

From: [Patricia Snyder](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: 6/22/2022 Public Comment Workshop for the Land Development Regulations - Increasing the height limit of buildings in the city of Venice
Date: Friday, June 17, 2022 3:15:17 PM

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Honorable Mayor Feinsod, Honorable Vice Mayor Pachota, Ms Moorem Mr. Boldt, Dr. Neunder, Dr. Fiedler, and Mrs. Frank,

I moved to Venice in 2018. In 2017, I visited a friend who lives on the Island and fell in love with Venice. The quaint shops, the variety of restaurants, the Theatre, library, parks, walking/biking paths all add to the small town feel of Venice. Four of my friends who visited me have since moved here (into preexisting housing).

When anyone visits they are taken aback at the overall beauty of our lovely city. Allowing more development will cause our quaint, historic city to becoming a version of Siesta Keys. Please don't allow that to happen. Don't change the structure of the buildings.

I ask you to NOT allow a change to the building heights. They do not need to be higher than 35 feet.

Cordially,

Patty Snyder
Narvaezi St.
Venice, FL

From: [Edwin Martin](#)
To: [Mitzie Fiedler](#); [Nicholas Pachota](#); [City Council](#); jboldt@venicegov.com; rfiensod@venicegov.com; rfrank@venicegov.com
Subject: 35 feet, height exception, Venice Theater, Church Tower
Date: Wednesday, June 15, 2022 11:30:57 AM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Ed Martin
City resident.

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Ed Martin
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From: blainedebra74@gmail.com
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Changes
Date: Thursday, June 16, 2022 6:00:38 PM

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As a resident of Venice, I feel very strongly that changes to the downtown area should not take place. Multi level buildings (higher than those already there), additional condominiums, etc. will greatly alter the quaint and special atmosphere of Venice. I believe that there is no reason to change something that's perfect. Please don't approve these changes.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Barbara Burgess](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Development
Date: Wednesday, June 15, 2022 7:46:13 PM

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Please don't change the charming city of Venice like they did in Vero beach. We don't need another Miami, St Pete,... Our roads are too crowded as well as beach parking. Wildlife are being crowded out. Quality of life is in danger. No high rises or over development, please!

From: [Marcia Platt](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: [City Council](#)
Date: Saturday, June 18, 2022 1:27:22 PM

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The Venice city council meetings have witnessed the overwhelming negative response to the proposed changes in our downtown area and the proposal of a regional shopping center on Laurel Road which now includes a gas station (never before mentioned).

These changes will directly affect quality of life for the following communities: Milano, Aria, Cielo, Venetian Golf and River Club and Willow Chase. on so many levels - traffic, noise, pollution, and a shift from a lovely residential area to a commercial area.

How much worse can it possibly get???

Now that Pat Neal has filed his plan we know how egregious it really is. What other surprises does he have?

I implore you to listen to what your constituents and voters are asking.

As a citizen of Venice for the last 6 years I can only wonder why you would not be responsive to your voters and reflect their feedback when it is time to cast your vote.



Marcia Platt-Heller
487 Padov Way
N. Venice, FL 34275
(609) 468-8808

From: [Edwin Martin](#)
To: [Mitzie Fiedler](#); [City Council](#)
Subject: Exceptions to Venetian Theme district requested, Laurel Rd and Pinebrook.
Date: Thursday, June 16, 2022 1:54:49 PM
Attachments: [IMG-0917.PNG](#)

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Comments E.W.

 **Venice Area Citizens for Responsible Development**
E.W. Martin · 2m · 

Here is another abuse you may be able to prevent. Planning Commission will consider this exception, next meeting. This change adds odd buildings and signs now prohibited by Venetian theme district

Laurel Road and Pinebrook. Doc. From CITY WEBSITE

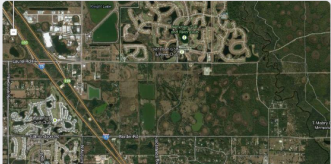
I. BACKGROUND
This project is located on Lots 3 and 4 of Plaza Venezia .The original site plan for this plaza was approved as petition number 11-7SP and subsequently amended in 2014. There are seven lots on the property, of which this project covers two at the northeast corner of the site.

The pre-annexation agreement on this property contained three conditions:

1. Connectivity to the west shall be limited to bicycle, pedestrian, and golf cart access.
2. The Venetian Gateway architectural style and signage standards shall apply.
3. Height shall be limited to 35 feet.




