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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Venice City Council, please consider this letter of recommendation to nominate Student Government Day for the 2020 Florida Municipal Achievement Awards Florida Citizenship Award.

On Nov. 7, 2019, 24 Venice High School students played the parts of City staff, elected officials and charter officers during the City's Student Government Day. Students donned SGD shirts and spent time in their assigned departments, learning duties and getting some hands-on experience. After a provided lunch of salad and pizza, students ran a mock City Council meeting, with student "staff" presenting projects for "Council" discussion and approval that ran the gamut from practical to extremely creative. This program additionally provides students with a fun, positive interaction with municipal government.

Because of Student Government Day's success in giving high schoolers a close-up look at the functions of local government through a combination of hands-on education and role playing, as well as fostering goodwill among students and creating a potential pool of candidates for future student advisory board members and volunteers, please consider the City's nomination for this award.

Respectfully submitted,

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