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From: Kathie [mailto:kathiericchetti@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, May 07, 2014 2:25 PM

To: John Holic

Cc: City Council; Edward Lavalley; Lori Stelzer; VACRD

Subject: Re: Meeting Regarding Border Rd. Development

Thank you for your response. I think these discussions about development east of Jacaranda off Border warrant a few evening meetings, as this is going to bring big changes to our rural areas.

Hopefully, council members will consider this and make some of these meetings available to working residents of this area.

Kathie Hart

Sent from my iPad

> On May 7, 2014, at 1:48 PM, John Holic <JHolic@Venicegov.com> wrote:

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> Dear Ms. Hart,

> I am assuming you are referring to City Council meetings and not Planning Commission meetings.

> City Council did hold evening meetings for a six month trial period in 2011. It was decided that the number of people who attended evening meeting versus those who attended day time meetings did not warrant continuing the experiment. In fact, audience attendance and participation went down and expenses for the meetings went up.

> I will bring your request to council at the meeting on May 27 for discussion, just thought you should know the history.

> Sincerely,

> John Holic

> Mayor, City of Venice

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> Sent using OWA for iPad

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> From: Kathie <kathiericchetti@gmail.com>

> Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2014 7:07:20 AM

> To: City Council

> Subject: Meeting Regarding Border Rd. Development

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> As a resident and homeowner off Border Road near Jackson Road in Venice, I am requesting that meetings regarding the development of this area be held in the evenings, to allow more working homeowners to attend. Thank you for your consideration of this time adjustment.

> Sincerely,

> Katherine Hart

> 100 Palm Dr.

> Venice, FL. 34292

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> Sent from my iPad

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**From:** John Holic  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 07, 2014 4:07 AM  
**To:** Kathie  
**Cc:** Lori Stelzer  
**Subject:** RE: VICA Plan Objection

Dear Ms. Hart,  
On behalf of Venice City Council, thank you for your comments.  
Sincerely,  
John Holic  
Mayor, City of Venice

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**From:** Kathie <[kathiericchetti@gmail.com](mailto:kathiericchetti@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 6, 2014 4:13 PM  
**To:** John Holic  
**Subject:** VICA Plan Objection

Dear City Council members,

For the record, I object to petition #14-IRZ (VICA plan), because:

1. VICA is inconsistent with the existing neighborhood along Border Road. The lots along Border are currently 5 acres. The concentration of homes for this proposed development is located on the south side, east of Jacaranda, along Border Rd. In addition to minimizing the density of this project as it heads south towards Border Rd, the buffers for this development should be substantially increased from the 30 feet that is required now. The south portion of this development should be more compatible with the existing neighbors. As the plan is now, it is not compatible at all. Border Rd should retain its rural nature.

2. The city agreed to establish a wildlife corridor by 2013 and this property is a natural wildlife area which connects without crossing any major streets to existing preserves. Approving the VICA plan without concern for the wildlife corridor is potentially a "taking" from the corridor.

3. I am concerned about how this development will affect the more than 20 wetland areas that exist on the property. These types of developments use many chemicals to maintain their unnaturally green and weed free lawns.

4. Border road is a naturally established Gateway to the Preserves and should not be impacted by a large density of homes.

Sincerely,

Katherine Hart

100 Palm Dr.  
Venice, FL 34292

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** chula40@aol.com [mailto:chula40@aol.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 27, 2014 9:06 PM

**To:** City Council

**Subject:** Petition#14-IRZ, Ordinance 2014-16

**Objection** to VICA plan Petition # 14-IRZ, Ordinance 2014-16

Dear Mayor and City Council:

For the record I **object** to Petition # 14, Ordinance 2014-16 because it provides no transition of density between the southern half of VICA and the existing lots along Border Road., also because the Wildlife corridor required by 2013 ( in the Plan) is not yet identified and the VICA property is a natural wildlife corridor.

Border Road is a gateway to the Preserves and should not have homes backing up to Border frontage.

