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Ron,
I think you meant to send this to Kelly M. so copying her as well as Mercedes given that Kelly M. Is out of the office this week.

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To: Kelly Michaels, City Clerk
From: Ron Smith, City Councilmember
Subject: Agenda item request
Date: June 27, 2024

I would request that an item be placed on the 7-9-24 council agenda.
I would like an item under Council Discussion/Action that would read:

Discuss Pillar of the Community Awards

Background: On August 23, 2022 the Council discussed the process for nominating people to receive Pillar of the Community recognition and whether the awards should be given on a regular schedule, be that annually or semi-annually. The minutes for the meeting say there was a consensus to postpone the matter to an undetermined future date.

Fifty people or groups have been recognized with the award since it was created by Mayor Dean Calamaris in July 2000, but only two awards have been given since 2019. Can we agree to a regular schedule to recognize leading citizens for their contributions to the city? Can we have an established date for the council or members of the public to nominate individuals or groups and a recurring date for celebrating our Pillars of the Community again?

This item really involves all of our strategic goals including:

Goal 2: Provide Efficient, Responsive Government with High-Quality Services

Goal 6: Preserve the Venice Quality of Life through Proper Planning