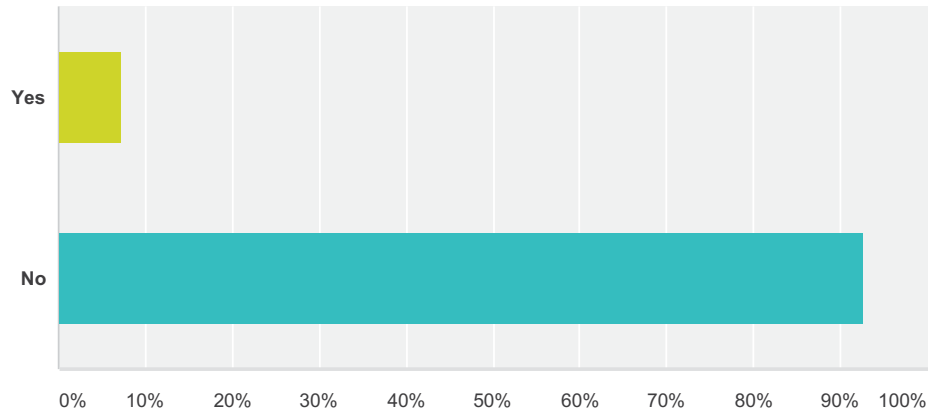


Q5 Should the median on Venice Avenue downtown be narrowed to widen the sidewalk on the south side, which would require removal of the tall Washingtonia palms?

Answered: 444 Skipped: 10



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	7.21% 32
No	92.79% 412
Total	444

#	Additional Comments:	Date
1	Definitely not !	1/11/2017 2:48 PM
2	Selectively remove palms from 41 Bus & Harbor and provide a double wide walk way in median & plant trees that grow to 31" minimal bushes. 2. Palms can be relocated and/or sold. There is demand.	1/11/2017 11:33 AM
3	The city's streets and Business 41 need more medians, not fewer and not a reduction in widths.	1/11/2017 11:19 AM
4	ABSOLUTELY NOT !!!!	1/11/2017 8:25 AM
5	How many pictures are taken of the Venice palms? They are getting old and should be continually replaced over a planned timing. If you remove the palms and pave over you might as well bulldoze the town! Restrict tables, how many benches do we need? Venice is becoming a hoarder.	1/10/2017 10:47 PM
6	Please do not remove the palms as it gives downtown Venice its specialness not found everywhere.	1/10/2017 5:50 PM
7	Terrible idea. These trees help to make Venice Ave more attractive.	1/10/2017 3:39 PM
8	The trees are the signature of the City of Venice. Don't remove them!	1/10/2017 2:48 PM
9	The Washington palms are definitely a part of the beauty of downtown.	1/10/2017 1:58 PM
10	Those trees are what gives the "paradise" look when entering the town!	1/10/2017 1:45 PM
11	No. If you widen the sidewalk, the restaurants will just spread out more than they are now. They are very inconsiderate of pedestrians at present and would certainly not improve.	1/10/2017 9:35 AM
12	Beautiful as is	1/10/2017 9:28 AM
13	Leave the greenery	1/10/2017 9:25 AM
14	Unless the Wahingtonia are diseased and need to be removed.	1/10/2017 9:07 AM

