

**From:** [Stephen Ulrey](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** 2025-16  
**Date:** Monday, May 26, 2025 2:55:50 PM

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Dear City Council Members,

I would like to register my preference for the future development of the property is located at the northeast corner of Auburn and Border Rd, south of I-75.

The Comprehensive Plan was prepared and approved after a tremendous amount of effort and consensus. I believe it will serve us well if we honor it. The Planning Commission **UNANIMOUSLY** recommended to the Venice City Council that they **DENY** the request to increase the density for this property as the request is not consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

I understand that at least 20 variations from the Comprehensive Plan have been approved in the past 2 years. Its simple: Please just follow the Comprehensive Plan. I would say no more exceptions unless approved by the voters for the common good. This would eliminate policy exceptions that benefit special interests.

Steve Ulrey  
owner 960 Cooper St, unit 404

**From:** [Sue Ulrey](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** Against 24-6CP Fox Cove Comp Plan Amendment  
**Date:** Sunday, May 25, 2025 4:20:09 PM

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Dear Venice City Council members:

This message is sent to respectfully ask each of you to represent my views on ORD. 2025-16 Version:1. Please vote No.

Do not amend the 2017- 2027 City of Venice Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map and Associated Pages as requested in Petition No. 24-60CP.

You should deny the petition because it would negatively affect the city and its residents. It would especially hurt the area closest to the corner of Auburn and Border Road.

In general, I am against any changes to the Comprehensive Plan's Future Land Use Designations because it was studied, written, and expected to be the City Council's guide until it is replaced in 2027.

Current and prospective residents must be able to trust what they read in the city's official documents as they make housing decisions. Builders and investors, too, should know what is in effect is what both the citizens and City Council have agreed is best for our community. No one should expect their lawyers to win an exception.

Much time and many resources of the Council, City administration, and residents is being wasted when the Comprehensive Plan need only be adhered to in an ongoing basis until the 2027 Plan is debated and adopted.

Sincerely,  
Sue Buehler Ulrey  
960 Cooper St., Venice

**From:** [Jane Loerch](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan  
**Date:** Monday, May 26, 2025 2:21:04 PM

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Please please please stop voting for Amendments to the Comprehensive plan. Venice is overcrowded, infrastructure is insufficient and we don't need more and more housing exceptions.

Listen to the towns people !

Jane Loerch

Venice FL

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Cbjornsu](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** Auburn and Border Road  
**Date:** Sunday, May 25, 2025 3:33:05 PM

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Please vote NO on increased density on Auburn and Border Road.

Stay with the current comprehensive plan please!

Craig Bjornsund  
921 Circle Drive  
Venice, Florida

**From:** [Jeanne Kay Pasternak](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** Border Density  
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To Whom it May Concern,

Well, here we are again discussing an increase to the density for yet another property.

I do not understand why there even are standards set if anyone can just buy their way out of following them! Last month it was the Wasserman debacle and this month Border Rd. A great deal of time and planning went into setting these standards by those who know more about this type of thing than most of us. They wanted our town could maintain its charm and protect the infrastructure and this is all melting away.

I am begging you to stand your ground before there isn't any ground left and vote NO for the increase in density.

Jeanne Pasternak

960 Cooper

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Dan R Ezell](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** Border Road development  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 27, 2025 9:34:32 AM

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Dear Council,  
Please do not let another developer have their way in destroying our paradise. Vote no on the density exception for this property.  
Dan R Ezell  
381 Otter Creek Drive  
34292  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Florence Raber](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** Building  
**Date:** Sunday, May 25, 2025 3:13:05 PM

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Dear council members.

Can we have a moratorium on development? It's obscene the building going on, not to mention the unattractive buildings going up. Don't you have the powers over developers to limit building and preserve some open space . How about refurbishing some old store fronts in downtown Venice. There's a couple of " eyesores". It's a wonderful community- let's keep it that way. Growth yes, but within reason.

