

From: [LORRAINE BEST](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Tuesdays meeting
Date: Thursday, March 6, 2025 10:11:54 AM

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I'm requesting that you all vote against any changes to the current height restrictions. This will change the entire landscape of our small slice of paradise which has already suffered as a result of overgrowth .

ORD. NO. 2025-08 An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Florida, Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 87, Land Development Code, by Amending Table 2.3.6., Airport Avenue Development Standards, Pursuant to Text Amendment Petition No. 24-32AM, by
Lorraine Best
EDG Realty
732-547-9447 cell

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Edwin Martin](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Wasserman height exception
Date: Thursday, March 6, 2025 2:36:38 PM

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Please limit the heights to Ordinance limit. This would create very bad precedent.

Epipany and theatre are not commercial real estate developments. How could City deny future exceptions?

Thanks,

Ed Martin, Former Mayor.

From: [David Wells](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Wasserman Property
Date: Thursday, March 6, 2025 1:15:55 PM

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I understand this property is up for removing to a much higher density than currently allowed. As a resident who lives on the island, the traffic and services are already at very high levels. Higher density will only add to congestion and put more pressure of services such as fire, police and roads.

Please reconsider your support for higher density.

Sincerely,
David Wells
433 Spadaro Dr

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: [Joy Satterlee](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Wasserman property's proposed density - item on 3-11-25 agenda
Date: Thursday, March 6, 2025 10:08:00 AM

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Dear City Council members -- I see that on your March 11th agenda you will be taking a 2nd vote on the Wasserman property.

Please note that the proposed height from the developer of 85' tall is much, much higher than the surrounding buildings and not appropriate for this particular site. If passed, these buildings will be even taller than Village on the Isle as well as tower over the adjacent properties. The additional housing density -- from 13 residential units per acre to 35 units per acre -- is way too much for this area. Presently, when there is a festival as well as during the "season" Avenida Del Circo is already overloaded with traffic within this residential area.

I appreciate your consideration of amending the proposed numbers to lessen the height and the density for this project and impact to this area (the south gateway to the island of Venice).
Thank you. -- Joy Satterlee

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JoySatterlee1@gmail.com

From: csmith1233@aol.com
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: 85 feet building variance
Date: Friday, March 7, 2025 10:30:47 AM

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Do not allow this developer to build an 85 feet high building adjacent to the airport. It will stick out like a sore thumb in all the surrounding area. I assume they want to build a hotel to that height which will add to the already congested traffic.

**Cary D Smith
212 Rio Terra**

From: [JOHN WILLARD](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Washerman project
Date: Thursday, March 6, 2025 6:51:06 AM

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Dear Council,

The variance requested to have buildings 80 feet high near the runway 23 at Venice would be detrimental to landing aircraft. The development densities are inappropriate for the area as well. Too much traffic on already busy roads. More people accessing already crowded beach access parking.

Thank you

John Willard
332 Shore Rd
Venice
Have a great day

From: [Jason Gallourakis](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Wasserman Property Proposed Development - Opposed to Any Height Exception
Date: Thursday, March 6, 2025 1:38:19 PM

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Dear Council -

My name is Jason Gallourakis, I am a fulltime resident of Venice. My family owns a condo at 431 Airport Ave E, Unit 202, Venice, FL 34285. I personally reside at 960 Cooper St, Unit 304, Venice, FL 34285.

I am particularly concerned about the development plans on the South side of the island. The traffic issues we already face are becoming increasingly problematic -- especially along Avenida Del Circo and Airport Ave. More specifically, I am concerned about the exceptions to the Comprehensive Plan for the Wasserman project that would increase density by 2.5 times the CP. I understand the developer is also seeking an exception to the 35 foot height restriction by proposing an 85 foot height for their proposed buildings. I anticipate they'll reduce that as a way to get you to approve a lower exception but an exception nonetheless.

I oppose any exception to the 35 foot height restriction for the Wasserman property as well as any further exceptions to density and the Comprehensive Plan within City limits. Let's hold ourselves to the restrictions of the Comprehensive Plan and protect what makes Venice special.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jason Gallourakis
960 Cooper St Unit 304
Venice, FL 34285

From: [Tina Marrelli](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Vote NO on any height exception and DO not amend the Land Development Code!
Date: Friday, March 7, 2025 9:32:44 AM
Importance: High

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Dear City Council Members,

Hello-How many times do we have go through this? The Land Development Code was created for a reason-We in no way want any exceptions to the Land Development Code—this means no amending and/or height exceptions!

