

**From:** [Richard Handel](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** Fast Food  
**Date:** Saturday, January 20, 2024 8:06:53 PM

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Council members,

I am not in favor of fast food restaurants on the Island! It would ruin the charm of the small shops and businesses that have long standing establishments.

Thank you for your considering my statement!

Best regards,  
Rich Handel

If you don't want to stand for the national anthem, perhaps you should give your legs to a veteran who lost his. That way a real man can stand in your place.

Sent from Richie's phone!

**From:** [June Julier](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
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Rather it was on the bypass like the others  
June julier  
127 Amora Ave  
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**From:** [Edwin Martin](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** Fast Food on Island  
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In the fall of 1993, My wife Peggy and I, searching for a retirement home, chose Venice, over Naples, Sarasota, Boca Raton, etc.

We were won over by its “small town charm,” tree lined approach to the Gulf, and the absence of tawdry commercialism. I appreciated the Nolen inspired downtown, and said, “no McDonalds, no Benetton’s (luxury shops).”

As a former Mayor, who created an Economic Development Committee and an Environmental Task Force, I believe adding fast food drive through will harm Venice, economically, environmentally and its quality of life.

Please don’t approve such LDR changes.

Ed Martin

**From:** [terri morris](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed fast food drive-through  
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I am Vehemently against any fast-food drive-through.

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Terri Morris, Realtor (R)  
941-960-6440

**From:** [Alicia Rance](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
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To whom it may concern,

Please consider keeping the charm of our beautiful island of Venice. Part of the reason it's still so beautiful is because the charm of the sleepy little beach town has been kept in tact. While they are destroying the rest of the county with over building and car washes and storage units, please keep the island the town we love.

**From:** [Diana Waite](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** Allowing fast food franchises on the island  
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Dear Council Member,

This is to recommend you not allow fast food franchises on the island. Any fast food establishment will affect the ambiance of the island, and more will want to be allowed and that will negatively affect the islands character.

Please maintain the charming character of the island and protect communities off the island as development pressures increase. Remember you are not in your position to ensure private parties and developers make a profit. Please protect the quality of life for existing and future residences in the area. Please protect the built and natural environments.

Thank you,

Diana Waite  
772-979-2579

**From:** [Tommye Whittaker](#)  
**To:** [Roger Clark](#)  
**Cc:** [Edward Lavalley](#); [James Clinch](#); [City Council](#); [Planning Commission](#); [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** Fast food restaurants with drive throughs to be allowed. Tommye  
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Hi Roger,

Quick question. Did the Planning Commission sneak this idea of drive through fast food restaurants on island (3 times) into the new LDRs? Or was it Jeff Shrum's idea? Sorry I didn't catch it sooner but then again, it's 600 pages and not my job. I'm supposed to trust the cities better judgement.

We all know about the Chick Fil A gentleman wants his franchise near his possible hotel. I know about the State giving builders and developers permission to build after the hurricanes till 2026. But please, enlighten me as to why any of you think that this is a good idea. Have you ever been to a Chick Fil A? It is wildly popular and very, very busy. And you want to consider it near a bridge?

I have no problem with the hotel but touting the John Nolan Plan and historical Venice a la the Centennial celebration and even considering this is unconscionable.

You have no right to celebrate Mr. Nolan by allowing fast food restaurants on island. He'd be turning in his grave.

What did you build the bypass for? Put the gentleman and his franchise over there. Give him a great deal where the former Sonny's is.

Maybe this is a job for the new advisory committee. You all owe the community answers. Regards,

Tommye Whittaker  
613 West Venice Ave.  
Sent from my iPad

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2023 Legislature

901 Funding which are for projects ineligible for any other funding  
902 source, whether federal or state approved, may be provided as  
903 grants. Funding for requests approved by the Division, which  
904 requests are for projects eligible for other funding sources,  
905 must be provided as loans that must be repayable up to the  
906 amount of other funding sources subsequently received. Any funds  
907 disbursed to the state must be deposited in the General Revenue  
908 Fund.

909 Section 14. For the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the  
910 appropriate sum of \$10 million from the State Transportation  
911 Trust Fund is appropriated to the Department of Transportation  
912 for transportation projects under the Small County Outreach  
913 Program under s. 739.1015, Florida Statutes, within amounts  
914 designated for individual assistance and public assistance  
915 (categories A-B) in the Federal Emergency Management Agency  
916 Disaster Declaration for Hurricane Idalia.