Thank you,  
Normalinda Hays  
Venice Resident since 1979

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**From:** Michelle Hazlewood <michelle@universalwellness.us>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 07, 2014 9:50 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Objection to VICA plan Petition #14-IRZ, Ordinance 2014-16

Dear Mayor & City Council:

For the record, I object to Petition #14, Ordinance 2014-16 because it provides no transition of density between the southern half of VICA and the existing lots along Border road.

I also feel the area is developing way too fast losing much of the charm and quality of life that I (and others) live here for.

Respectfully submitted,

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Michelle Hazlewood Universal Wellness [info@universalwellness.us](mailto:info@universalwellness.us) [www.universalwellness.us](http://www.universalwellness.us) Get Your Fruits & Veggies Fresh From Your Own Easy TOWER GARDEN! <https://michellehazlewood.towergarden.com/> For Telephone Wellness Coaching or a Nutritional Support System [www.universalwellness.us](http://www.universalwellness.us) or to Follow my Spa Retreat Adventures [www.universal-wellness.blogspot.com](http://www.universal-wellness.blogspot.com) ....ENJOY!

**From:** Ashley Highfield [mailto:boggsakb@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 28, 2014 9:30 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Objection to Petition # 14-IRZ, Ordinance 2014-16

**Objection to Petition # 14-IRZ, Ordinance 2014-16**

For the record, I object to Petition # 14-IRZ (VICA plan), because:

1. VICA is inconsistent with the existing neighborhood along Border road. The lots along Border are currently 5-10 acres, and the VICA lots adjacent to Border are 10 lots per acre... 50 to 100 x the existing density! There is no transition in density, as required by various city codes and the Plan.
2. The city agreed to establish a wildlife corridor by 2013, and the VICA property is a natural wildlife area, which connects, without crossing any major streets, to existing preserves and the Carlton Reserve, the largest open space reserve in Sarasota county. Approving the VICA plan without establishing the wildlife corridor is potentially a "taking" from the wildlife corridor.
3. The VICA plan is incomplete, lacking details of height and placement of homes and easements. No incomplete plan should be accepted. The neighbors have a right to know exactly what will be built in this area, and the Venice land code requires complete plans.
4. Border road is a naturally established Gateway to the Preserves and should not be impacted by a large density of homes.

VICA should be rejected.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Ashley Highfield**

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**From:** CHRISTY HIGHTOWER [mailto:chigh54@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 16, 2014 10:46 AM  
**To:** City Council; Barry Snyder; reynoldsdesign@comcast.net  
**Subject:** The Woodlands

Hello - I am a resident of Nokomis and just read an article on the proposed development of this project. I have been away for several months working and am hoping enough people wrote in to help stop another tragedy from happening. There are so many areas that have been "mowed down" in the name of progress this last year, that it has become an epidemic! Seems the developers that bought or owned low cost properties during the real estate turndown have all jumped on the bandwagon to make back their money come hell or high water - with absolutely no regard to the environment!! What can we do to stop this madness?? Please keep me informed as I want to do whatever I can to try to keep this part of Sarasota County from looking like the eastern portion of Sarasota where one shopping mall after another has ruined any sense of natural flora and fauna. Seriously, how many places do we need to have to shop and how many huge housing developments do we need when there are perfectly good homes and condos already standing empty???

Christy Hightower  
Executive Director

Save Our Pets Food Bank

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*Copies to  
City Council*

April 21, 2014

The Honorable Bill Nelson  
United States Senator, Florida  
716 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Nelson:

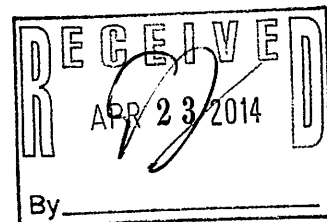
On behalf of the Sarasota County Commission, I am writing to you concerning the letter from constituent Joel Lerie. After reviewing Mr. Lerie's letter, we have determined that his issue is a City of Venice issue. We are respectfully forwarding the letter to the Venice City Council for their review and direct reply to Mr. Lerie.

Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

Charles D. Hines  
Chairman

C: Sarasota County Commission  
Thomas A. Harmer, County Administrator  
Venice City Council  
Edward F. Lavallee, City Manager  
Joel Lerie



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To: Sarasota Board of County Commissioners Fax: 941-861-5987  
From: Senator Bill Nelson, Orlando Office Fax: (407) 872-7165

**Comments**

Congressional Inquiry: Joel Lerie

Please see documents attached. Since this involves a county issue, I am respectfully forwarding it for your review. Your direct review and response to Mr. Lerie are greatly appreciated.

Regards,

Marie Randolph  
Marcie\_Randolph@billnelson.senate.gov.  
Senior Constituent Advocate  
407-872-7161 (Main)  
407-872-7174 (Direct)  
407-872-7165 (Fax)



**United States Senate**  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0905

BILL NELSON  
FLORIDA

April 14, 2014

The Honorable Carolyn J. Mason  
District 1  
Sarasota Board of County Commissioners  
1660 Ringling Boulevard  
Sarasota, Florida 34236

Dear Commissioner Mason:

Please find enclosed constituent correspondence I recently received. Since this involves a county issue, I am respectfully forwarding it for your review. Your review of the issues and direct reply to Joel Lerie would be greatly appreciated.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact my staff assistant, Marcie Randolph at the address below.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Nelson".

BN/jaq  
151558-2KJ

Enclosure

Joel Lerie  
105 Jacaranda Blvd  
Venice FL 34292-1709

3/20/14

Senator Bill Nelson, D, Fla

Sir please understand my feelings  
+ up roar about Neil Communities in Venice  
Florida. Pat Neil is a developer of  
homes here near my home in Venice. This screwed  
character must have bribed the County Court House in  
Venice Planning Board, because he's building  
Single Family Homes on 1/2 acre property in  
a flood zone, near the Myakka River.  
Neil don't care about the residents living  
near these new developments. One development  
is on Jackson Rd & Border Rd, Venice,  
it's by Environmental Sensitive Land.  
There are Bob Cats, Bald Eagles, Florida Panther  
in this area.

The other development is also in Venice,  
Jacaranda Blvd & Border Rd. I'm afraid  
that my house of 5 acres, Post 2200 sq ft  
is going to Flood because of his building  
of new houses in the area, + raise the  
flood plains. The people about 100 count  
are signing a petition to stop him from  
further proceedings to Build on these  
properties. Is there something you can do  
to stop Mr Neil from destroying our beautiful area  
(over)

Joel P. Lorio, Neil is changing the zoning  
between Border Rd & Laurel Rd on  
Laurel Rd on



Joel Lorio  
105 Jacaranda Blvd  
Venice FL 34292-1709

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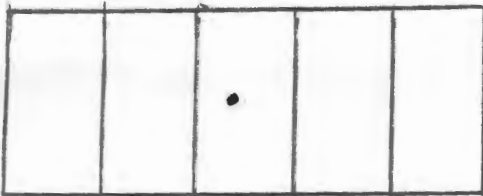
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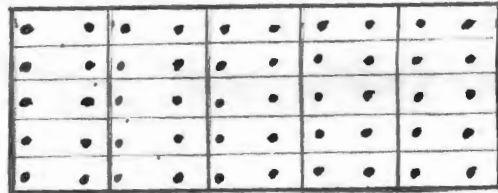
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Regarding Petition #14 IRZ Ordinance 2014-16



**EXISTING**



**PROPOSED**

The above diagram indicates what is being proposed for East Border Road. Such high density in an existing low density area is really poor planning. Looking at the diagram and then driving thru this the quiet area of public preserves that benefits people, wildlife and the environment I cannot believe you are even making such a proposal. I'm saying this knowing full well that such condo projects help control rising taxes.

I believe there is a project presently in the works for a wildlife trail that this proposal will block. Also the east end of Border already has a severe storm water drainage problem that should have been addressed years ago.

So please look for alternate locations such as along Jacaranda Blvd which already has high density and commercial development.

