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**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
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Dear City Council Members,

As residents of Venetian Golf and River Club, we are writing again to voice our strong opposition to the planned shopping plaza on Laurel that Mr. Neal is intent on building, despite all the reasons that his plan is wrong for the surrounding area.

You are well aware of all the legitimate concerns that this plan poses - noise, environmental, storm drainage, etc. - but the biggest concern for us is the traffic and the absence of a traffic light, since the County will not approve. Having only a stop sign at the intersection of our current entrance on Veneto Blvd, and one at the entrance of the shopping center, is a disaster waiting to happen. There will be multiple lanes and turning lanes but only stop signs? Really? Will it take someone getting killed to say, "Gee, that was not a good idea....".

We must add that, if you have driven at all down Jacaranda Blvd., you'll know that this road is at times at a stand still. With all the new construction, it will get exponentially worse, and this shopping center and ensuing traffic will add to the congestion. We have been residents for 10+ years, and up until now, have not thought about moving out of Venice. But now, we have second thoughts about living here since it is no longer quite the "Paradise" we claim it is.

Thank you for your consideration on this issue.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [Kevin Brown](#)  
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Council Members,

We ask that you allow the building of the Publix at Jacaranda & Laurel Rd.

To us it is a safety issue, to go to the Publix on E. Venice you need to negotiate that dangerous and crowded circle, or Drive out Laurel Rd over I - 75 with all the trucks and Heavy commercial Vehicles along with the garbage trucks. Dangerous absolutely.

Letting the Publix be built will take some traffic off of the dangerous areas but also give us a close place to pick up prescriptions as well as healthy food. I am sure some of the naysayers will be very happy after the Publix is built and They, readily have access to some of their needs without having to go to the more challenging options at times.

Thank you all, Long time Venice area resident,  
K Brown

**From:** [John G. Singer](#)  
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Hello:

If the Shopping Center at Jacaranda & Laurel must happen, please make sure it will be safe.

This is your chance to vote to control the size and layout of what is to come.

Most importantly please think of the traffic and how it will be controlled.

If there are no controls, many accidents could happen.

Also, these days, storm water has become a huge issue. Please allow for the deluges that will most certainly happen.

Don't allow a new development ruin what is a lovely area of town.

Thanks for all you do for our city.

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Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

I am writing this letter to state my position on the proposed shopping center at the intersection of Jacaranda Blvd. and Laurel Rd. opposite the city fire and EMS station.

To my knowledge there has been no commitment from Publix, Aldi or Walmart Neighborhood stores to build at this location. But, regardless of what businesses occupies these stores proposed to be built there, I believe this is the wrong location for a shopping center. I believe it should be located further west opposite the existing businesses near the new Dermatologist business now being built. The City has a park designated to be built at this location, so with some additional adjacent land, this could be the shopping center, in the business area of Laurel Rd. and the park could be in a residential area, rather than a business area.

Additionally, our neighboring Publix's are already very busy. Once all the homes are occupied in Vista, we will be waiting in line to get into a grocery markets. Expansion of the existing Publix's needs to happen or another grocery store is needed near the Vista homes.

Thank you for the time you dedicate to making Venice a better place to live!