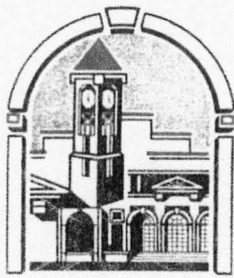


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Name: JEFFERY A. BOONE Date: 11/8/16

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization (if any): BOONE LAW FIRM

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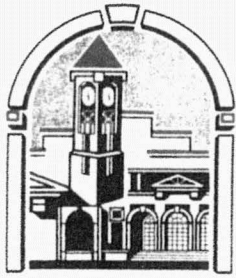
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Statement of Ed Martin concerning S&J Rezoning Request

November 8, 2016—Venice City Council

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am here today to make two suggestions for change in this zoning approval that I think will benefit the City of Venice residents. I have no material interest in this matter and am moved simply as a citizen, with a concern about the quality of life in the City.

1. Continue the requirement that the proposed buildings conform to the Venetian Gateway style. S & J agreed to this provision at the time of its original hearings before the Planning Commission and City Council. It was the City's position that Laurel Road was a growth corridor for the City and the intersection of Pine brook Road was a growing gateway. Most of the future growth in the City will be along Laurel Road and we wanted the new Venice residents to enjoy the beauty and ambience of the City. With that in mind, we also won an agreement from the builder of the Publix plaza at that intersection to employ a Venetian theme.

Here are two photographs of buildings, just as illustrations of how buildings conforming to the architectural standard and non-complying might look. I am not suggesting that the proposed buildings would look like either, simply providing examples for my proposal.

Finally on this point, currently the Council has approved buildings at 45 feet, although an agreement with county residents in Sorrento Ranches has limited buildings near them to the 35 feet anticipated in the Comprehensive Plan for Growth. The 45 foot buildings will be easily visible from Laurel

Road and are, I believe, that tallest buildings on that road. I believe the Venetian Style would make them more attractive to Venice citizens.

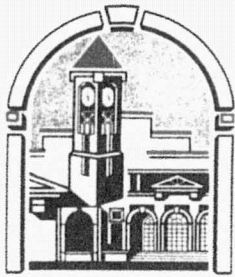
2. I would suggest that Council and the City negotiate with S & J to identify a percentage, to be determined, of the apartments that would be affordable to City employees, including fire and police officers and others, and to school teachers, nurses, and workers in the nearby industrial area. Such provisions are very common in cities, large and small across the nation and staff will have no difficulty bringing you suggested income levels tied to rents.

During your discussions the subject of rentals for such workers came up, but the City did not identify any specifics. The beneficiaries of such a provision would be citizens of Venice who want to work here, but often cannot find housing they can afford.

When the City originally approved this zoning it was for 8 units an acre, consistent with other zoning along Laurel Road. The City has, in the pending agreement, provided a 50 percent bonus to the developer and received nothing in return to benefit citizens. Some concessions were made for the County citizens nearby, but nothing for Venice citizens. Rather than 200 units, 300 will be allowed.

I ask that you postpone approval, if necessary, to allow S&J and staff to agree on a reasonable percentage of this bonus density. I have seen examples from 10 to 25 percent in other cities on ordinary zoning approvals not bonus additions, so this seems a modest request for the City to make.

Thank you for your consideration and best wishes to you in your deliberations.



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Organization (if any): Sorrento Ranches Homeowners Assoc Inc

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