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15	The sidewalk is just fine.	1/10/2017 9:01 AM
16	NO! It's beautiful! Ask visitors, they ALL say how uniquely beautiful Venice downtown is. Please don't turn downtown Venice into "Everytown, USA". There are already empty store fronts. More empty space destroys the small intimate atmosphere. Once you break it, you own it. Start with position of doing no harm.	1/10/2017 8:48 AM
17	The palms are great.	1/10/2017 8:46 AM
18	Restaurants take too much free advantage.	1/10/2017 8:37 AM
19	Put in a left turn lane	1/10/2017 7:04 AM
20	Palms have to go anyway due to disease.....make it part of the streetscape/road park. Add picnic benches. Challenge the folks at the art center to make some cool benches.....like the one with a historical message further on Venice Ave. Mosaic is in now. I see Suncoast Tech has several classes.....	1/10/2017 6:56 AM
21	Absolutely not!	1/10/2017 12:21 AM
22	I think a plaza is a better option, or just leave Venice Avenue as it is with sidewalk and road upgrades as mentioned in option #6 below.	1/9/2017 9:16 PM
23	Need to keep the palm trees as they are its signature.	1/9/2017 8:12 PM
24	DO NOT REMOVE THE PALMS!!!! They are a part of Venice!	1/9/2017 7:09 PM
25	The trees are beautiful- please leave them/ it makes our town so special and unique.	1/9/2017 5:45 PM
26	I consider this coercive considering we have been told the palms are diseased and will have to be removed (and replace the contaminated soil too).	1/9/2017 5:43 PM
27	Never! Most of us stayed here, moved here, or left and came back to Venice because "it's Venice." It's the same as it was intended and that's what we like about it. Tearing that down, for occasional visitors, is not what we want. PLEEEEEEEASE Don't :(1/9/2017 4:39 PM
28	Do not believe this is necessary. Proposal serves no purpose. Only places where walking spaces are cramped is where outdoor dining is permitted. Again misguided proposal is based on business owners dreams of having throngs of people trying to shop their stores.	1/9/2017 4:00 PM
29	Unless it he timeline is detrimental to business	1/9/2017 3:23 PM
30	Definitely not, limit the number of tables restaurants can place on the sidewalks. This wasn't an issue till tables were allowed on the sidewalks	1/9/2017 3:07 PM
31	That would destroy the "look and feel" of Venice that is a major part of the attraction to downtown Venice. The downtown area should remain as it was originally conceived. This is what has attracted so many visitors and residents over the years...it is unique and should not be changed. We came here first as vacationers, bought a vacation home, invested in rental properties and finally moved here as year round residents. The initial appeal of downtown was a major factor in our choice of Venice. It would be better to close the street to cars, turn it into a pedestrian mall and widen the sidewalk, without destroying the beauty of the trees and other aspects of the center islands.	1/9/2017 2:49 PM
32	absolutely NOT	1/9/2017 2:05 PM
33	The palms add such character	1/9/2017 1:51 PM
34	The median is part of the charm of the city; after upgrades it is part of the character of the city center. Part of the sidewalk crowing is caused by restaurants' seating. Allowable "breadth" might be re-looked.	1/9/2017 1:36 PM
35	No, No, NO!! Doing anything that would require removal of those palms would be a stake in the heart of Venice's image. We look like "old Florida". That's what people love about Venice. This would be a SERIOUS mistake.	1/9/2017 12:38 PM
36	Please don't destroy the palm trees - they are the symbol of downtown!!	1/9/2017 12:23 PM
37	These trees are the iconic focal point of Venice....city of trees. Please keep the trees!!!! This is far more important than adding tables for restaurants in season.	1/9/2017 11:19 AM
38	Those trees are part of the charm of downtown Venice.	1/9/2017 10:38 AM
39	The palms are a big part of the charm of downtown!	1/9/2017 10:08 AM
40	Limit outside seating at restaurants.	1/9/2017 9:26 AM
41	ABSOLUTELY NOT	1/9/2017 8:32 AM
42	We are always adding foliage/trees so why would we want to remove these mature beauties?	1/9/2017 8:27 AM
43	No, the palm trees are part of the charm of Venice. Don't mess with it.	1/8/2017 9:34 PM