917 Section 15. Section 14 of chapter 2023-04, Laws of  
918 Florida, is amended to read:

919 **Section 15. 15. For the support of Hurricane Fund**  
920 **Charitable, Disaster, Disaster, Disaster, Disaster, Disaster, Disaster,**  
921 **and Disaster and Disaster, Disaster, and any other**  
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924 **Department of Transportation for transportation projects**  
925 **under the Small County Outreach Program under s. 739.1015,**

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941 (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), any comprehensive plan  
942 amendment, land development regulation amendment, site plan,  
943 development permit, or development order approved or adopted by  
944 a county or municipality before or after the effective date of  
945 this section may be enforced if:

946 (a) The associated application is initiated by a private  
947 party other than the county or municipality.

948 (b) The property that is the subject of the application is  
949 owned by the initiating private party.

950 (3) This section shall take effect upon becoming law and  
951 expire June 30, 2023 2024.

952 Section 16. 16. For the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the  
953 appropriate sum of \$3 million in Fund Capital Outlay from the  
954 General Revenue Fund is appropriated to the Division of

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**From:** [deb0224](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** Fast Food Restaurants on Venice Island  
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Dear Council Members,

Please do not approve the building of any fast food restaurants on Venice Island. Why create the Bypass at all, if not to maintain the Island's distinct charm and character? There are plenty of areas on the Bypass that could be suitable (businesses that have permanently closed, where revitalization would be beneficial).

You already know what issues would arise with fast food restaurants on the Island - even more traffic, trash, possible accidents at entrances and exits, and visually unappealing structures.

I hear a lot about preserving the John Nolen plan... do the right thing here, please.

Sincerely,

Deborah Campbell  
105 Park Blvd N  
Venice, FL 34285

**From:** [Patricia Dalcortivo](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** Drive in restaurants on Island.  
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Please do not allow fast food drive through restaurants on the Island .

We have a charming downtown and many restaurants. The Island is a draw because of its originality. Such commercial chain restaurants are found off the Island in many locations. Please allow the Island to be unique; that is why it is so loved and commands high price real estate. If drive through fast food restaurants are allowed on the Island, you will be killing the golden goose and its gold eggs. Be smart!

Patricia Dal Cortivo

709 Granada Ave

Full time resident for thirty years.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [William Field](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** Please do not have a drive through downtown-don't destroy our beautiful downtown-Marianne field-Venice  
**Date:** Sunday, January 21, 2024 7:36:19 AM

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**From:** [Katie Flynn](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** NO to fast food on the island  
**Date:** Sunday, January 21, 2024 10:08:57 AM

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Esteemed council members,

NO to fast food chains on the island. Keep the island enterprises unique. The small business enterprises on the island provide that special ambience which draws the visitors to Venice Island.

There are many available store fronts on US41 by-pass, both stand-alone and in strip centers. High customer traffic, left turn lanes, and ample space for parking make US41 by-pass an excellent location for a national fast food enterprise.

Sincerely,  
Katie Flynn

650-619-6217  
444 Darling Dr  
Venice, FL 34285

**From:** [146bella@gmail.com](mailto:146bella@gmail.com)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Ronald Smith](#); [Joan Farrell](#); [Nicholas Pachota](#); [jboldt@venicfl.gov](mailto:jboldt@venicfl.gov); [Helen Moore](#); [Rachel Frank](#); [Rick Howard](#); [Roger Clark](#); [Planning Commission](#); [Board and Council Messages](#)  
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Afternoon all,

Could our current LDRs be amended to disallow the fast-food restaurant possibility in Venice?

They are magnets of traffic and congestion, drive-thrus discourage walking, public transit use and visits to neighboring businesses. They also lead to accidents with pedestrians, cyclists, and other cars, and contradict the environmental and livability goals of many communities. Drive-thru fast-food restaurants might be a staple of American life, but several U.S. cities are actively considering prohibiting the development of new drive-thrus for the benefit of traffic safety, air quality, and congestion. Please do not allow this concept to effect the charm of Venice!

Please consider removing this availability from our current LDRs. Appreciate your consideration.

Best,

Debbie Gericke  
146 Bella Vista Terrace C

**From:** [N8wisdom3](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** Fast food drive thru's on Venice Island  
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Councilmen,

I am writing to express my dismay with the decision to possibly allow fast food drive thru's on Venice Island. This would sully the beauty and quaintness of Venice. The bypass is replete with fast food restaurants and I see no need for any additional builds especially on the island. Please don't ruin Venice Island by littering it with fast food drive thru's.

Thank you for your consideration on the above manner.

Sincerely,  
Marilyn Goldberg  
209 Martellago Dr.