In addition, the height exception is a concern for those of us who live on the island—you are destroying the very reason that many people (still) live here. Different year and developer—same issue?!

We are not being listened to –and this is your responsibility-to represent the people and what THEY want!

What part of saying no to developers and height exceptions are we not conveying clearly enough? Traffic is already too crowded on the island—and now you are trying to increase density and heights? (And the police here already do not enforce speed limits or stop signs anyway!)

Past time for controlled growth--say NO!

Please DO the right thing, listen to the voters and stick to the codes—NO exceptions!

Sincerely,

Tina Marrelli and Bill Glass

From: [Kristin Hoffschmidt](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: No height exception by airport - vote no on ORD. NO. 2025-08
Date: Thursday, March 6, 2025 2:25:40 PM

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Dear Venice City Council,

I was disappointed in the vote last meeting to approve greater density for the proposed development on Avenida del Circo and Ringling Drive and I am writing to urge you to vote against an exception to the height limit. Building heights are supposed to be limited to 35 feet in our area, and this is almost 2 ½ times greater, which is grossly out of proportion with the rest of the neighborhood. I live in this neighborhood, and the proposed project is even taller than Village on the Isle, which sticks out like a sore thumb.

The guidelines in our plans and codes should not be ignored for every developer who asks, and the City Council should not ignore the community's concerns about too much density and congestion in our neighborhoods. My parents chose to live in Venice because it was not like Naples, with high-rises and intolerable traffic. Please don't approve plans that will harm the quality of life for Venice's residents and ruin its unique character, and vote no on ORD. NO. 2025-08.

Sincerely,
Kristin Hoffschmidt
232 Gulf Drive, Venice

From: [Tommye Whittaker](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Fwd: Venice Thrives - City Council Meeting 3/11: 6-8 story building by airport
Date: Thursday, March 6, 2025 5:32:28 PM
Attachments: [image.png](#)

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Dear Council Members,

You realize the person you are working with has left the building derelict and even as an attractive nuisance for many years. If you aren't familiar with the person to whom you are bending backward, maybe a quick Google search is suggested.

If anyone has noticed, the County is in a downturn. Homes and condos aren't selling as quickly. Instead of this becoming a failure, why not build in phases?

Like it or not, the person can utilize their land. But the 85-foot Twin Towers is ridiculous and unnecessary. Please attempt to show some restraint for a project that might not even happen. This is still part of the historic district—height counts here as well as downtown. One CC member even ran on protecting our John Nolan Plan. Will you do the same?

Best, Tommye Whittaker
613 West Venice Avenue
Venice, FL 34285

Subject: Venice Thrives - City Council Meeting 3/11: 6-8 story building by airport

Dear Venice Thrives Supporters,

We are writing to bring an issue to your attention about a proposed development next to the airport that is related to your concerns about the quality of life in our city.

The Wasserman property will be on the City Council agenda again on Tuesday, March 11. The developer is proposing that the Land Development Code be amended to allow an exception to the usual 35 foot height limits for buildings, and that they be allowed to be 85' tall "for parcels located in the Airport Avenue Zoning District East of Avenida Del Circo". This is almost 2 1/2 times the height limit, and would mean a 6 to 8 story building, even taller than Village on the Isle. At the last City Council meeting, they approved the

developer's request for a much higher housing density (from 13 residential units per acre to 35 units per acre), and the developer said that they had not heard any concerns from the neighborhood. You can contact the City Council at citycouncil@venicefl.gov

For more information, click the following link for the calendar, scroll down to 3/11/25, then click on the agenda where there are links to the related documents: <https://venice.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> . This is the agenda item:

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Image of the site from the Sarasota County Property Appraiser's website:



Sincerely,
Kristin Hoffschmidt
Vice President Venice Thrives
Gulf Drive



From: [Julie Heseman](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Height Variance - Avenida del Circo
Date: Friday, March 7, 2025 10:11:36 AM

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Hi City Council,

As a resident of Venice on the Island, I absolutely oppose granting a height variance to the developers for the property on Avenida del Circo. We do not want tall buildings on the island that will block views and increase the population density exponentially.

Please do not grant the height variance!

