

## Lori Stelzer

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**From:** John Holic  
**Sent:** Monday, October 10, 2016 12:21 PM  
**To:** City Council; Chuck Walker  
**Cc:** Edward Lavalley; dpersson@swflgovlaw.com; Judy Gamel; Lori Stelzer; Heather Taylor  
**Subject:** Re: Request regarding apartment complex on Laurel Rd

Dear Mr. Walker,  
On behalf of Venice City Council, thank you for your comments.  
Sincerely,  
John Holic  
Mayor, City of Venice

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**From:** Chuck Walker <cwalker@4sbt.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 10, 2016 11:50:10 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Request regarding apartment complex on Laurel Rd

Dear Council Members,

As a resident of Venice area and small business owner, I am requesting that you approve the removal of the cap placed on this project so that an apartment complex be built to accommodate our need for affordable workplace housing. The ability to compete for employees that will live within these type of communities is hampered by the lack of availability. Venice is dire need of housing available for all economic ranges.


*Chuck Walker*  
Managing Partner

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October 10, 2016

To: Venice, Florida City Council Members

RE: Rezoning Petition 07-07RZ.1

On behalf of Venice Regional Bayfront Health (VRBH), I would like to express support for more attainable housing alternatives within the greater Venice area.

Currently, only 41% of VRBH employees live within Venice. Two hundred fifteen employees (about 22% of the full time workforce) earn below \$15.00 an hour and many of these individuals have anecdotally shared that it is difficult to find housing alternatives within Venice.

Our recruitment team has struggled to encourage seasonal workers to come to Venice due to the very high cost of real estate in the area. Additional options and locations would certainly be utilized by employees on both a full time and seasonal basis.

Housing closer to the operations of the facility will assist in recruiting talent for some of our vacancies and encourage existing employees to settle themselves closer to our operations.

The greater Venice area is in dire need of attainable housing. I respectfully ask that you grant this rezoning request.

Thank you for your consideration.

*Sincerely,*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John McLain", is written over a light blue rectangular background.

John McLain  
CEO

**Lori Stelzer**

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**From:** John Holic  
**Sent:** Monday, October 10, 2016 3:49 AM  
**To:** Bill Dwyer; City Council  
**Cc:** Edward Lavalley; Heather Taylor; Judy Gamel; Lori Stelzer; dpersson@swflgovlaw.com  
**Subject:** Re: S & J proposed changes to Laurel Road property

Dear Mr. Dwyer,  
On behalf of Venice City Council, thank you for your comments.  
Sincerely,  
John Holic  
Mayor, City of Venice

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**From:** Bill Dwyer <wtdwyer@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 9, 2016 9:57 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** S & J proposed changes to Laurel Road property

## **Dear Mayor and Council Members**

**We are writing in opposition to the proposed changes in density and height restrictions for the S & J property on Laurel Road adjacent to the Laurel Nokomis School.**

**The reason we moved to Venice 12 years ago was because this city had a sense of scale that was attractive to us. We did not want high-rises and heavy traffic like Naples and Longboat Key. The Planning Commission rejected the proposed changes overwhelmingly and we agree with them.**

**If this city wants affordable housing, we should be looking at the "tiny house" movement or Habitat for Humanity who is building affordable housing in our community. Please vote No on these changes.**

**Bill & Annette Dwyer  
402 Montelluna Drive  
North Venice**

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**From:** John Holic  
**Sent:** Friday, October 07, 2016 4:50 PM  
**To:** City Council; Terry Purdy  
**Cc:** dpersson@swflgovlaw.com; Debbie LaPinska; Edward Lavallee; Maryann Terry; travisv@vwinc.com; Jon Greco; A Maio; Alicia Larkins (alarkins@tervis.com); Jacqueline; Edward Pinto (edward.pinto@aei.org); Lori Stelzer  
**Subject:** Re: Rezoning Petition Support for Multi Family Project Laurel Rd October 11th

Dear Mr. Purdy,

On behalf of Venice City Council, thank you for your comments. There are two appropriate times to speak regarding the Multi Family Project Laurel Rd. The first would be under Audience Participation at the beginning of the morning or afternoon session; approximate time 9:15 a.m. or 1 p.m., the other would be at the conclusion of the public hearing and council discussion of the ordinance. That time slot is harder to predict but is anticipated to be about 3 p.m. or later. I hope this helps with your planning.