Respectfully submitted,

Florence Raber

No. Venice, Fl

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Joyce Morin](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#); [Joyce Morin](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** Comprehensive Plan  
**Date:** Monday, May 26, 2025 10:00:45 PM

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As residents and taxpayers, we expect the City Council to follow the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development regulations and exercise their authority and obligation to control development that is mutually beneficial to property owners and residents! Neighborhood concerns on road traffic is already overly congested due to beach traffic and would have a negative impact for all. Additionally, It is also necessary to deny any request to increase the density of proposed property!

Respectfully submitted by Joyce and Paul Morin. 361 Airport Ave East, Venice

Sent from my iPad



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**To:** [City Council](#); [Joyce Morin](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
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**From:** [LORRAINE BEST](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** Density on Auburn and Border Road  
**Date:** Sunday, May 25, 2025 3:13:02 PM

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Please do not vote to increase the density on Auburn and Border Road. Would love it if council would stick to the current comprehensive plan .  
Lorraine Best

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Krisanne Goumas](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** Increased density  
**Date:** Monday, May 26, 2025 3:06:49 PM

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Hello Venice City Council Members,

My name is Krisanne Goumas and I stay at 980 Cooper St. Venice, Fla for 5 months each year. Our Island Park community enjoys a quiet and calm neighborhood. We value this quality and want to keep it!

Please consider all the consequences of increasing the density at the Wasserman Property on Circus Avenue. Our little community is already surrounded by lots of traffic and busyness. If the increase is approved by you, there will be increased traffic, backed up traffic and headaches for the whole island, not just Island Park residents. Not to mention putting drivers, walkers and bike riders at risk.

Please use your brains and your hearts to make the right decision concerning this matter. I believe each of you know what that is.

Sincerely,

Krisanne Goumas  
980 Cooper Street  
Venice, Fla

**From:** [Krisanne Goumas](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** Increased density  
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Sincerely,

Krisanne Goumas  
980 Cooper Street  
Venice, Fla

**From:** [Kristin Hoffschmidt](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** No increased density on Auburn & Border Rd.  
**Date:** Monday, May 26, 2025 2:55:50 PM

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Dear Mayor Pachota and members of the Venice City Council,

I am writing to urge you to vote against increased density at the property on Auburn and Border Road. Please follow the guidelines in our Comprehensive Plan and the recommendation of the Planning Commission against this proposal, because increased density is not consistent with our Comprehensive Plan.

A great deal of thought, time, and energy went into developing our Comprehensive Plan to create a guide for Venice's future. It is intended to be used as a foundation for local decision-making, and sets the maximum level of development that can occur on any given parcel of land. I am concerned about this vote and the overall amount of votes that disregard this plan and do not consider the quality of life for the residents and visitors of Venice.

I urge you to vote no to increased density at Auburn and Border Road.

Sincerely,  
Kristin Hoffschmidt  
Venice, FL

**From:** [rosemary wright](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** North Venice Property  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 27, 2025 7:28:02 AM

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Location: northeast corner of Auburn and Border Road, south of I-75

1109 Harbor Drive S residents, William Furse and Rosemary Wright, strongly support following the Venice Thrives Comprehensive Plan denying a permit for increased density.

Rosemary Wright  
William Furse

**From:** [Kathy Granata](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** north Venice property  
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Please, please, please follow the comprehensive plan as far as density is concerned! The Wasserman property at the last council meeting was approved even though there was much opposition. Please don't let it happen again!

Our population is smaller over the summer months which means the opposition people will have less of a voice. I am a full time resident and have been for 40 years. Please stick to the comprehensive plan instead of allowing exemptions.

Kathleen Granata  
673 N Green Circle  
Venice, FL 34285

**From:** [rich.giangregorio](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** Please Stick to the Comprehensive Plan!  
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Nothing much more to say.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

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**From:** [Sandy Cordes](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** Please stick with the previously approved comprehensive plan  
**Date:** Saturday, May 24, 2025 3:34:06 PM

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Dear City Council,

This letter is to encourage you to please do not increase the density level for the property located at the north east corner of Auburn Road and border Road.

