our client's engineers for their review and feedback. To date, we have not received complete feedback from the engineers and therefore have not reached a resolution as to the proposed language for the Pre-Annexation Agreement.

Upon receiving notice of the published agenda for the September 12, 2023, City Council meeting, we have become aware that this Pre-Annexation Agreement has been scheduled for consideration by the Council members at this meeting.

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Due to the unresolved status of the proposed language, we are hereby requesting that this matter be removed from the September 12, 2023, City Council meeting and instead be continued to the first City Council meeting in October.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have questions or need additional information.

Kind regards.

Very truly yours,



Jeffery A. Boone

cc: Javier Vargas, Utilities Director
Kelly Michaels, City Clerk
Kelly Fernandez, City Attorney
client
(all via email)

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