

From: [President Windwood](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Council Member Recommendation
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 11:08:32 AM
Attachments: [Letter of Recommendation - Mitzie Fiedler.docx](#)

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Mr. Mayor and City of Venice Council Members:

Please accept the attached letter of recommendation for Mitzie Fiedler on behalf of the Central Venice Coalition. We believe Ms. Fiedler has the experience and skills to effectively fill the current vacancy on the Venice City Council. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Steve Carr
Chairperson, Central Venice Coalition



Scope: Bordered on the South by East Venice Avenue, on the North by Laurel Road, on the West by the Pinebrook South Community and Bay Indies Community and on the East by Auburn Road, including Capri Isles Boulevard. Formed in 2016, the Coalition will seek participation from the Board of Directors of the Central Venice HOAs and COAs to ensure common and broad-reaching goals are identified and achieved.

April 21, 2025

TO: City of Venice Mayor
Venice City Council Members

On behalf of the Central Venice Coalition, I am writing to express our enthusiastic support for Mitzie Fiedler's candidacy for the currently available Venice City Council position. Having observed her effort and dedication over the years to our City of Venice community, we are confident that she possesses the skills, experience and interest necessary to excel in this role. In fact, although there may be other candidates with excellent qualifications, it is our belief there is no one better suited to joining the Council during this mid-year time period and easily and effortlessly fit into the demanding job of City Councilor.

Mitzie's extensive experience of civic service has demonstrated her serious dedication and commitment to the well-being of all city residents. Her attention to detail and thorough research of issues result in thoughtful, well-informed, well-documented, legal decisions.

As a proven leader, Mitzie has shown excellent ability to bring people together to address local and County issues. Her effective communication skills and collaborative approach have allowed her to work with diverse groups from all areas of the City of Venice to solve problems.

Due to her many years of involvement in local government, Mitzie has developed a comprehensive knowledge of the rules, regulations and operations of the City, County and State. She is well known by staff and has worked collaboratively with them on numerous projects.

It is with great pride that we recommend Mitzie Fiedler for Venice City Council. Again, we are confident that her skills, experience, and commitment will serve our community exceptionally well. She is well-prepared to hit the job running.

Sincerely,
Steve Carr, Chairperson, Central Venice Coalition

From: [Kent and Terri Ross](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Absence in seat 1
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 7:40:55 AM

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Please use a special election for the replacement of city council Board seat 1.
Thank you,
Terri Ross
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jackie M](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Board Appointment
Date: Friday, April 25, 2025 3:08:14 PM

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Council Members,

Although I am sure my comments will make no difference to you on this matter it is important that they be expressed. I find the procedure of appointing rather than electing a Council member to be just another short cut to avoid public participation in government. The vote last November that resulted in changing elections to every two years did NOT express any desire of the electorate to forgo "special elections". The process of appointment being used is legal, no doubt, but poorly executed, evidently with no chance for the public for the public to even officially know who the applicants are. The people of Venice deserve better. Jackie Mineo

From: [Barbara Markiewicz](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Seat 1 Vacancy
Date: Thursday, May 1, 2025 3:45:36 PM

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We would like the Council to consider nominating Mitzie Fiedler to fill the current Council seat vacancy. We believe that her experience and knowledge gained as a previous Council Member, and her devotion to making the City of Venice the best city it be, make her very qualified for this position. Also her constant work to keep our citizens informed about matters that the village is considering, and listening to our input on those matters, make her someone we'd like to have back on the board.

Thank you,
Philip & Barbara Markiewicz
159 Toscavilla Blvd.
North Venice, FL 34275

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North Venice, FL 34275

From: [Dick Longo](#)
To: [Nicholas Pachota](#); [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: City Council Appointment
Date: Friday, May 2, 2025 2:41:45 PM

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Hello. I may be residing in New Hampshire but my heart's still in Venice. I know that you will be making an appointment for a vacated Council seat. If it matters at all, I would strongly recommend Mitzie Fiedler. She would certainly "hit the ground running" and her knowledge, integrity and work ethic could not possibly be matched by any other prospective candidate.

I wish you all the best and hope you can make the right decisions as you have in the past and, hopefully, will continue to do.

If there is ever anything I can do to help you - collectively or individually - please don't hesitate to call,

Dick Longo

From: bonnique@aol.com
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Joan Farrell
Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 3:33:37 PM

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As a voting member of Venice, I would like to express my concern that you are going to replace Joan Farrell with a person that will likely vote to destroy 10 acres of wetland by Laurel and Jacaranda. We must STOP all this construction which is ruining the environment. We MUST think of the future of our state!!

From: [Karen Davidson](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: City Council appointment of replacement on Council
Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:23:48 AM

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I writing as a voting and involved member of the Venice public. I absolutely object to your proposal to appoint, instead of holding an election, for the available seats on the Council.

Since a substantial portion of the term remains and since the person leaving was a Democrat who supported cautious necessary development and expenditure of resources, an election should be held rather than an appointment by a board that is almost entirely Republican and allows developers open access to any land. In this instance, the land Neal is using is wetlands and unsafe!

Sincerely,

Karen Davidson

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From: covecot@aol.com
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: City council seat
Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:07:42 PM

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It is with great concern that I write you regarding the resignation of Joan Farrell, and her seat on the city council. I do not believe the council has the right to appoint a replacement who may be more in favor of other council members agenda. This is an elected official, and there should be a special election in order for the seat to be filled. The voters of Venice Florida deserve honest and fair representation. We are not an autocratic society. I think you will find many voters. In our community feel the same way.

Sincerely Candace LaPerna

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From: [Vicki Ryan](#)
To: [Nicholas Pachota](#); [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: CITY COUNCIL VACANT SEAT
Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 4:06:33 PM

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Is it true that a replacement city council member will be appointed?
If so, please help me understand why this is and why there would not be a special election or a slate of candidates developed for public consideration.

There is a growing body of voters **across the country** who take issue with developers, family members of developers, and those who stand to better themselves financially from being in decision-making positions. I am one of these concerned citizens. The conflict of interest is so blatant, they ought to be mindful of this and be embarrassed to try to get on the council.

Make it fair via a special election. Or, at a minimum, cast a net for a slate of candidates and host debates, Q&A sessions, etc.

C'mon... do the right thing here.

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Take good care,

Victoria Ryan
847 989 2605

From: [Barbara](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Board and Council Messages](#)
Subject: Mitzi Fiedler
Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:39:27 PM

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To whom it may concern

I have known Mitzi for almost 10 years. In that time, I have found her to be one of the most hard working, bright and thoughtful people at the Venetian Golf and River Club. I too am a member.

Not only did she raise her hand when volunteers were needed to head some challenging community services, but when there, she listened with no judgement and followed the law. She never had "skin in the game" except to bring value to what best served the community. She would be an asset to any board.

Most sincerely
Barbara Solomon
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Sent from my iPhone