



**City of Venice
Planning and Zoning Department
Memorandum**

TO: Ed Lavallee, City Manager

THROUGH: Roger Clark, Planning and Zoning Director

FROM: Jim Yelverton, City Arborist

DATE: January 10, 2022

COUNCIL APPROVAL: Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL: Other

SUBJECT: Venetian Tree Nomination (Simon)

Background: Venetian trees are native or non-native trees designated by City Council as having “*significance, desirability, or utility to the community.*” Trees on private property are nominated by the property owner where the tree is located and consented to by all property owners where the canopy overhangs. Trees designated by City Council as Venetian trees will be afforded protections regarding removal and certain pruning practices. Incentives for Venetian tree designation include the following:

- an annual consultation by the city arborist for the management and maintenance of the tree(s);
- provided funds are available, up to a \$250 grant to assist with the maintenance of the tree(s), one grant per calendar year per property owner and a maximum of five grants per year may be awarded;
- possible waiver of pruning permit fees; and
- an information plaque placed on public property and on private property if desired by the owner.

Note: To date, there have been 4 Venetian tree designations, and 2 grants of \$250 applied for by Venetian tree owners.

Nominated tree: 525 Armada Road South; Banyan Tree (*Ficus benghalensis*)

Ms. Bobbie Simon, property owner at 525 Armada Road South, has nominated the subject tree. The tree is located on Ms. Simon’s lot on the corner near the intersection of Armada Road South and Park Boulevard South. The tree has several large prop roots, a 45-inch main trunk, and a wide canopy of approximately 80 to 90 feet. The canopy overhangs Ms. Simon’s property and

the city right-of-way. The tree has been well cared for and is in excellent condition. Staff considers the tree to be a good candidate for preservation.

Requested action: We respectfully request designation of the subject tree as a Venetian tree.

City Attorney Review/ Approved: N/A

Risk Management Review: N/A

Finance Department Review/ Approval: N/A

Funds Availability (account number): N/A

Original(s) Attached: N/A

Cc: Roger Clark