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Julie Heseman

From: [Tania Willard](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Zoning issue
Date: Thursday, March 6, 2025 9:12:03 AM

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Good morning

We own 3 properties on the Island of Venice, pay almost \$10,000 annually on two of them to the city, and live the quaint nature of the island.

I am firmly opposed to allowing the Avenida Del Cirqa project be higher than the allowed 3.5 stories.

We must preserve the quaint nature of the island as it is what brings people to the town.

Do not kill the goose who lays the golden eggs. Keep it quaint, keep it quiet, keep it somewhat green. Some of the airport property should be designated green space.

Warm regards,
Tania Willard

From: [TONY AUZENNE](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Wasseman Property's Avenida Del Circo
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As a homeowner residing at Glenwood Manor on Airport Avenue East, near the Wasserman Property located on Avenida Del Circo, I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed amendment to the Land Development Code. I firmly believe that this amendment will exacerbate the existing traffic congestion that homeowners in our area already endure. While the existing property is undoubtedly an eyesore to the beautiful City of Venice, the proposed six to eight-story building is not a significant improvement. I hope you will vote against the amendment. Thank you,

Tony Auzenne
461 Airport Ave, East #107
Venice Fl 34285

From: linda.krothe@verizon.net
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Concerns on Mar 11 City Council Review of Wasserman Property Request
Date: Saturday, March 8, 2025 11:24:13 PM

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I am writing to express concerns about the above referenced agenda item at the Tuesday, Mar 11 City Council meeting. Today the Wasserman Property located on Avenida del Circo requests an exception to the Comprehensive Plan city ordinances that sets a 35 foot height limit for buildings. They are seeking approval to be allowed to build to a height of 85 feet. This request is over 2 ½ times the height limit, and would allow a 6 to 8 story building to be built on this property. This would be even taller than Village on the Isle, and significantly increase traffic and congestion in the area. I strongly recommend that their request for a height exception to 85 feet be disapproved. I plan on attending the meeting to speak on this but wanted to also document my concerns to the council.

I understand that in a previous City Council meeting, the Wasserman Property requested to exceed the normal housing density per acre from 13 residential units per acre to 35, and the Council approved this request. I also strongly disagree with this approval to increase density on the island.

I have been a homeowner on Venice Island since 2012. I own four condominiums in the Glenwood Manor Association at 391 Airport Ave just across from the airport. I also own a single family home on the island west of Harbor Drive. After crossing the Circus Bridge, you turn left on Avenida del Circo to reach my condominium units. Increased traffic throughout Venice, but especially on the island, has become worse in the last few years. Venice hosts many festivals, many held on the airport grounds. There is only one way to get there – Avenida del Circo, and then left on Airport Avenue. Venice Island also is a major attraction for tourists & residents. Avenidal Circo and Airport Avenue are the main thoroughfares to Service Beach, Sharky's, Lake Venice Golf Course, Casperson Beach. The traffic does not let up all day, but especially on weekends, holidays, beach days, and sunsets. There is a steady

stream of . Increased density and building height will make the problems for residents & guests even worse.

The Comprehensive Plan was created to keep our city uniform and within accepted limits. I understand the City Council has made nearly 20 exceptions to the Comprehensive Plan in the last 3 years. If the Council continues to waive these requirements, Venice will change in ways that the residents do not want.

I urge the Council to hold the developers of this property to the 35 foot building height.

Linda Krothe
Linda.krothe@verizon.net
509 Dante Street
391 Airport Avenue #402, 405, 406, 407
571 733 8897

From: [Kendra Montano](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Condo Proposal
Date: Saturday, March 8, 2025 12:02:03 PM

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There is currently a proposal in front of City Council to make an exception to the Comprehensive Plan to develop the Wasserman property (the abandoned hotel on Avenida Del Circo and area behind it) into 150+ condos. The developer has already gotten approval to increase the density over 2.5 times what the Comprehensive Plan allows (from 13 residential units per acre to 35 units per acre), and the developer said that they had not heard any concerns from the neighborhood. The developer is appearing at the City Council meeting on 3/11/25 to also ask for an exception to the height limit of 35 feet. I object to this building being allowed to be higher than 35 feet. It is ridiculous. Venice is already overpopulated and the island is getting that way too! Traffic is horrendous in season. It is greed that is ruining our beautiful city! I oppose!