Respectfully,

  
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**From:** Jerry Jasper [mailto:jjaspernc@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 04, 2014 10:05 AM  
**To:** Lori Stelzer  
**Cc:** Grgic, Maryann  
**Subject:** VICA Rezoning \_ City Council Mtg 6.10.2014

Lori,  
Would you please arrange to have the attached letter to the Mayor and City Council included in their VICA Rezoning packets for the June 10, 2014 City Council meeting. It is my understanding the this rezoning application will be considered at that time. The attached is a letter from the Venetian Golf & River Club Community Association (VGRCCA) in support of the rezoning.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks for your help!

Jerry Jasper  
VP & Director  
VGRC Community Association

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June 3, 2014

Mayor and City Council Members  
City of Venice, Florida

Please be advised that the Venetian Golf and River Club Community Association (VGRCCA) Board of Directors has voted unanimously to support Zoning Map Amendment Petition 14-1RZ for the property commonly referred to as the VICA Property and also known as the Villages of Milano.

The VGRCCA's Board unanimous decision to support this rezoning application was principally due to the following factors:

- The proposed PUD rezoning which provides for just under two (2) units per acre is considerably more compatible with our community than the present Residential Multi-Family zoning which would allow up to five (5) units per acre.
- Review of other like Neal Communities developments such as the Grand Palm community provided comfort that the Villages of Milano will fit in well with the VG&RC and other planned communities located in the East Laurel Road area.

The VGRCCA Board conditioned their support by requesting that the "Optional Access" to Laurel Road as shown on the Binding Master Plan be provided only if required by the City for public safety purposes. Neal Communities has assured us this is the case and that they will so advise City Council that the "Optional Access" shown on the Binding Master Plan will only be provided if so directed by the City of Venice.

In summary, the VGRCCA Board feels that the Villages of Milano (VICA) would be a very desirable addition to our area.

On behalf of the VGRCCA Board of Directors,

Jerry Jasper  
VP & Director  
VGRC Community Association

**From:** Rob [mailto:rkaercher2@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 28, 2014 11:08 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Objection to Petition #14-IRZ, Ord. 2014-16

VICA should be rejected because:

- It is inconsistent with the existing neighborhood.
- VICA would destroy the wildlife corridor previously promised by the City.
- The VICA plan is incomplete and lacks necessary details required by the Venice land code.
- Large density homes would destroy the gateway to the preserves in this area.

VICA should be rejected.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rob Kaercher  
941-488-3891

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**From:** Joseph Lerie <[josephlerie@yahoo.com](mailto:josephlerie@yahoo.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 21, 2014 11:17 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** VICA Property on Jacaranda Blvd. and Border Rd.

City Council Members,

I Joseph Lerie live at 105 Jacaranda Blvd. in Venice Florida in Everglades Estates. I am angered and outraged at the Venice City Council. How could the Venice City Council consider an area that is reserved for rural living at 5 acres or larger is now considering allowing a high density community on the corner of Jacaranda and Border known as the "VICA" property which is 368 acres. Why would the Venice City Council consider allowing a high density community in a rural area? It makes no sense. The people that live in Everglades Estates live here because we enjoy the nature and quietness that is why we moved out in the country. I will vote out each and every one of you on the Venice City Council out of office the next time election time comes up. I don't like the decisions that you have been making in recent years. The round about on Jacaranda is another major problem and I see an accident there almost every week. People are driving at high speeds directly into the round about, switching lanes while in the round about and not knowing the driving rules in the round about. What exactly is going on with you decision makers in Venice?

Sincerely,

Mr. Joseph Lerie  
105 Jacaranda Blvd.  
Venice, FL 34292

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**From:** Joseph Lerie [<mailto:josephlerie@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 21, 2014 11:53 PM  
**To:** Jeff Shrum  
**Subject:** VICA Property on Jacaranda Blvd. and Border Rd.

