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Subject: Venetian Golf & River Club pickleball court hearing Petition No. 21-56SP

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Good evening,

My name is Kathy Giere and I am a resident of the Venetian Golf in River Club. We moved here three years ago with the anticipation of Pickleball's courts being installed here. It has yet to happen. There is currently an appeal of the Planning Commission's approval to install three pickleball courts at the river club. I feel it would be beneficial for our community to have these for multiple reasons. Pickleball has become a major sport in Florida and is an important asset to any community, not only in terms of home values but in terms of amenities available to residents. We also have a very active tennis group and by having these courts, it will help alleviate some of the congestion on the tennis courts. In addition, I would like to see our community keep up with the services and amenities of the newer communities going in nearby. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,
Kathy Giere

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Dear Mayor and Town Council,

To say I was disappointed at today's town council meeting is an understatement. Last March I was deciding between Vicenza and The Venetian. Although I preferred The Venetian, it didn't have pickleball. Vicenza has 4 beautiful courts located at their recreation facility. Everyone I talked to said pickleball would be coming as soon as January 2022. Now we may not even see it by the 2023 season. I was at the Town Planning Commission meeting where both sides were heard. The decision was made to proceed with the planned 3 courts. Now it has been suggested that we meet and find a compromise. It was well noted at the Planning Commission Meeting that we have already done that. It has been agreed to build a sound dampening wall and landscape to mitigate noise. Play will also not begin before 8:00 am and not having lights installed would eliminate any late night play. I really don't know what else can be done to appease the opposition. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America and provides health and social benefits especially for retirees. Please show the Town Planning Commission your support for their decision.

Sincerely,

Diane DiStefano
302 Mestre Place

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S21 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone

June 28, 2022

To the City Council of the City of Venice

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

My name is Tova Weinstock, and I recently became a resident of the Venetian Golf and River Club, residing at 101 Terra Bella Court. For over five years, during the twelve years I was a resident at the Wynmoor Country Club in Coconut Creek, Florida, I was an avid pickleball player. We had eight courts located near our condos, swimming pool and tennis courts.

Based upon my experience, as much as I enjoy playing pickleball, I am against the proposal to install three courts near the River Club, tennis courts and pool area at the Venetian for the following reasons.

1. The noise created by even one pickleball court is substantial, whether there are four players on one court, eight on two or twelve on three. This is true even if there is a special fence or other barrier installed to reduce the noise. The noise created remains intolerable to those nearby.
2. Placing the courts near residences, outdoor dining areas, tennis courts and swimming pools, as is proposed at the Venetian, will create a constant noise problem for all those living in the nearby condos or trying to relax while enjoying the recreational or dining activities. We found at Wynmoor that there was no way to effectively reduce the noise, and consequently, the quality of life was permanently reduced. There is no reason to subject a large number of residents to a similar fate simply to satisfy the desires of a small number of pickleball players.

Given the size of the Venetian community and potential impact of this decision upon all the residents, the matter should be reevaluated and a better solution found.

Thank you for your consideration,

Tova Weinstock