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To the Venice City Council Members:

My name is Elana Carnes. I am a resident at 201 Medici Terrace in the Venetian community. I am writing because it appears to me that the City Council has forgotten the meaning of residential community. Recent ruling on the Milano PUD is an outstanding example. Several items on the Oct 10th agenda further threaten our residential community. I ask that you **DO NOT APPROVE** these items.

Preliminary Plat Petition Section Bm Item CC 22-39PP

As of the last meeting the ownership of the 10.42 acre parcel on which Neal plans to build a shopping center was questioned. The Council's attorney said she was considering obtaining an outside opinion regarding the ownership issue. Has the ownership been confirmed by a party that does not work for Neal? If not, I ask the City Council to pause ruling on this petition until it obtains that expert third party legal opinion.

First Reading of two agenda items are also of great concern to me and my community:

Annexation of a 5-acre parcel between Aria and Vistera (ORDs # 2023-39 and 2023-40). I understand that an out-of-state developer wants the city to annex this property from the county, **zone it commercial, and build a three story, 214,000 square foot self-storage building on that parcel.** Some basic research done on this project suggests incompatibility both with our area (which is mixed use residential – the PUD neighborhoods) as well the City of Venice comprehensive plan (in which storage is indicated as an industrial use).

I ask the City Council:

- **How can a commercial/industrial use of this type be allowed in a residential area?**
- **If Neal was required to have publicly noticed meetings about his proposed**

shopping center, why isn't the City giving area residents a chance to weigh in on a plan to fundamentally change the character of our part of the City?

Change to Ordinance Numbers 2023-36 & 37 Stiles Corporation – Comprehensive Plan Amendment Petition & Zoning Map Amendment Petition.

It is my understanding that, if approved, these petitions will change the zoning designation at 3590 & 3600 Laurel Road to City of Residential Multifamily 3 (RMF-3). These additional units will only add to the congestion, traffic and noise that is confronting our community. Also, there is an active Eagles Nest on the southern border of the proposed development. What steps will the developer take to protect this nest? Will the landowner need to acquire a permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service? I ask the City Council to pause approval of this petition until these issues are handled.

Thank you for your consideration.

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