Jeff Shrum Community Development Director,

I Mr. Joseph Lerie live at 105 Jacaranda Blvd. in Venice Florida in Everglades Estates. I am angered and outraged at you the Venice Community Development Director and your two Planners. How could the Venice Community Development Director and his two Planners consider an area that is reserved for rural living at 5 acres or larger now consider allowing a high density community on the corner of Jacaranda and Border known as the "VICA" property. Why would the Venice Community Development Director and his two Planners consider allowing a high density community in a rural area? This area is surrounded by rural homes. It makes no sense. The people that live in Everglades Estates live here because we enjoy the nature and quietness that is why we moved out in the country. I will vote out each and every one of you, you the Director and your two Planners out of office the next time election time comes up. I don't like your recent decisions or your two Planners decisions on allowing high density communities in rural areas.

Sincerely,

Mr. Joseph Lerie  
105 Jacaranda Blvd.

Venice, FL 34292

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**From:** Joseph Lerie [mailto:josephlerie@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 27, 2014 5:42 PM  
**To:** City Council; Lori Stelzer  
**Subject:** Objection to Petition # 14-IRZ, Ordinance 2014-16

Objection to Petition # 14-IRZ, Ordinance 2014-16

For the record, I object to Petition # 14-IRZ (VICA plan), because:

1. VICA is inconsistent with the existing neighborhood along Border road. The lots along Border are currently 5 acres, and the VICA lots adjacent to Border are 10 lots per acre. There is no transition in density, as required by various city codes and the Plan.
2. The city agreed to establish a wildlife corridor by 2013, and this property is a natural wildlife area which connects without crossing any major streets to existing preserves and the Carlton Reserve, the largest open space reserve in Sarasota county. Approving the VICA plan without concern for the wildlife corridor is potentially a "taking" from the wildlife corridor.
3. The VICA plan is incomplete, lacking details of height and placement of homes and easements. No incomplete plan should be accepted. The neighbors have a right to know exactly what will be built in this area.
4. Border road is a naturally established Gateway to the Preserves and should not be impacted by a large density of homes.

VICA should be rejected.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Joseph Lerie  
105 Jacaranda Blvd.  
Venice, FL 34292

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**From:** Nancy Lewis [mailto:nbl80@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 29, 2014 8:08 PM

**To:** City Council

**Subject:** zoning

As residents of Venice, we do not think there should be rezoning on the 151 acres on the corner of Jackson and Border. This is such a special area in our community – once it is gone for housing, that's the end for it. Let's keep Venice a unique, special, beautiful city. Nancy and Larry Lewis, 4000 Aston Gardens.

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**From:** John Holic  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 24, 2014 5:01 AM  
**To:** Dorothy Lough  
**Cc:** Lori Stelzer  
**Subject:** RE: Rezoning of land from Jacaranda Blvd to Jackson Road, east of I-75

Dear Unsigned,  
On behalf of Venice City Council, thank you for your comments.  
Sincerely,  
John Holic  
Mayor, City of Venice

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**From:** Dorothy Lough <[dflough@gmail.com](mailto:dflough@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 23, 2014 5:36 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Rezoning of land from Jacaranda Blvd to Jackson Road, east of I-75

I am a property owner on Batello Drive in Venetian Falls in Venice and I am vehemently opposed to rezoning this land to permit the building of 263 high density residences on this land because of the dangers involved to our environment, wildlife, flooding and the cost to taxpayers. This rural area is currently zoned for one house per five acres and should not be changed. I am also opposed to the development of 700 homes in the development called "The Villages at Millano" for the same reasons.

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**From:** mandrcecil@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 11, 2014 9:21 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Building

I am writing to voice my opposition to allow the Re-zoning of the land east of I-75 in Venice. We do not need more homes built, more golf courses, more of anything that continues to take away from Natural Florida.

Let's fill the empty homes first. Let's improve the infrastructure to handle what is here already. Let's worry about the medical facilities that can not handle the population now. Let's worry about the water supply. Let's worry about the wildlife. Let's stop trying to become Naples.