The original site plan for the property included the development of the Publix building, and this approval also contained a stipulation that future development of all outparcels would maintain landscaping consistent with the plans for petition 11-7SP.







II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION



Venice Area Citizens for Responsible Development
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891 Members

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From: [Kelly Michaels](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: FW: 65,000 square feet
Date: Monday, June 13, 2022 3:53:10 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Gary Scott <grscott520@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2022 3:47 PM
To: Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>
Subject: 65,000 square feet

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To Council Members and Mayor

I was shocked to see in the latest version of the LDRs that a 65,000 square foot building will be permitted within a PUD if the approved PUD allows it. There is a provision within the Comprehensive Plan that states that a commercial use within a PUD is to be neighborhood in scale, not regional. That provision has been specifically adopted by reference in the LDR. I do not think anyone can reasonably believe that a building 1 1/2 acres in size is neighborhood in scale. Given the language of the Comprehensive Plan, how can the 65,000 number be justified, especially when considering that the LDRs are supposed to implement the language of the Plan.

It has been suggested that a large number is necessary so that existing buildings are not found to be non-compliant. But there is a specific provision in the current draft LDRs that protects those buildings. That provision states that a building within an approved PUD is essentially grandfathered. Raising the size of allowed buildings in order to protect already existing buildings is not necessary in light of this provision. See 2.2.4.5 A4 Please consider taking another look at this issue. Residents of PUDs across the city need protection from oversized commercial buildings. Those buildings belong in areas zoned commercial, not in the middle of residential neighborhoods. Thank you. Gary Scott

From: [Kelly Michaels](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: FW: Change in Building Height Proposal
Date: Wednesday, June 15, 2022 4:16:52 PM

From: Sandra C. Perkins <scperkins845@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2022 4:07 PM
To: Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>
Subject: Change in Building Height Proposal

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My wife and I moved from Massachusetts to Venice in early 2003 after researching best places to live in Florida. A place to call home. Through these past 19 years we have seen a myriad of changes in the city, most have been positive and bending towards the arc of positive. With each new election of the city council attitudes change and council members, for purely selfish reasons and shortsightedness try to straighten that arc away from Venice's best interests.

Once again, we are at a major intersection of 'for the good of Venice' or 'for the good of some council members'. There will be no turning back, once built you can't lower the height of a building. And, it will not be to preserve what has made Venice what it is today, a city with a hometown aura. No, you can't hold back change, it's inevitable but you can help bend the arc towards the positive.

Walter and Sandra Perkins
196 The Corso
Venice, Florida 34285

From: [Kelly Michaels](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: FW: Draft LDR public comment
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 12:45:52 PM

From: Iris Williams <iris.j.williams@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2022 12:45 PM
To: Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>
Subject: Draft LDR public comment

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Please include my thoughts on the draft LDR for the 6/22/22 workshop.

I am opposed to the lack of size constraints for commercial buildings in PUDs. PUDs have been designated and planned to keep neighborhoods rather than congested sprawl. Planners have been working on this for a long time. Please don't rush into what some think of as an incomplete draft.

This is a divisive topic, as are building heights. Would it be feasible to put options on the November ballot after further public workshops?

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Iris Williams
198 Bella Vista Ter, Unit B
North Venice, FL 34275

From: [Kelly Michaels](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: FW: HEIGHT OF BUILDINGS
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 8:44:26 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: JD Dreyer <dreyerjd@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, June 19, 2022 8:46 AM
To: Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>
Subject: HEIGHT OF BUILDINGS

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BRIGHT LINE RULE! 35 FEET AT TOP OF ROOF. J D DREYER FROM WILLOW CHASE.

From: [Kelly Michaels](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: FW: IN SUPPORT OF THE NEW LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 8:43:04 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: Patricia Everson <patricia.everson@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 19, 2022 11:58 AM
To: Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>
Subject: IN SUPPORT OF THE NEW LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

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Dear Mr Mayor and City Council Members

I wish to express my support for the new Land Development Regulations. In response to the Mayor's observation that there have been no citizens expressing support for the plan, I wish to state that I have called and written many times to the Planning Commission in support of the first plan, I wrote support letters to open comments on line,, but did not see them published. Due to Covid, I did not attend nor speak publicly. As a full time resident of Venice, I am positive that there are many like myself who do not wish to get involved in "politics"!!!

