

September 9, 2022

Mr. Franklin Wright 521 Harbor Drive South Venice, FL 34285

Re: Summary of August 30, 2022 Meeting - LDR Petition

Dear Mr. Wright:

Thank you for meeting with City Attorney Kelly Fernandez, Planning Director Roger Clark, and me, to discuss your petition to repeal the newly adopted Land Development Regulations (LDR's). I found your comments informative and the discussion helped me better understand the specific issues you object to and propose to repeal or change.

Among the discussion points at that meeting were :

\* Attorney Fernandez explained the statutory provisions of an INITIATIVE AND CITIZEN REFERENDUM

\* I stated that for clarity, it is helpful to understand that among the issues being challenged in the newly adopted LDR's that we are discussing, there are three specific standards, metrics, or frames of reference: (1) the language and standards in the former LDR's; (2) the newly adopted LDR's; and (3) the specific standards or conditions advocated by the signatories of the citizen petition.

\* Frank Wright stated the following specific language of the newly adopted LDR's that he proposes to change:

1. Modify current building height limit in the downtown area to be 35 feet to the peak, with no exception for additional height

2. Exclude certain specific sections from the Edge District that are now included

3. Create a provision to establish a new historic district, by majority vote of property owners in the affected area

4. Maintain separate City Council advisory boards that are merged in the new LDR's: (ARB and HPB)

5. Establish specific restrictions for commercial development in PUD's

6. Establish mandatory environmental assessment rules for new property development

In addition to these six specific issues, it was emphasized by our staff that the LDR's are a living document, and subject to updating and change over time. Further, the Planning Director indicated that there are already planned changes to the new LDR's as the new document sections are implemented and tested. It was agreed that there will be further review of the new document and proposed revisions over time, but the main issues of contention by the petitioners at this point are the six specific issues

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listed above.

For purposes of furthering our discussion, I ask that you first advise if I have correctly summarized the issues that you raised at the meeting. Second, to ensure that I clearly understand your goal I request that you specify the specific language that you propose to replace the current verbiage.

Respectfully,

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