**From:** ed [mailto:insidevenice@verizon.net]

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 16, 2014 12:15 AM

**Subject:** Some Misinformation Passed Along to the Public By Venice Officials.

**Some Misinformation Passed Along to the Public By Venice Officials.**

Public concern about a development being considered for the eastern part of Border Road at Jackson Ave focuses around the environmental impact on a very important, sensitive area and on the Myakka River. One citizen claims that the Mayor told her the "Comp Plan is the Bible," meaning that the Plan has identified the area in question, (Area 3 on the Plan) for 5 units an acre. Another says she was told that all costs for infrastructure will be born by the developer. Neither is accurate, or even close.

Here is Inside Venice's reply to queries on the IVF facebook page or on that of the Venice Area Citizens for Responsible Development. Hopefully the truth will be helpful to the citizens and the City.

for more go to: [http://www.insideveniceflorida.com/display\\_blog.cfm?bid=68B33CB4-188B-300D-105A9BB9205ACF8C](http://www.insideveniceflorida.com/display_blog.cfm?bid=68B33CB4-188B-300D-105A9BB9205ACF8C)

Ed Martin

[insidevenice@verizon.net](mailto:insidevenice@verizon.net)

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**From:** John Holic  
**Sent:** Monday, June 09, 2014 7:36 PM  
**To:** Ed Martin  
**Cc:** Lori Stelzer  
**Subject:** RE:

Dear Mayor Martin,  
On behalf of Venice City Council, thank you for your comments.  
Sincerely,  
John Holic  
Mayor, City of Venice

Sent using OWA for iPad

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**From:** Ed Martin <[edwilsonmartin@hotmail.com](mailto:edwilsonmartin@hotmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 9, 2014 6:23:43 PM  
**To:** John Holic; James Bennett; Kit McKeon; David Sherman; Robert Daniels  
**Subject:**

Dear Mayor Holic and Council Members,

It appears there are some problems with the application for the VICA development, that require not approving this application at this time.

Please enforce the City's Comprehensive Plan requirements.

1-It provides no transition of density between the southern half of VICA and the existing lots along Border road.

2-The wildlife corridor required by 2013 (in The Plan) is not yet identified, and the VICA property is a natural wildlife corridor. Development here is premature.

3-The VICA Plan does not show the required detail of heights and setbacks and easements and should be rejected, according to the LDC. (land development code)

Thank you.

Ed Martin

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**From:** Pam Johnson  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 29, 2014 8:46 AM  
**To:** Mascarenas, Isabel  
**Cc:** Lori Stelzer; Jeff Shrum  
**Subject:** RE: Neal development along Myakka River

Hi Isabel, I'm not sure if we can get the information to you by noon as the parties involved have rigorous schedules. I am forwarding your records request to the City Clerk, Lori Stelzer; and forwarding your other questions to Development Services Director Jeff Shrum. We will get your answers as soon as possible. Thanks, Pam

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**From:** Mascarenas, Isabel [<mailto:IMascarenas@wtsp.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 28, 2014 11:26 PM  
**To:** Pam Johnson  
**Subject:** Neal development along Myakka River

Hello Pam,

Hope you are doing well.

We are interested in the Neal development project along Myakka River.

What is the status of the rezoning for the Neal properties along Myakka River?

When will city council approve this?

Also we are making a public records request for all emails/correspondence sent to city council and city officials regarding this project.

Along with the emails/correspondence what plans has Neal submitted to Venice explaining the project (project cost, number and size of homes, etc.) Plus how would the rezoning be different from any other part of the city?

I will likely be working on this story today-Thursday, May 29. We'd like this information by noon if possible.

Thank you,  
Isabel

Isabel Mascareñas/Reporter

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**From:** Karen Murdock [mailto:mermaidn@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 29, 2014 3:13 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Objection to Petition #14-IRZ, Ordinance 2014-16

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

I object to the proposed Petition #14-IRZ, Ordinance 2014-16 because it provides no transition of density between the southern half of Mr. Neal's VICA development and the existing lots along Border road. Border road is a Gateway to the Preserves and should not have homes backing up to Border Rd. frontage. The Wildlife corridor required by 2013 (in The Plan) is not yet identified, and the VICA property is a natural wildlife corridor. Development here is premature. I also object as the VICA Plan does not show the required detail of heights, setbacks and easements and should be rejected, according to the LDC (land development code).