This support includes the new regulations on height for the various zones within the City, including the last revision for the Downtown Area. Although I much preferred the original plan, this one seems to provide a compromise for the various parties concerned with the height restrictions in the different areas of the City.

Please allow this plan to go forward within the time frame set out by the City Planning Department. It has been discussed for many months, with workshops at various times of day and the ability to view any Planning Commission or City Council meeting on line at any time of day. Roger Clark has stated that it is a "living document", and can be changed in the future. Delay will only bring apathy and/or hard feelings between residents.

Thank you for your service to our beautiful City on the Gulf.

Patricia Everson, 633 Alhambra Rd, Venice,

Sent from my iPad

From: [Kelly Michaels](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: FW: LDL Workshop
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 8:45:09 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: Kathleen Schwartz <fastkath@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 19, 2022 7:56 AM
To: Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>
Subject: LDL Workshop

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I am a resident of Venice, FL.

I want to strongly state my objection to increasing the zoning height of buildings in our downtown historic district. I will be away next week and cannot attend the meeting. Please pass on this message.

Thank you, Kathleen Schwartz
304 Field Ave E, Venice, FL
941-303-6416

From: [Kelly Michaels](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: FW: Venice downtown height restrictions
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 8:41:40 AM

From: Elaine Lipinsky <elipinsky13@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 19, 2022 4:48 PM
To: Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>
Subject: Venice downtown height restrictions

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I was at the June 6 meeting at City Hall. You think the council members got an earful of what the voting people in Venice wants. But NO, they still want to put through their extra 10 foot on building heights and if that goes through someone is sure to request for a special permit passed that and where will we be, Naples or Sarasota, who both have lost their small town charm. The one Council member that said he has 1000s of people who wants it, how is he so sure? He and all of you should know that most people don't get involved but that is not saying that they are in favor of changing our beautiful, not so sleepy town anymore. Talking to people around town that has no idea what's going on and when you mention to them they (all I've talked to) do not want this extra height, but they are part of the silent majority, but they probably will be reminded when voting comes around and we all will make sure they will know what happened.

Elaine Lipinsky

A registered City of Venice voter

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [Phyllis Coviello](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Historic downtown Venice
Date: Thursday, June 16, 2022 6:26:03 PM

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I am writing to express my concerns with changing Downtown Venice. There is record development going on which is changing the aesthetics of both Venice and Sarasota.... In a very negative way! This is not the East Coast nor do we want it to be like the East Coast of Florida . Once you allow a developer to build 10 story structures to the existing downtown, I fear all of downtown and the beach area will become one high rise after another. Our beaches are impacted by too many cars and visitors, boating on our intercostal waterway is like driving on 41. Why do you feel the need to over develop, can you not see how you took a once great place to visit and live and turned it into an overcrowded construction zone. This is no longer a retiree and family friendly town, mist people can't afford to live here anymore. If you continue along this path of overbuilding with no consideration to what makes this community so special, it will just become another overpopulated beach community with 10 to 20 story condos. Such a shame that you would allow this to happen.

Please do your job and protect what makes our community an awesome place to live.
Filomena Coviello

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Barbara Viaene](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Barbara Viaene](#)
Subject: Land Development Draft Plan
Date: Saturday, June 18, 2022 11:08:00 AM

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Mayor and members of Council

I have read with interest the LDR and wish to express my concern with the classification of streets as detailed in Development Section III. In reviewing the descriptions for each category of complete streets, it is my opinion that the classification designated for Pinebrook Road should be Type 1 reflecting accurately the current description appropriate for Pinebrook road. According to the latest LDR draft that is ". Complete Street Type 1. This roadway type has a mix of uses within small blocks and allows for two lanes of vehicular traffic, and bicycle lanes on each side." I live in the Central Venice neighborhood and am a regular traveler on Pinebrook Road with my vehicle as well as to enjoy the walking trails in Pinebrook Park, it is truly a residential area enjoyed by many.

Please consider this feedback at your upcoming workshop regarding the Draft LDR plan.

Thank you for all the work you do on behalf of the citizens of Venice.