Please support the current approve comprehensive plan and do not allow increase density for this area. It is becoming overwhelmingly crowded.

Thank you,  
Sandra Cordes

**From:** [Bill Flack](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed variance change on Edmonson-Border Road  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 27, 2025 1:00:07 PM  
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As a long term (21+ years) city resident, I have been disappointed that this council has allowed so many changes to the Comprehensive plan which was paid for by the tax payers. These changes have hurt the character of the city, destroyed wildlife, increased traffic, and made life difficult for those of us who moved here because Venice WAS a quaint small town. I strongly request that you vote NO on the current request to change the land use of the land on Edmonton (Border) Rd near I-75. The planning commission unanonymously said NO the proposal. I am asking that you do the same. It's time our City council honor the requests of City residents and stop giving in to the developers and thir lawyers.

Sincerely,  
Bill Flack  
Pinebrook South



**Bill Flack**  
bill@flackbroadcasting.com

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**From:** [Cbjornsu](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Auburn and Border Road  
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Craig Bjornsund  
732-768-9024

On Sunday, May 25, 2025, 3:32 PM, Cbjornsu <cbjornsu@aol.com> wrote:

Please vote NO on increased density on  
Auburn and Border Road.

Stay with the current comprehensive plan  
please!

Craig Bjornsund  
921 Circle Drive  
Venice, 'Florida

**From:** [Bill Dowling](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** Request for Increase Permit- Auburn/Border roads property  
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I urge the City Council to deny the request for an increased density permit for the Auburn/Border roads property. Listen to the Planning Commission, which has unanimously recommended that the Council deny the request to increase the density for this property because the request is not consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

William Dowling

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*"We can either have democracy in this country or we can have great wealth concentrated in the hands of a few. But we can't have both." - Justice Louis Brandeis*

**From:** [judied31@gmail.com](mailto:judied31@gmail.com)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Board and Council Messages](#)  
**Subject:** voting on parcels of land on Border and Auburn  
**Date:** Monday, May 26, 2025 12:56:25 PM

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Dear Venice Council members,

This small piece of land bordering Auburn and Border Rds. is just a lead in to approving the parcel across the street which is much larger. I can hear the conversation “ well, if we approved that small section across the road, why not approve this larger one?” Both should be denied on the grounds of creating more traffic for Auburn Rd. As a resident of the SawGrass community, I can attest to the fact that Auburn is already too busy and too noisy. Can’t we just enjoy some nice green space around here? But I know that property with houses brings in more tax money than a vacant lot but it’s time we think about things other than money, especially when we are getting short on green space and we don’t need to create more noise and pollution. I hope you will consider voting NO on this matter at tomorrow’s meeting.

Sincerely, Judith D. Edmunds



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**From:** [Judy G](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk \(public email\)](#)  
**Subject:** City Council Meeting - May 27, 2025  
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TO: Elected Members of the City Council

The Planning Commision has recommended that you deny the request for increased density for the property at Auburn and Border Roads. This property is only 10 acres and will most likely include 2-story structures. If they are similar to those on East Venice Ave just west of Jacaranda, they be another strike against the beautiful village of Venice of old. In addition to this property, you approved Cassata Oaks also at Auburn and Border and decided a zoning change for the developer was imperative. Soon you will have Chalet of Venice, another 10-acre development to include 46 homes, before you. This is on Auburn Rd as well. These three developments can only affect flooding and traffic issues for the surrounding communities. Additionally, the density on such small plats with the type of structures likely to be built will lower the market value of the established communities.

Remember that you selected the Planning Commission members who determine whether property development is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. They have agreed **unanimously** that this property is NOT consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. This is the same Plan that City Council adopted for the 2017-2027 period. One by one, you approve applications from developers to increase density thus spoiling the wonderful village of Venice.

Please remember that you were elected to represent the Venice residents and not the developers. You were also elected under the premise that you would follow the Comprehensive Plan that you approved.

Judy Gerty