As I have expressed previously, I am also very concerned that the burden of infrastructure costs for water & sewer, etc. is going to fall back on the taxpayer (me) even though Mayor Holic has assured me it will be Mr. Neal's burden. Who will be responsible for the long term maintenance of roads, additional calls for fire, police, etc. (taxpayer) as these are already overburdened systems as is without any further development in the Venice area.

It is also my understanding that housing development in our community has already met the demand and if anything, lower cost and more affordable housing is in demand. Low cost housing is not what Mr. Neal is proposing. Therefore, I object to Petition #14-IRZ, Ordinance 2014-16 regarding all of the above mentioned issues.

Respectfully,  
Ms. Karen Murdock  
1025 Groveland Ave.  
Venice, FL 34285

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**From:** Karen Murdock <mermaidn@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 12, 2014 1:49 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** June 10th meeting  
**Attachments:** City Council 61014.docx

June 12, 2014

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

I attended the City Council meeting on June 10, 2014 and had to leave early so I was not able to add public comment at the meeting. I was, however, present when Councilman Daniels stated that many of the 72 emails sent to the City Council re: the zoning ordinance for VICA "were from non-city residents." First of all, I AM a city resident. I found Councilman Daniel's comment not only inappropriate but offensive. I don't know if he has looked at a map of Venice recently (see link attached <http://www.city-data.com/zipmaps/Venice-Florida.html> ) but the zip code for Venice city limits, 34285, comprises only a small portion of Venice residents, many of which live in the County. We as Venice residents, city and county proper, have every right to comment on concerns that we have about Venice. We all contribute to our community, both financially and physically, and are just as much a part of the fabric that we call Venice regardless. For instance, I live on a street that is part city and part county. I work in Venice but in the county portion. I am a member of the Suncoast Reef Rovers diving club, who clean up the Venice Pier, South & North Jetties yearly as a volunteer community event, but we meet in the county and many of our members are county residents. This "separatist" mentality of at least one City Council member needs to go.

I also took offense at Councilmember Carlesimo's comment about Mr. Neal changing his development's name from VICA to "The Villages of Emiliano". Was this supposed to be a joke, as I did not find it amusing. It raised a question in my mind, wondering if Councilman Carlesimo has any vested interest in VICA or Villages of Milano, which was approved for re-zoning by the City Council on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for reading my concerns. If you have any comment or questions, please direct them to my email address listed below.

Karen Murdock

1025 Groveland Ave.

Venice, FL

mermaidn@yahoo.com

**From:** Barbara Murphy [mailto:barbbmurphy@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 28, 2014 11:20 AM  
**To:** Lori Stelzer  
**Subject:** Objection to Petition #14-IRZ(VICA plan) Ordinance 2014-16

1. The proposed plan is inconsistent with the rural neighborhood and provides no transition in density as is required by the City Plan.
2. Pat Neal's traffic study(high density development and multifamily housing resulting in less traffic) is inconsistent with this rural location and should not be considered. His study makes sense for a densely populated urban area that provides alternate means of transportation (train, subway, or bus lines) but not for this rural area. An accurate study reflecting the additional traffic impact in a rural area, and all of Venice for that matter, needs to be provided and seriously considered prior to council's approval.
3. These lands between Border and Laurel road connect directly with the Carlton Reserve without crossing a major thoroughfare. This is a natural wildlife area and provides a wildlife corridor. Wasn't it supposed to be established by 2013?
4. The VICA plan is incomplete. It is deficient in many ways. Neighbors have a right to know how this plan will affect their rural quality of life, and property value.
5. This rural area is an asset to Venice. It gives those who are interested in making Venice their home a choice of rural living over high density living. Please keep our rural areas rural. Maybe a Residential Conservation zoning should be considered for this area?