Sincerely,

John Holic

Mayor, City of Venice

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From: Terry Purdy <[terry@gomerritt.com](mailto:terry@gomerritt.com)>  
Sent: Friday, October 7, 2016 3:53 PM  
Subject: RE: Rezoning Petition Support for Multi Family Project Laurel Rd October 11th  
To: City Council <[citycouncil@venicegov.com](mailto:citycouncil@venicegov.com)>  
Cc: Debbie LaPinska <[dlapinska@pgtindustries.com](mailto:dlapinska@pgtindustries.com)>, Maryann Terry <[maryann@uwssc.com](mailto:maryann@uwssc.com)>, <[travisv@vwinc.com](mailto:travisv@vwinc.com)>, A Maio <[amaio@scgov.net](mailto:amaio@scgov.net)>, Jon Greco <[jgreco@gomerritt.com](mailto:jgreco@gomerritt.com)>, Alicia Larkins (<[alarkins@tervis.com](mailto:alarkins@tervis.com)>), <[alarkins@tervis.com](mailto:alarkins@tervis.com)>, Jacqueline <[jamoore@cityofnorthport.com](mailto:jamoore@cityofnorthport.com)>, Edward Pinto (<[edward.pinto@aei.org](mailto:edward.pinto@aei.org)>)<[edward.pinto@aei.org](mailto:edward.pinto@aei.org)>

City council Members,

I am part of an Obtainable Housing Group made up of the major employers, commissioners, developers, and many other individuals here in Sarasota County. The purpose of this group is to advocate, support and help in finding solutions for the much needed Obtainable Housing demand here in Sarasota County and to insure that the needs of our largest employers, including, PGT and Tervis to name a few are provided for, to insure they remain part of our vibrant community.

Often this demand is over looked as we often take it for granite that these employers are here in our town. Additionally and more importantly we have to answer the needs for housing by our local Police, Fire, Teachers, and Medical professionals, and let's not forget the thousands of servers and other professionals that make our way of life in Venice and Sarasota County amazing.

May of the members of this group would like to speak on behalf of this great and much needed multifamily projects being proposed on Laurel Rd. As many of us are tied to schedules we were hoping to get a more defined time to come and speak on behalf of this project.

Should you have any questions please CC all members on the chain or call me directly.

Sincerely,

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**From:** John Holic  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 09, 2016 5:41 AM  
**To:** Dallas Council; City Council  
**Cc:** Edward Lavallee; Judy Gamel; Lori Stelzer; dpersson@swflgovlaw.com; Heather Taylor  
**Subject:** Re: Support Letter for S&J Apartment Complet

Dear Mr. Council,  
On behalf of Venice City Council, thank you for your comments.  
Sincerely,  
John Holic  
Mayor, City of Venice

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**From:** Dallas Council <dallascouncil@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 8, 2016 9:43 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Support Letter for S&J Apartment Complet

Council Members,

I am writing to you as a local property and business owner in support of the advancement of the proposed apartment complex on Laurel Road. This type of housing is needed in our area to provide affordable housing options for our workforce community.

While there has been some opposition to this project, we need to consider the question of where our teachers, nurses, service workers, etc. can afford to live in our area. We are driving these folks out of our community thereby exponentially increasing the costs of goods and services, decreasing our local economy, and putting a heavy strain on local business owners to maintain a workforce that meets the standards that Venice deserves.

An article dated April 2016 in the Sarasota Herald Tribune discussed this very concern in Sarasota County. Former County Commissioner, Jon Thaxton was quoted as saying "They (The very folks who oppose these projects) don't recognize they're the ones making the need for an affordable housing complex in the first place," Thaxton said. "If you don't want an affordable housing complex in your neighborhood, you'll need to go to your doctor's appointment early so you can sanitize the room and take your vitals yourself."

Mr. Thaxton's comments are indicative of where we are, we are building and expanding to accommodate retirees and assisted living facilities but are stagnant in developing housing options for people that provide all the services and needs for these folks. This project, with its location close to schools, hospitals, PGT, Tervis, etc., will provide a much needed relief and will also boost local economy because the people that work in Venice will be keeping their money in Venice. We want them to not only be employed here; but live & play here as well.

As the immediate past Chairman of the Venice Area Chamber of Commerce, I saw first hand how the lack of affordable housing is not only affecting my small business, but is a severe problem for all small business owners, and large industries alike in our city and surrounding areas.

Letting S&J Properties move forward with their plans is a step in the right direction for our fair City.

Respectfully,



**Dallas Council**  
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