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Good day council members,

I and my husband are long time, full time residents of the Venetian Golf and River Club. We've been very disappointed at the decision to put a shopping center directly across from our entrance. Now that decision has been made but there is still an opportunity to control the development.

The plan has so many traffic lanes at our entrance that we will no longer be able to easily leave the neighborhood. Turning left to Jaccaranda will be impossible as well as going to this shopping center across from us. Originally we were told how convenient it would be to be able to walk to shop. There have been studies done that show this is going to be very dangerous and they should not be ignored.

Most of Laurel Road has been or is going to be covered with housing or parking. Nature should have some right to exist. Where is water going to run off to? The water that is underground will be pressured to go somewhere. I've been told that houses that never had a water problem, have had water forced up through their flooring. Can you be sure that won't happen?

We enjoy watching the stars and planets. More parking lot lights, more car and truck traffic will brighten the sky too much.

I feel strongly about this issue and will be paying attention to how each of you votes. I would be at the meetings but I am disabled and it's difficult for me to get there. Please do the right thing for our community.

Sent from Joanne & Doug Browning

From: [Patty Schneider](#)
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I am writing this email to appeal to the council to please take in consideration the requests of the NVNA in regards to their concerns regarding traffic safety, stormwater management, and compatibility of use for this project.

As we have seen throughout the surrounding area, so many of these issues are not addressed prior to breaking ground, and we all pay the price with unsafe intersections, high traffic volume and lack of adequate stormwater drainage, just to name a few.

Once done, there is no going back to rectify these issues and the entire community suffers. Again, I sincerely hope these concerns the NVNA has brought forward are not dismissed.

Thank you,
Patricia Schneider
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From: [Mike W](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Mike W](#); [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Site & Development Plan Petition No. 22-40SP. Village at Laurel and Jacaranda
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>>>>> Honorable City Council Members:

>>>>> Sadly had each of you followed the LDR's and the recommendation of the Venice Planning Commission, we would not be reviewing a site plan for the Village at Laurel and Jacaranda in the Milano PUD on April 9th. I will never understand how you could have approved this project when Neal Communities had on several occasions assured Milano PUD residents that there would be NO COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT within the Milano PUD and certainly not on 10+ acres of wetlands and ponds that everyone had been told would be protected from development for 99 years. We all bought houses under false pretenses.

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>>>>> But here we are. So if you are going to allow the fill in of ponds and wetlands used by a declining population of water birds, let's do it so that it not only blends in with the Milano PUD residential community, but also does not cause any flooding problems, minimal light pollution, no increased traffic congestion, no increased crime and no trash along both Laurel and Jacaranda roads. I am not at all optimistic that you will be able to care for all of these nor worse yet that you really care what it does to the neighborhood that many of your constituents bought what they thought was going to be their dream house in Venice, the City of Paradise. Surprise me and step up and do the right thing.

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>>>>> As I drive around Venice these days, I think John Nolen is turning over in his grave at what is happening to his vision for Venice. Way to much clearing of Florida natural lands (and then burning of the vegetation) that ensures that I75 becomes a loud noise disruptor almost every day 6am to 8pm. It is no mystery to me why Venice now gets substantial damage with every hurricane that hits the swfl coast. The natural topography that has served Venice well over the decades has rapidly been replaced in the last decade with blacktop, concrete, ineffective retention ponds and non native plants in PUDS and strip shopping centers, car washes and storage buildings everywhere else. It's like we declared war on the natural look of Florida and want it too look like any other overdeveloped area in heavily populated states that new swfl residents fled.

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>>>>> There is more to a vibrant city than an over abundance of property tax revenues. Quality of life matters, so let's step up this time and ensure that quality of life for Milano PUD residents is addressed at the Village at Laurel and Jacaranda. Please don't roll over and give this developer anything they want like you usually do. It is getting old for lots of us who no longer sing the praises of living in Venice!

>>>>> Mike W

>>>>> A very disappointed Milano resident

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