Kendra Montano
9884 Wingood Drive
Venice, Florida 34292

From: [judith davis](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Developers request
Date: Saturday, March 8, 2025 12:42:20 PM

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Why change the Wassermann property height limit to 85' so close to the airport? That is taller than the resident building at Village on the Isle!
Judy Davis
920 Tamiami Trail..

From: [Kathy Granata](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Height exemption
Date: Saturday, March 8, 2025 9:08:32 AM

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What are rules for? Yes, to be followed!

The property in question is near the Airport on Base Ave & Avenue de Cirque. The density should remain under 10 per acre & the height should remain for a 3 or 4 story building.

I am a member of Grace on the Island Church nearby. I am a neighbor.

Traffic from the Festival Grounds is heavy in that area. Add all these residences & traffic could be overwhelming!

I have lived on the Island of Venice in 4 different locations for 40 years. Please save our small town life style!

Kathleen Granata
673 N Green Circle
Venice, FL 34285

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Linda Carter](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Proposed multi story by Venice Airport
Date: Saturday, March 8, 2025 8:37:55 AM

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I am a long time resident of Venice (on the Island).

I for one think this is a terrible concept that is not conducive with our City charm. While I do recognize that there will be growth and development, this is beyond reason.

Linda Y Carter

[Yahoo Mail - Email Simplified](#)

From: [Glenda O'Brien](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Proposed Development of housing at Avenida del Circe
Date: Monday, March 10, 2025 7:37:16 AM

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We object to allowing 6-8 stores buildings, especially on Venice Island, regardless of the use of the property and particularly housing to permanently increase density on Venice Island. We already have a parking issue on the Island. It will detract from our quality of life and turn us into Ft. Lauderdale or Miami.

Respectfully

Glenda and Patrick O'Brien
820 Nokomis Ave. S.
Venice, FL 34285

From: [Denis Plehn](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: The property along Avenida Del Circo
Date: Friday, March 7, 2025 12:36:21 PM

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My wife and I are against the height variance for the property along Avenida Del Circo. Please do not approve this variance. Thank you.

From: [Nancy DeForge](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Wasserman land development
Date: Saturday, March 8, 2025 11:17:07 PM

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Dear City Council member,

A great deal of hard work went into developing your present Comprehensive Plan. Building height is 35 ft in this section of Venice City limits for a reason.

This area is a RESIDENTIAL area with sustainable development already in place.

The busy airport is nearby. Even Burlington, Vermont does not allow 55-85 ft buildings to be built near their airport.

The developer coming before you already has your permission to increase density from 13 units per acre to 35 units per acre!!

Traffic will be an overload nightmare!

Use your power to protect the "Quality of Life" residents of Venice expect to have. They are not looking for Venice becoming another city like Sarasota!

Show you care about your present residents and future ones who move here for a "Planned" quality of life as protected by your present Comprehensive Plan. Vote NO.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Nancy DeForge

332 Laurel Hollow Dr, Nokomis, FL 34275

From: [@gmail.com](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Wasserman Property
Date: Saturday, March 8, 2025 11:59:54 AM

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I am painfully aware of the 6 to 8 story buildings at the Airport being proposed. This must be shocking to our City Council as we have building height limits in the revised LDR's that cannot possibly accommodate this Development. Adds up to more work, more division, time, and tremendous angst for all. Why even spend valuable time on something so controversial? You have already been through this hassle previously!!

As some of you may recall, the Voters expressed their opinion on any future height increases above 35'. Please remember the lengthy discussions, meetings, hearings about the height restrictions within Venice City limits. This was an issue for over 2 years fought valiantly by Venice Thrives. Venice Residents volunteered to set up information booths at Libraries, spoke at neighborhood groups, attended City Council Meetings endlessly. And Venice Thrives worked tirelessly to enlighten residents on this serious issue. Feedback was consistent. We don't want to look like Sarasota!!!

Please hear my warning regarding how unpopular this development, as presented, will be. And the added stress for all of you on Council and the Voters. Please review past Minutes when Venice Thrives and the Residents prevailed. Do you really want to go through this again? You know the Proposed Development will be very unpopular and puts you, Venice City Council, in a negative position. It will not be forgotten.

Do the right thing. Adhere to the previous Council with their vote to deny buildings over 35', with a Variance. Take back the power you have to vote NO.

Judy Cross
1585 Tarpon Center Drive
Venice, FL 34285.

From: [Jane Murrell](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Zoning for Wasserman parcel
Date: Saturday, March 8, 2025 11:45:51 AM

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The zoning should be NO HIGHER than the existing Village on the Isle Property on Venice Island.