**From:** [Deborah Hewitt](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** No fast food on the island please  
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Thank you

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**From:** [Carol Humes](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** citizen concern  
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Dear City Council Members,

I have been informed there are no LDR restrictions for having drive-through fast food eateries on the island of Venice. The bypass is the best place for these types of places to eat since this island and city of Venice is a John Nolen planned historic community almost 100 years old. Anyone who knows about fast food drive throughs (such as Chick- Fii-A , Wendy's, etc) knows the congestion would only add to an already confined space.

Carol Humes



**From:** [Loretta Johnson](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** Please no fast food restaurants on the island  
**Date:** Sunday, January 21, 2024 4:05:35 PM

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I understand the Venice City Council is considering a fast food restaurant on the Island. I am opposed to that proposal because the charm of Venice is the variety of restaurants already available which adds to Venice's varied dining options. There are plenty of fast food restaurants off the island. Publix has fast dining options available in their deli. There's enough traffic the way it is without adding fast food dining.

Loretta Johnson  
1555 Tarpon Center Drive B108  
Venice  
Sent from my iPad

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**From:** [Dawn Kesteloot](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** No way to a fast food restaurant by circus bridge.....that will be chaos!  
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Seriously what on earth is our elected officials thinking to even consider a chick fil a next to a bridge that goes up and backs up for miles with all the increase of people and snowbirds and tourists here. This is a historic town. Do NOT ruin it. I'm starting to hate living here. Ugh. Just 10 years ago we had clean roads, orange groves, green space, roads you could drive safely on. Now it's dangerous to drive, we are losing oxygen and green spaces to absorb the torrential summer downpours. Our water supply is in jeopardy. What are you even thinking? Sad to say I live here now.

Dawn Kesteloot

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**From:** [Olen Thomas](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
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**Subject:** January 21, 2024 Meeting  
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Regarding item 24-0029 - Banning Drive-through Food Establishments:

I love downtown Venice the way it is. Love the shops, the restaurants, and the mom and pop stores. Please take the necessary measures to ban drive through establishments on the island. Such activity is better suited for the 41 bypass.

Thank you.

Olen Thomas  
248 Acerno Drive  
Venice

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**From:** [Ashlie Thomison](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** Possible fast food restaurant on island  
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Please do not allow a chain fast food restaurant on the island. As a local native of Venice I beg. I actually love the chain rumored but it's wrong for our island. The by-pass is better for something that will bring so much congestion. Please keep what we cherish about beautiful Venice.

Ashlie Thomison

**From:** [LORRAINE BEST](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** Chick filet  
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No thank you to a fast food chain restaurant on the island .

Lorraine Best  
EDG Realty  
732-547-9447 cell

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Nancy DeForge](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** Amend franchise drive- through establishments  
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Greetings:

Your constituents, and residents on Venice Island were not aware that the Planning Commission, and City Council had voted to approve a change in permitting franchise, drive-thru

Businesses on the island when the latest LDR were approved.

The possibility of a Chick F Lay being built on the west side of 41 near the Circus bridge is a traffic hazard , as well as going against keeping Venice Island supportive of mom and Pop restaurants and local businesses, with no drive through designs,.

Other Historic towns in Florida are protected from Franchise establishments. Venice Island should be too. Business 41 is the best location for a drive through fast food business.

Do your very best in amending the error in the LDRs.

THANK YOU!

Sincerely,

Nancy DeForge

332 Laurel Hollow Dr Nokomis

**From:** [Deborah Hewitt](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** No Fast Food businesses on the island please  
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Thank you,  
Deborah Hewitt

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**From:** [Nancy K](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** No chick-fil-a  
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hello, it would be a bad idea to allow Chick-fil-A on the island. What would be better is if you helped develop the already abandoned buildings that are present by enticing growth. We have abandoned hotels, hospitals, banks, dr offices, etc and it's getting pretty "Third World" on the island.

Thank you!  
Nancy Krieger  
1306 Nokomis Ave S



**From:** [A.L](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose allowing fast food on Venice Island  
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Please Oppose allowing fast food on Venice Island.

Not only will it destroy the ambiance, charm and aesthetic of the area but it will also hurt the smaller locally owned restaurants. Keep those businesses on 41 & the bypass where they belong.

Sincerely

Amelia Lombardi

VENICE RESIDENT

**From:** [ml](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** Concerned about drive-thru restaurants on-island in Venice  
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City Council Members,

I am concerned about allowing drive-thru restaurants on-island in Venice and find it interesting that drive-thrus made it into the recently updated LDR. I would personally like to see the consultant studies or documentation as well as the Planning Commission and City Councils process of putting on-island drive-thrus into the LDR. When was this put into the LDR? How do drive-thrus meet compatibility standards- with stated LDR objectives of minimizing the potential negative effects of external impacts resulting from factors such as building height, use, traffic, noise or lights?

