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**Subject:** Request for Denial of Appeal re: Petition No. 20-08SP (Galleria on E. Venice Avenue)  
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Dear Mayor Feinsod and Council Members,

In August, I received a mail notice of the Planning Commission's zoom meeting regarding Site and Development plan Amendment petition NO 20-8SP. Due to domestic responsibilities I was unable to attend the meeting but was informed by community attendees of the questionable issues relating to the petition. The issues included: a drive through way in direct opposition to west bound East Venice Avenue traffic and a very objectionable view of having the rear of the proposed building facing Venice Avenue. In addition, I would add that based on the site plans, the landscape package is "scant" at best.

These issues have merit and hold great weight when approving yet one more portion of the Galleria located in the center of a residential community. As it stands, the rear face of the building toward Venice Avenue would do nothing to enhance our community area or create a welcome invitation to shop in the Galleria. As an eyesore on the corridor to town and the beach, it would detract from the community, devalue property and remain as an unwanted permanent structure. This is not to say I am against the building's purpose, it is merely to point out the necessity of creating a structure that not only fits in with the Galleria plan but with the community at large as well. Service doors, dumpsters and delivery traffic on view for all to see whether driving, walking or biking does not attain that goal.

Some of the communities surrounding the Galleria, have been established here for 18 to 20 years or more. Over that time-frame, builders have continued to develop residential properties to the east and west of the Galleria location with more in progress at present. Each of these neighborhoods adhere to the esthetic of the area pertaining to orientation, landscaping, colors and roadways, which affect a non-commercial feel when coming down East Venice Avenue. The new police station situated directly across from the proposed structure has added to the bucolic ambience with an edifice and landscaping that is compatible with the area. The proposed new structure needs to accomplish the same.

Therefore, I urge you all to say no to the appeal of the City of Venice Planning Commission denial of the Site and Development Plan regarding the out parcel of the Galleria at 1460 E. Venice Avenue until a more suitable plan is developed.

I sincerely thank you for your time and consideration to this matter.

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Dear Mayor Feinsod and Town Council Members:

Please take action to deny the appeal for Amendment Petition No. 20-08SP as recommended by the Venice Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission is responsible for approving building requests which meet Town requirements and standards. Both agencies have done a good job recently of balancing commercial growth needs, while taking considerations for neighboring residential areas. The recent approval and construction of the new Police Station and the new Eye Associates are good examples of this. East Venice Ave is a "gateway" road into beautiful Venice. It is a fine example of how attractive residential areas and businesses can coexist and flourish with good planning. The proposal needs to correct some serious concerns regarding, but not limited to, exposing the rear of the building complex to East Venice Ave, exposure of loading and receiving areas to the public, a drive through causing distractions to on coming traffic, sparse landscaping, visible dumpsters and the lack of compatibility with other commercial and Town buildings.

Unfortunately the new proposal for the Galleria Plaza does not seem to be well thought out or compatible with new construction taking place along Eat Venice Ave. My wife and I have been residents of East Venice Ave for the past nine years. We hope the Town Council will support the Planning Commission's recommendations and deny the appeal for the project, until appropriate mitigation steps are taken by the contractor seeking approval for building on this site.

Sincerely,

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