Barbara Viaene

From: 146bella@gmail.com
To: [Bill Willson](#); [Ron Feinsod](#); [Planning Commission](#); [Roger Clark](#); [City Council](#)
Subject: LDR Comments at City Council June 14
Date: Wednesday, June 15, 2022 2:52:33 PM

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Bill,

At the city council meeting yesterday I along with many others was shocked to hear as the planning commissioner your comment to the Mayor who pleaded on behalf of the thousands of concerned voters who have written, called and participated with objection to LDR changes . Your statement to the Mayor .. questioned how many thousand of the 23,000 Venice population showed the true color of the planning board and was arrogant as well is ignorant. You need to remember those thousand are Venice taxpayers and whether it's ten who object or 10,000 who object ALL get a consideration. You need to show the same consideration to the public as you do to the developers. Extremely disappointing !

**Debbie Gericke
146 Bella Vista Terrace C
North Venice Fl 34275
Cell 850-217-5958**

From: [Joan Roscoe](#)
To: [City Council](#); [Kelly Michaels](#)
Subject: LDR Public Workshop Comment - June 22 2022
Date: Saturday, June 18, 2022 3:00:44 PM

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I started coming to Venice in the early 1980's when my parents retired to this area. They picked Venice for the glorious beaches and the wonderful quaint downtown area. I built my retirement dream home here in Venice in 2005.

I implore the city to NOT increase any building heights ! It is:
--not necessary
--detrimental to the historic appeal of the city
--ugly

Please do not turn our beloved city into some type of high rise condo complex.
WE NEED HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS WITH NO EXCEPTIONS.

Joan Roscoe
882 Wood Sorrel Ln
Venice FL

From: [Lilian Carter](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: LDR
Date: Tuesday, June 14, 2022 5:08:49 PM

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Hope the council will take it's time and thoroughly read all the scheduled changes before approving new building development rules. We love the quaint downtown and want to save our historical buildings.

From: [Sue Stevens](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Overpopulation
Date: Sunday, June 19, 2022 7:38:18 PM

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Dear Mayor, Our beautiful area is being overpopulated and all as a result of greedy builders.. They leave the area and leave us to build up our infrastructure to accommodate the growing population. We don't nest another Naples or Ft Meyers, which Venice is quickly becoming. Our charming town and it's beautiful beaches will be so overcrowded that no one will be able to enjoy them.

Please, sir, do whatever you can to prevent this from happening.
Sincerely,
Suellen Stevens
Venice resident

From: [DIRK VAN OPPEN](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: PLANNING FOR VENICE FUTURE
Date: Thursday, June 16, 2022 10:25:07 PM

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DEAR PEOPLE, PLEASE COME UP WITH A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THIS LITTLE TOWN. I BELIEVE THAT DEVELOPERS HAVE AN OUTSIDE INFLUENCE OF WHAT WILL BE DEVELOPED. LARGE AND SMALL PLOTS HERE AND THERE ARE SUDDENLY PLOWED OVER AND CRITICAL HABITAT IS TORN DOWN FOR YET ANOTHER GROUP OF HOUSES THAT ARE TOO EXPENSIVE FOR THE AVERAGE CITIZEN. THESE ARE SO-CALLED GATED "NEIGHBORHOODS" THAT ARE REALLY ONLY CUL DE SACS WHERE PEOPLE ARE "LOCKED IN" AND WHERE THERE IS NO FREE MOVEMENT POSSIBLE.

THE DOWNTOWN IS A WORKABLE PLANNED CITY WHERE JOHN NOLAN'S IDEAS AND LAYOUT HAS WORKED WELL FOR MANY YEARS. THIS KIND OF PLAN COULD BE USED TO INCLUDE ALL OTHER AREAS AND INTEGRATE IN A LARGER AND "GREATER VENICE" THAT INCLUDES NOKOMIS AND BORDERING AREAS OF NORTHPORT/WELLEN PARK AND ENGLEWOOD. GET RID OF THESE "GATES" AND ALLOW FREE MOVEMENT OF TRAFFIC. I AM THINKING OF THE AREA OF "QUAIL LAKE" WHICH ALLOWS A REGULAR NEIGHBORHOOD WITH OPEN ACCESS FROM THE MAIN ARTERIES. HUGE DEVELOPMENTS LIKE "GRAND PALM" ARE NOT REALLY PART OF VENICE BUT ARE A CITY OF ITS OWN, WITHOUT A DOWNTOWN OR SERVICES OR EVEN A GROCERY STORE.