There are numerous articles pointing to the problems with drive-thru restaurants around the country (a couple attached below).

Why litter the Island with more traffic congestion, light and noise pollution and potential accidents, especially with an aged population? Drive-thrus ruin the fabric of our lovely town. There seems to be adequate opportunity along the bypass for additional drive-thrus.

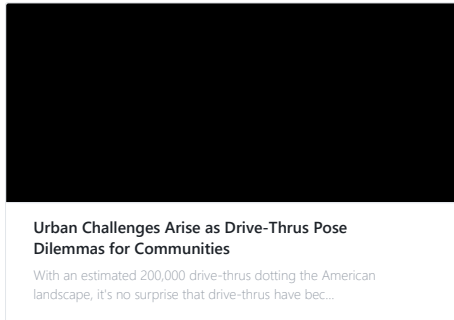
Our beautiful quaint Venice has won the race, let's not throw first place away!

Thank you for your consideration.

Marie Lorden  
Venice resident

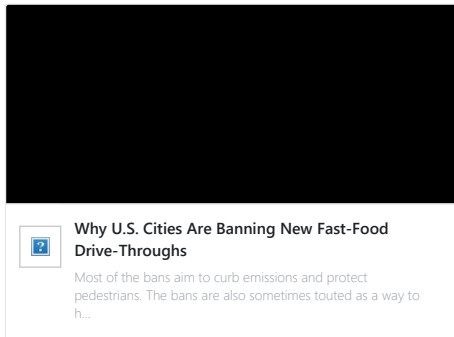
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[Urban Challenges Arise as Drive-Thrus Pose Dilemmas for Communities](#)



<https://www.cnn.com/2023/06/24/business/drive-thru-fast-food-chick-fil-a-urban-planning/index.html>

[Why U.S. Cities Are Banning New Fast-Food Drive-Throughs](#)



**From:** [Jackie M](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** Fast Food Drive up  
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Council members,

I understand there will be some discussion about the possibility of a restaurant with a drive through feature to be located on the Island.

I also believe it's location will be near the South bridge near the Airport. This really seems like a bad location for that type of traffic ingress and egress. It's bad enough for the car dealership across the street that apparently has no option but to park (illegally?) on the road to off load their new vehicles and block some visibility while they do so . Add in a raised bridge and I don't believe any objective traffic study would approve it.

Did I also hear of a possible proposed Hotel at that location as well? What could go wrong?

Nationally and locally traffic accidents are increasing at a very alarming rate and we are not immune.

This high risk proposal can only add to that problem.

I ask you to please consider other options.

Thank You

Jackie Mineo

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**From:** [John Ritchie](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Proposed fast food restaurant on Venice Island near the circus bridge  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2024 8:15:20 AM

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**From:** John Ritchie <[jritchie@ritchieketcheson.com](mailto:jritchie@ritchieketcheson.com)>  
**Date:** January 21, 2024 at 8:35:38 PM EST  
**To:** [citycouncil@venice.gov](mailto:citycouncil@venice.gov)  
**Subject:** **Proposed fast food restaurant on Venice Island near the circus bridge**

My name is John Ritchie and I am an owner of my home at 720 Armada Rd. N.

I have been made aware of the above application to the City and wish to register my objection to same. In my respectful opinion, fast food restaurants with drive-thru capability, like the applicant's in this case, should not be placed on the Island. While I don't profess to have a detailed knowledge of the City of Venice planning legislation, I can't believe it envisages that such development should occur on Venice Island for a host of reasons.

Specifically, in connection with this particular application, I can foresee many problems resulting from the traffic generated by the proposed use which would be almost adjacent to the Circus Bridge on a very busy 41.

Furthermore, I understand that there are numerous more appropriate off Island locations for the proposed use that would be very close to the applicant's property, for instance on the nearby 41 Bypass.

I would ask that the City Council and the applicant take into consideration my comments in their deliberations. Thank you.

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**From:** [Terri Rouhan](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** Fast Food on the island  
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Dear Council and Mayor,

I understand allowing fast food drive through establishments are being considered on the island. The over development and destruction of natural wildlife habitat in the city has got to stop.

As a 26 year resident of Venice this is very disheartening.

When are you going to start listening to the people?

Terri Rouhan

**From:** [Patricia Shreeve](#)  
**To:** [@gmail.com](#)  
**Cc:** [City Council](#); [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Drive-Thru Establishments in the LDR's  
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Yay!

