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To Mayor Nick Pachota, and City Council Members:

I am thrilled to present my credentials for the City Manager position for the City of Venice. Enclosed, please find my resume and references.

With over 35 years of dedicated service in municipal and county government, I have traversed various roles from police officer to police chief, culminating in 12 years of successful tenure as town manager. Throughout my career, I have remained committed to fostering a better quality of life for residents and making a tangible difference in their everyday life.

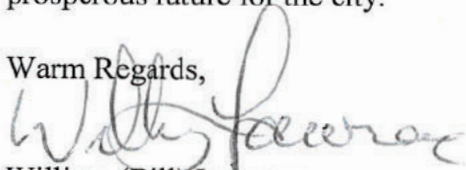
I bring over six years of experience in Florida emergency preparedness, collaborating with county, state, and federal agencies, including FEMA, particularly during natural disasters such as tropical storms. I have extensive experience working closely with police and fire departments and have successfully negotiated labor contracts for essential services including Police, Fire, and Public Works. My work has consistently emphasized strategic partnerships with agencies at every level of government to effectively address local challenges.

As a seasoned public administrator, I am an active member of the Florida City and County Management Association (FCCMA) and the Florida League of Cities. I balance fiscal conservatism with a commitment to maintaining high-quality services within budgetary constraints. My leadership style promotes transparency, strong communication, and active collaboration with elected officials and the community.

Currently serving as Town Manager of Lady Lake, Florida, I am guiding the community through a period of tremendous growth. I work closely with staff and elected officials to ensure that growth remains smart and sustainable, preserving the town's character while addressing future needs. I have considerable experience in strategic planning and capital project execution.

I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss how my experience and dedication can contribute to the continued success of the City of Venice. Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to the possibility of working together to build a bright and prosperous future for the city.

Warm Regards,



William (Bill) Lawrence