Efforts should be made to make sure some "Affordable Housing" is available.

Jane Murrell
1003 Gondola Court
Venice, FL 34285
941-488-1529

From: [rich.giangregorio](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Airport Avenue Zoning District East of Avenida Del Circo
Date: Sunday, March 9, 2025 9:00:26 AM

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To Whom it May Concern:

We are opposed to allowing any building over 35 Ft tall in or around the airport.

Rich Giangregorio
500 The Esplanade N
Venice
Sent from my iPhone

From: waterstracy@comcast.net
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Airport Zoning
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Allowing a Height Exception up to 85 Feet for Parcels Located in the Airport Avenue Zoning District East of Avenida Del Circo. This will result in a dramatic change in the nature of our neighborhood and it will be incredibly unwelcome.

When we bought our home here 15 years ago, we did so because of the neighborhood feel of the area, unlike the north end of the island.

I expect the council to take our wishes into consideration.

Dianne Waters
1020 Cockrill Street
Venice

From: [MaryAnn Griswold](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Ammendment to Land Development code property east of Avenida Del Circo
Date: Sunday, March 9, 2025 3:58:16 PM

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I am a year round resident living in Glenwood Manor Condominiums on Airport Ave E. and Avenida Del Circo.

I am opposed to the development proposed.

I am totally opposed to changing the building height to 65 ft or 85 ft.

To name a few reasons:

Non seasonal traffic from Avenida Del Circle to US 41 is difficult. In season I have had to wait through three traffic light changes before gaining access to 41. Then there is the the traffic sbacked up when the bridge is up.

- Proximity to Venice Airport and traffic pattern. Currently approved two more hangars at this end of Airport Ave E. Potential additional liability exposure.
- Increase height would equate to more occupants requiring additional police personal, equipment etc.
- Increase height would equate to more occupants requiring additional fire and medical personal, equipment etc
- Increase demand for water.

I am sure there are many more negative reasons to deny this request.

MaryAnn K Griswold
361 Airport Ave E Unit 507
Venice, Fl. 34285

From: [bjhower812](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Development code amendment
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To Venice City Council:

I believe the request to amend the development code near Airport Avenue to more than double the height restriction to a height not consistent with surrounding area buildings is ill advised and unfair to others in the neighborhood.

When will we finally hear from Council, No. Enough is enough?

As a full time Venice resident of nearly 50 years, I see more and more of what makes Venice such a special place disappearing. Overcrowding benefits no one.

Sincerely,
Barbara Hower

From: [Karen Kieppe](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: height limits for buildings
Date: Sunday, March 9, 2025 12:57:52 PM

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Please don't allow the height restriction to go up from the 35'. I don't care where in Venice someone may want to exceed this, it should not be done.

Karen Kieppe
700 W. Venice Ave

From: [Linda Descoteaux](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: New development (Wasserman Property)
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To whom it may concern

I own a house on Base Ave and I have just read that a developer is appearing in front of the city council on Thursday. I am shocked that no one in the neighborhood has been notified of this development.

I am very concerned that such a large amount of housing units will cause a daily stand still with the traffic as it is already bad during season and when the bridge goes up or school is let out.

Also I am against it being higher than the requirements as we don't need anymore eye sores on the island as they have done by the north bridge. I moved to this beautiful quant little town 16 years ago because I had heard they were very strict with building regulations. I see this is not true now. Approving the developer to have 35 units per acre instead of the allowed 13 is insane and now they want to go higher than the allowed 35' Please think about what this will do to our charming island. I am completely against this housing project, more people will bring more crime and more traffic to our over crowded roads.

Please do not change the Comprehensive Plan and allow them to build higher then the 35' rules are rules but somehow they seem to be broken for these developers, it is very unfair.

Thank you for listening to my concerns.

Linda Descoteaux

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Valerie Waters](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Re: Avenida del Circo Proposed Development-Height Amendment
Date: Sunday, March 9, 2025 8:28:07 AM

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Council Members,

Although the builder's plan for the development of the parcels on Avenida Del Circo appears to be a done deal since Council already approved these parcels for increased density, I am reaching out again to implore you not amend the Land Development Code be amended to allow an exception to the usual 35 foot height limits for buildings. Bad enough that they are looking for an exception, but to expect a height of almost 2 1/2 times the height limit is not acceptable. Not only that, it would be taller than similar buildings in that district.

