



January 18, 2022

Ed Lavalee, City Manager Kelly Michaels, City Clerk Venice City Council 401 W Venice Ave, Venice, FL 34285 Re: 749 Knights Trail – 0376003010

Dear Ed,

This letter is in reference to the property on Knights Trail that was donated to Habitat for Humanity South Sarasota County in May of 2014. We are requesting that all restrictions and easements be removed from the deed to allow Habitat SSC to sell the property on the open market. Proceeds from the sale will be used to further the organization's mission to build safe, affordable housing in south Sarasota County.

Habitat SSC has leased or owned the property with the intention of building affordable housing for over 15 years. Unfortunately, the conditions of the agreement were never realized by the developer and that prevented compliance with the restrictions.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this request to the City of Venice and council. Please let us know if this will be added to the agenda for the January 25 council meeting. We look forward to moving ahead.

Sincerely,

Christina McCauley

CFO / Executive Director

COO / Director of Construction

CC: Joe Dalton, Board Chair