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**Subject:** Water Treatment Plant Relocation, Approval of Commercial Contract for 1795 E. Venice Avenue  
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Dear Honorable Mayor Pachota and Honorable Venice City Council Members,

I am City of Venice taxpayer owning property in the city limits but live just outside the city limits in unincorporated Sarasota County in Venice Acres. I am writing you today regarding the contract to purchase property at Auburn and East Venice Avenue for Water Treatment Plant relocation on tomorrow's agenda. <https://venice.legistar.com/gateway.aspx?M=F&ID=b26d8281-01a5-429e-bff8-800b2d91acb7.pdf>

The City should not consider the relocation of the water treatment plant from one part of the main gateway into the City to another. This property, which is surrounded by residential to the south, east and west, and small businesses and clubs to the north, is entirely inappropriate for a water treatment plant. Additionally, I am unaware of any outreach to residents in that area for feedback, opinions, or concerns for such an intensive use.

Has the city contacted the county and the county commissioner who represents this area, including the unincorporated area directly bordering the property on the southern edge of the property? It would seem as though professional courtesy should be extended to the commissioner who represents you and the area for feedback. <https://venice.legistar.com/gateway.aspx?M=F&ID=a51028b2-50fb-4085-9cc0-4147baafc2d5.pdf>

Much of the population in Venice Acres and the area around this property are working families who cannot pay attention to government or have to work during your meetings. They cannot leave their jobs to fill your chambers like retirees are able to do. While I don't represent them, I am one of them.

Furthermore, the second ask to purchase the property for other undetermined uses is a waste of taxpayer money. Taxpayer money should never be spent without a plan. I am disappointed that the city would even entertain this.

I urge you to not purchase this property. Protect the gateway into the city and the residential properties surrounding this property in both the city and county. This is unfair to this community.

I appreciate your time and your service to the City. I know serving is not easy these days.

Sincerely,

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According to the Gondolier the City Council is proposing to purchase land at 1795 E. Venice Avenue for a replacement water treatment plant!!! This is smack in the middle of a residential area. There is plenty of land to build something like this away from houses in Venice. How would you like to live next to a treatment plant????? I'll bet none of you would ever vote to put one near your house.