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To City Council, City Manager Clinch, City Attorney Fernandez:

The so-called Vistera Settlement is a misnomer. A Settlement implies a good faith effort by both parties and compromises reached. This lengthy document is a **gift** from former City Manager Ed Lavalley and City Attorney Kelly Fernandez to Developer Pat Neal, basically "giving away the store". Not only is the density decrease, voted on by City Council when I was a Council Member, overturned, additional *give aways* never before seen are inexplicably included - a sweeping advance approval of height exceptions and various forms of elder care facilities, including independent living, assisted living and memory care.

Mega Developer Pat Neal's constant bullying and tormenting now has the City doing more than simply throwing their "hands in the air" (giving up, surrendering) but is "grabbing their ankles" (submitting to his authority and taking it).

The City Council will have a chance to reject this machiavellian plan tomorrow. But there may be a problem. Two members of Council were appointed and have never faced the voters. At least 3 others are known to have taken Dark Money, even if they didn't need it!

An unknown, I was swept in on slow growth sentiment, and those North Venice voters were passionate about saving their quality of life, which included green space, wetlands, native birds and animals, low traffic, tree canopies, and walk and bikeability, something Venice Islanders take for granted.

Will the new City Manager, a father of four younger children, see things differently and fight for responsible development? The test is tomorrow.

Joan Farrell
Former Venice City Council Member

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