WE HAVE TO BE JEALOUS OF WHAT WE HAVE AND DON'T MESS IT UP ANY FURTHER!

SINCERELY, DIRK VAN OPPEN

From: [Marie Santos](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Please keep it at 35
Date: Sunday, June 19, 2022 10:30:38 AM

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It's hard enough to watch the destruction of the land and woodlands, please do not destroy the skyline as well.

35 feet not an inch more!

Thank you

Marie J Santos

From: [Edwin Martin](#)
To: [City Council](#); [Ron Feinsod](#)
Subject: Re: 35 feet, height exception, Venice Theater, Church Tower Sunshine/Council
Date: Friday, June 17, 2022 12:31:25 PM

I note Mrs. Moore is discussing height issues with some citizens on Face book, open comment. Does this pass Sunshine test?

Ed M.

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Mayor, City of Venice

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To: [Edwin Martin](#); [City Council](#)
Subject: Re: 35 feet, height exception, Venice Theater, Church Tower Sunshine/Council
Date: Friday, June 17, 2022 2:51:53 PM

As long as there is no communication between council members. She violated when she replied on my post. Anyone can reply to her posts except other council members. If you want to respond and have her explain how 42' is exactly the same as 35', please do!

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From: Edwin Martin <insidevenice@gmail.com>
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Summary,

Churches have long received special consideration under our zoning laws, permitted in residential area, for example. The non-profit theater, is a good example of another single exception.

I does not follow that the 35 limit, used by other “most attractive cities”, without an exception, should not protect the hundred or so retail shops, cafes, etc which make to City successful economically and esthetically.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ed Martin
City resident.

From: [MARYELLEN MCHALE](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Venice Building Variances
Date: Thursday, June 16, 2022 10:13:36 AM

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Good Morning City Council Members.

As a property owner in Venice since 2005 and a full time resident since 2015 I am writing regarding the current plan to allow height variances in Venice.

I urge you to consider the impact that such a variance would have on the residents of Venice. We, along with many other residents, chose Venice to retire to for the charm of this historical city. Once building codes allow this to change that impact will be forever. Please consider the residents you represent versus developers when you cast your vote.

Thank you in advance for your careful consideration on this issue.

Sincerely,
Maryellen and Jim McHale

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From: [art verpent](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Zoning
Date: Wednesday, June 15, 2022 10:03:38 PM

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You have to reject rezoning building height it's the future of the city we came here to love that is at stake. Stiffen up and make sure you maintain the character of our beloved city.

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From: [Robert Spinelli](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Zoning and Development Changes
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 2:22:15 PM

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Dean City Council,

My understanding is that the Council is considering changes to zoning and development codes that would have a significant impact on the character of the Venice Community. I am relatively new to Venice; I have been in Ventura Village since January 2021. That said, I was not not new to Sarasota. When I lived there I experienced the impact of changing zoning and development codes. These changes forever changed the character and fabric of the Sarasota Community.

Unfettered development (due to code changes) has led to over utilization of land, adding far to many residential and commercial properties on a small footprint. Traffic has become a major problem, more accidents and greater gridlock. It is very difficult to get to the best beach in Florida, and for the folks living year round on or near the Key their quality of life has been diminished. I know this because I had one of those residences. I sold and found a place in Venice.

I moved to Venice because it still has a small town and old Florida charm. It is not overdeveloped. I can still get to the beaches and not feel too crowded out or take a long time to reach them. Even during the season, the traffic is bearable. Allowing changes to the zoning and development codes invites unfettered development and will diminish Venice. It will become another over-crowded, congested Florida coastal city with little charm and reduced access to its public spaces.

Just look to the north (Sarasota) and the south (Northport - Wellin Park) to see the impact of more development. Does this council really want Venice to become another McTown with a blur of commercial strip malls, high density development that leaves little public space to enjoy.... if you can get to and park at what will be congested smaller public spaces. Do you really want forty minute drives to get from one section of Venice to another, because that is what has happened in Sarasota and is happening in North Port.

Please consider a moratorium on changes to zoning and development codes in Venice.

Sincerely,

Robert Spinelli
4354 Lenox Blvd
Venice, FL

From: [Belle](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Zoning
Date: Saturday, June 18, 2022 12:28:42 PM

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I am against zoning changes. I am also horrified at the many so called planned communities especially east of boundary road.

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