On Jan 22, 2024, at 2:11 PM, @gmail.com <judycross7@verizon.net> wrote:

Dear City Council Members,

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Imagine the traffic problem this will incur. When the Bridge is up the line of cars will wait considerably longer to cross over. This can cause problems even downtown as those cars traveling north will need to wait in the back-up, or travel to a different bridge. This incurs major problems on 41 Business both directions.

This bottle neck situation brings me to the question of, has a traffic & safety study been done? What results did you find? Who did the study?

At issue with this "drive-thru" language, have you requested feedback from the Voters? Have you

examined the implementation of a drive-thru as it relates to the John Nolen Plan? What was the consensus of the Council on these issues?

The way in which this suddenly appeared and the lack of conversations or involvement of the voters comes across as a heavy hand. I don't like to say it, but have you already made up your mind and putting it on the Agenda is a mere formality before the vote of the Council?

I will appreciate these issues being fully discussed, examined with pros and cons by Council at the Meeting on 1/23/2023. I am a concerned resident on Venice Island and will be attending the meeting. Please take this matter seriously, as have your Voters.

Judy Cross  
1585 Tarpon Center Drive  
Venice, FL 34285

**From:** [Megan Ackles](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** No to building on the island!  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 9:12:05 AM

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Hello,

My name is Megan Ackles and I am a born and raised local resident of the 941 area. I grew up living in Englewood, Venice and North Port. My vote is for no on bringing fast food and other businesses that do not offer the small-town, homey-feel to the Island [of Venice], as there are already plenty of those options off of the Island. There are many open vacancies to put things like this on the bypass, but again that may not even be necessary as there are already other options.

Thank you,  
Megan Ackles

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**From:** [Pamela Fiume](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** Drive-Thrus on Island  
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Dear City Council members and Mayor,

My family has been in Venice for over 30 years, and that's because we love our small, quaint town. Especially, how much pride its citizens have regarding keeping it as non-commercial as possible (chain stores etc.).

Allowing drive-thru fast food restaurants would change that dynamic and turn it into another busy and over-commercialized city.

Can you imagine the island full of fast food restaurants like a McDonald's? I can't

Please vote against drive-thru restaurants on the island.

Thank you, and thank you for your wonderful leadership in our town.

Pamela Fiume

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [R.M](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Chick-fil-a  
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Council,

Regarding the proposed Chick-Fil-A near the Circus Bridge, I believe this is a terrible location for such a restaurant. Currently, the traffic in that area is already busy, with a car dealership, boat yard, motel and restaurant. That is to say nothing of the proposed future hotel and, as we experience several times each day, the bridge opening.

I certainly would welcome a Chick-Fil-A to Venice, but not at that particular location. I believe the added traffic engendered at this location by this very popular restaurant would be a severe detriment and safety hazard to every pedestrian, cyclist and motorist passing by.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Randy Mineo  
Sovrano Rd., Venice

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**From:** [Tommye Whittaker](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** Fast food on the island.  
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I went to Gold Rush, and Patrick clarified that they don't have a drive-through and are fast but not fast-food restaurants. He will send you his displeasure about any fast-food restaurant on the island if this moves forward. I wonder how other restauranteurs might feel. If need be, that will be the next group you will hear from.

Thank you, Vice Mayor, for asking the critical questions. It wasn't in the old LDRs; it's new, in the historic district and the John Nolan planned area. The West Venice district, the Edge district and 41 trail districts. But, it was a mistake. Those things happen. Fix it in 2026, when the State allows you to. I want to know who made this error in judgment in the new LDRs. And yet, the next question was even more poignant, is there credence to Mrs. Whittaker's rumor? Why yes, your city employees are discussing this very issue, today with a gentleman who wants a fast food chain on 41 near a drawbridge( ask who, don't you have the right to know)? And yes, a possible fast food chain in the circus area.

I will state that I support a hotel in that area. Downtown requires more hotels. Maybe discuss with the Wasserman's adding a small boutique hotel near its 80 ft towers.

But stating that a drive-through bank, Obies, and a dry cleaners is tantamount to a fast food chain like Chick-fil-A Fel A. I won't even respond to such a pathetic argument.

Thank you, City Council members for listening to your constituents and being hypervigilant before stopping this before it's a done deal

Regards, Tommye Whittaker  
613 West Venice Ave



asking if I was stirring the pot  
Sent from my iPad

**From:** [@gmail.com](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
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**Subject:** Drive-Thru Establishments in the LDR's  
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