Let it be known that I OBJECT to Petition #14- IRZ(VICA plan) Ordinance 2014-16

Thank you for your service to our community,

Barbara Murphy

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**From:** Charles Newsom  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 20, 2014 8:42:51 AM  
**To:** John Holic; Jeff Shrum  
**Subject:** FW: Neal Communities

Good Morning,  
This is for your information.  
I noticed you were not copied.  
Best regards,  
Chuck Newsom

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**From:** [Pkn04@aol.com](mailto:Pkn04@aol.com) <[Pkn04@aol.com](mailto:Pkn04@aol.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 16, 2014 9:28 AM  
**To:** Jerry Towery; John Williams; Thomas Murphy; Shaun Graser; Helen Moore; Barry Snyder; Charles Newsom; Kit

McKeon; Scott Pickett  
**Subject:** Neal Communities

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As a commission populated with appointed, not elected, officials, you as a group clearly have ignored concerned residents. Shame on you.

As for Neal over-building in Venice:

"Neal noted that he has other properties in the city for which he will propose developments, and that it is important for him to "get and maintain credibility" with city officials and residents now".

Neal will NEVER "get and maintain credibility " with residents. Elected City officials will see themselves voted out. But the Planning Commission doesn't need to worry about being elected. Again - Shame on you

We moved here for the unspoiled beauty combined with an active downtown and gorgeous beaches. Why do you want to systematically destroy the very thing that makes Venice attractive. Shortsighted and money grubbing tactics are not the way to maintain a healthy balanced community.

Patricia Nicolas  
Venice Fl

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## Scott Pickett

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Patricia Nicolas  
Venice Fl



**From:** Jeff O'Berry [mailto:Buy@niftynicnacs.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 27, 2014 2:28 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Objection to VICA plan Petition #14-IRZ, Ordinance 2014-16

Dear Mayor Holic and City Council members:

For the record, I object to Petition #14, Ordinance 2014-16 for several reasons.

It provides no transition of density between the southern half of VICA and the existing lots along Border road.

The Wildlife Corridor required by 2013 (in The Plan) is not yet identified and the VICA property is a natural wildlife corridor. Development here is premature and we must preserve habitat for native wildlife.

The VICA Plan does not show the required detail of heights and setbacks and easements and should be rejected, according to the Land Development Code.

Border road is a gateway to the preserves and should not have homes backing up to Border Road frontage.

As Eco-Tourism grows and is promoted in Sarasota County, we must maintain our natural habitats instead of developing them with more dense housing that is ultimately sprawl.

As a fifth-generation Floridian, I am all too familiar with large-scale developers and the harm they have done to our environment and the impact they have left in our communities and our state.

I am a business owner in the City of Venice and have received a lot of the above details from Venice Area Citizens for Responsible Development.

Sincerely,

Jeff O'Berry

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**From:** Robin O'Connor <robinoconnor@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 11, 2014 8:37 AM  
**To:** John Holic; James Bennett; Robert Daniels; Jeanette Gates; Kit McKeon; David Sherman; City Council; Barry Snyder; floods@em.myflorida.com  
**Subject:** Re-zoning East of I-75

I am writing to voice my opposition to allow the Re-zoning of the land east of I-75 in Venice. We do not need more homes built, more golf courses, more of anything that continues to take away from Natural Florida. It is a terrible idea for the community and especially the environment. Not only will this development idea have a negative impact on the Myakka River ecosystem, the cost to develop another planned community will require additional tax dollars to maintain and police yet another area of housing when our county already has problems maintaining and policing the populated areas we already have.

As it is, there are many private communities in once popular and public areas that we could once enjoy, but can no longer. For myself, I am tired of paying out all these taxes just to have to find myself driving further and further every couple of years to find a relatively un-commercialized beach or freshwater recreation area. Only the few can afford to live in these new private communities and their tax money does not solely support the county and its municipalities. What about the rest of us who have been supporting our county and municipalities for decades?

Robin O'Connor  
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Sarasota, FL 34232