Get up to date on social media and homeowner's distress and complaints over the growth in Venice and the impact it has on our lives. Those of us on the south end of the island not only have to deal with this but also the growth of the airport.

These rules and regulations were put into place for a reason. Please revisit those reasons and not amend them.

Thanks in advance.
Valerie and Chris Waters
320 Gulf Dr

On Monday, February 10, 2025 at 07:09:50 PM EST, Valerie Waters <cvcwaters@verizon.net> wrote:

Council Members,

Please do NOT make exceptions for the proposed residential units to be built on Avenida del Circo. The proposed exception will affect our quality of life in terms of traffic and noise and air pollution. There is enough traffic at this end of the Island, especially traffic that races down Harbor.

Neighbors should be able to reasonably rely on existing zoning for neighboring properties, and not see those standards ignored. There is enough growth in our town. Why have zoning plans and standards if exceptions are continually made?

Thanks in advance
Valerie and Chris Waters

320 Gulf Drive

From: [ANNE HARRISON](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Tall building by the airport
Date: Sunday, March 9, 2025 8:20:25 PM

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Council,

It has just come to our attention that a developer has proposed an 85' tall building in the vicinity of the Venice airport. Please reject this proposal and maintain the current 35' limit!

Venice is a charming city that already is threatened by traffic congestion, crowding, and diminished access to services. Much of the area's growth has been "off island," but we still feel the impact of crowding as we struggle to navigate bridges and downtown streets. What is effectively a proposed "high rise" will only add to the problem.

A bigger issue for us is the change to our "skyline" and architecture. Once you allow a building like this, it is hard to stop. Take the San Marco condominium on Tarpon Center Drive, for example. It is an eyesore visible from every angle of Roberts Bay, the Intercoastal, and the Gulf. We risk turning Venice into some version of Sarasota; please don't let that happen. The historic "feel" of our quaint town will be destroyed. Finally, does it really make sense to have a tall building by the airport? We are not pilots, but it seems to me that height should be a safety consideration.

We urge the council to reject this proposal.

Sincerely,

Anne Harrison and Laurie Priest
860 White Cap Circle
Venice, FL 34285
(413) 219-8772

From: [JAY AIELLO](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Wasserman Property
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As residents on the South West side of Venice Island for over twenty years we object to the height and density changes on this property. We often leave the island on Field Avenue and experience the wait to turn East toward the South Bridge. The beach traffic, event traffic, FEMA traffic during hurricanes is enough to deal with on Avenida Del Circo! Why does every Developer have to change the rules & why does our City Council most often allow it? Haven't we had enough changes to the codes!

Jay & Karen Aiello

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Glenda O'Brien](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Proposed Development of housing at Avenida del Circe
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We object to allowing 6-8 stores buildings, especially on Venice Island, regardless of the use of the property and particularly housing to permanently increase density on Venice Island. We already have a parking issue on the Island. It will detract from our quality of life and turn us into Ft. Lauderdale or Miami.

Respectfully

Glenda and Patrick O'Brien
820 Nokomis Ave. S.
Venice, FL 34285

From: [MARLENE COTE](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: The Wasserman property
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Hello,

I am a resident of neighborhood near this proposed project. I am writing to declare my opposition to the raising of heights for any buildings in this area. Thank you.

Regards,
Marlene Cote
197 Field Ave E
Venice

From: [Mark Murray](#)
To: [City Council](#); [Mary M Murray](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Objection to hieght increase for
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I am a Venice resident voter on the island.

The developer is proposing that the Land Development Code be amended to allow an exception to the usual 35 foot height limits for buildings, and that they be allowed to be 85' tall "for parcels located in the Airport Avenue Zoning District East of Avenida Del Circo". This is almost 2 1/2 times the height limit, and would mean a 6 to 8 story building, even taller than Village on the Isle.

We object to this attempt to change the height restriction.

Mark & Mary Murray
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From: [Jennifer Mainey](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Wasserman Property
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Dear City Council members,

I'm writing to express my concern as a neighbor in the airport district to the variance that you are planning to consider regarding building heights at the Wasserman property. I speak not only for myself, but for the residents of Beach Manor Villas in requesting that you deny the developer's request to raise building levels in this area. Please stick to the 35 foot limit and stop any more of the high rises in the airport district.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Mainey

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