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**To:** City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>  
**Subject:** Preliminary Plat Petition No. 16-03PP and Conditional Use Petition No. 16-01CU

TO: Lori Stelzer, MMC  
City Clerk, Venice Florida

Dear Ms. Stelzer,

In the past four years, since we bought our home in the Sawgrass Community, we have witnessed the Venice area change in a negative way. There is too much overdevelopment by builders, who are disregarding the amount of traffic, noise and pollution that they are bringing to our area.

We have chosen the beautiful Sawgrass Community for its natural beauty both inside and outside the community. Auburn Avenue is still one of the most bucolic areas in our neighborhood. As you know, the horse farm, the church properties and the tennis club offer our community a buffer from the noise and pollution of I-75 traffic.

I am also concerned about the water run-off into Curry Creek that runs through our community. A flood will certainly cause many of us (retirees) to lose the value in our homes, if they are flooded and become moldy.

These are the main reasons that I oppose building the subdivision on the Southeast Corner of N. Auburn Avenue and Border Road (Preliminary Plat Petition No. 16-03PP and Conditional Use Petition No. 16-01CU). The 39.6 acre preserve which is being considered for 118 new homes was originally zoned for 8 homes. Why was this changed?

Thank you for your attention and I hope that you will strive to take into consideration the points that I have made. It really looks like we are running out of time to preserve some of the natural beauty and peace of Venice.

Marietheresa and William Austin

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