

## CITY OF VENICE

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April 14, 2014

Ms. Alicia Adams Human Resources Director PGT 1070 Technology Drive North Venice, FL 34275

Re: SCAT

Dear Ms. Adams:

The Venice City Council recently conducted a public "Think Tank" as part of its annual strategic planning process. The Think Tank engaged citizens from various segments of the community in discussions with the City Council to exchange ideas and recommendations on the future growth and direction of our community. Among the many comments and suggestions shared by more than fifty community representatives were several recurring themes including the following: (1) support of a young vibrant workforce; (2) protect the environment; (3) focus on the needs of young people and families, jobs, and affordable housing.

In fact, these themes and related comments are reflected in some of the Council's top strategic goals:

- Keep Venice eco-friendly and beautiful
- Support a growing and diverse economy
- Provide efficient responsive government with high quality service

In support of these goals, the City is pursuing the expansion of public transportation routes in and around Venice. Our belief is that expanded SCAT service will provide many direct benefits to our residents and businesses. Use of public transportation reduces air pollution, is economical for users, and creates opportunities for residing, working and shopping locally.

As a valued local employer I am requesting your support of a proposal to Sarasota County to expand SCAT bus service in Venice. Expanded routes can provide a cost effective and eco-friendly alternative to use of personal vehicles for local workers, visitors and residents. Please consider writing a letter of support that can be included in our formal request to the County. Your timely response would be sincerely appreciated and will strengthen our message to County decision makers. Thank you, in advance, for your consideration and support.

Respectfully,

Edward F. Lavallee

City Manager City of Venice

## The letter went out to all the following:

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