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44	Save the downtown Ambience by saving the trees. The addition of more concrete does not enhance downtown.	1/8/2017 9:11 PM
45	It might make less congestion where the restaurants have outside seating.	1/8/2017 6:58 PM
46	Find a way to let the people walk without trashing the environment. We need shade and the natural beauty.	1/8/2017 5:07 PM
47	They are the charm of downtown my visitors love them and DOWNTOWN AS IS	1/8/2017 5:01 PM
48	Do not remove any trees.	1/8/2017 4:56 PM
49	Hell no, a thousand times no....If anything I want more trees, not less trees....the fact that you should even bring this idea up tells me that you have no clue on what kind of ambience is best for our small town of Venice....there seems to be no philosophical compass guiding city planners, except to increase housing density, tear down trees and/or create more parking, which is pitiful and pathetic.....If you want more parking, buy the Pineapples building and its parking lot and put up a two story parking garage there....If folks can't walk from there to Venice Ave, then that is too bad.....	1/8/2017 3:47 PM
50	the restaurants need to be limited to how much sidewalk space they can use. they are blocking a perfectly wide pedestrian walkway. greedy owners want more paying customers. share the space more efficiently.	1/8/2017 3:29 PM
51	It is so beautiful now and the shade is welcome during the hot weather.	1/8/2017 2:12 PM
52	Absolutely not! Reducing the median and removing the palm trees would ruin the beauty and charm of downtown Venice.	1/8/2017 1:13 PM
53	If the downtown is not given a shot in the arm, it will move to another area.	1/8/2017 12:57 PM
54	Absolutely not! They are part of the downtown attraction and bring many visitors and consequently brings business to downtown.	1/8/2017 12:22 PM
55	I would rather see the parking on the south side eliminated to expand the sidewalk area to more adequately serve the restaurants and the walking public. This would not only save the gateway median to the shopping district but eliminate the safety issue of people attempting to parallel park along side diners (very scary). My husband disagrees with this suggestions.	1/8/2017 12:17 PM
56	These trees are beautiful and should not be touched.	1/8/2017 11:57 AM
57	Absolutely NOT. Why would you destroy the gateway appearance to downtown by removing those palm trees?!?!?!?	1/8/2017 11:40 AM
58	they are too beautiful	1/8/2017 11:32 AM
59	Are you crazy ?????????? ABSOLUTELY NOT !!!!!!!	1/8/2017 9:00 AM
60	The palms in the median are part of the traditional feel of Venice. This historic trend is up and coming. Look around the country. The feel of Venice is the new approach. Stop trying to do the 80's and 90's and appreciate what we have in the jewel of the city of Venice. If parking is the problem, add a garage off site that you charge for and transportation to get downtown.	1/8/2017 8:51 AM
61	NOOOOOOOO	1/7/2017 9:38 PM
62	That's just putting the question 5 into another 'version' and coming up with the same 'dilemma's', the same 'concerns' and something that makes absolutely NO SENSE. And why would you take away all those beautiful palms? It's like when Daley in Chicago, built the 'shiny lima bean, 'Millennium park' and totally destroyed a gorgeous skyline.	1/7/2017 7:45 PM
63	The palms add a lot to the feel of downtown.	1/7/2017 7:41 PM
64	Leave the downtown area like it is.	1/7/2017 6:25 PM
65	A very definite NO. The center median adds to the charm....a concrete sidewalk would not.	1/7/2017 6:12 PM
66	Heaven forbid, NO!!that	1/7/2017 5:52 PM
67	Insanity	1/7/2017 5:26 PM
68	No need to increase the available sidewalk on the south side as long as the restaurant outdoor seating is kept under control. We have not observed pedestrian gridlock, yes it can be busy but is not a safety issue	1/7/2017 5:14 PM
69	See comment above	1/7/2017 5:11 PM
70	One thousand times NO. Those palm trees add to the ambience of Venice Avenue and are one of the reasons we decided to settle in Venice because of the lovely downtown feature.	1/7/2017 5:08 PM
71	Please leave our beautiful downtown just as it is. Once these "improvements" are made, you won't be able to go back and recreate what is currently in place.	1/7/2017 5:07 PM
72	Keep Venice as Venice with the palms. Replace the palms as necessary and do not allow raising the Bldg Heights.	1/7/2017 5:05 PM

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73	I could see maybe "bumping out" the sidewalk by taking a few parking spaces for dining spots. Like Sarasota did.	1/7/2017 5:03 PM
74	NEVER !!!	1/7/2017 4:31 PM
75	Why remove signature tourist and resident symbolic trees to ease sidewalk congestion during the relatively short tourist season?	1/7/2017 4:21 PM
76	The gorgeous palms are part of the beauty of downtown Venice.	1/7/2017 4:05 PM
77	Seriously?? Who's horrible idea was this? Might as well start tearing down the old buildings & put up low rises like Naples. We moved here because this reminded us of the old, Old Naples. Hire an expensive consultant like they did and that'll fix everything, all right.	1/7/2017 3:43 PM
78	Workable but replace the palms with queen palms.	1/7/2017 2:30 PM
79	The median is gracious and distinctive.	1/7/2017 2:11 PM
80	Venice Avenue works and the trees are beautiful. If trees die, then they should be replaced. Leave the median alone.	1/7/2017 2:06 PM
81	THIS IS A TOUGH ONE. I SEE ADVANTAGE BUT THE ROWS OF PALMS ARE NICE, MAYBE PUT COVERED BENCHES IN THE MIDDLE FOR RESTING AND SHADE.PALMS LOOKED GREAT THIS CHRISTMAS.	1/7/2017 1:18 PM
82	This is not progress. Venice Ave is beautiful don't ruin it!	1/7/2017 12:43 PM
83	Keep the beautiful look of Venice Avenue.	1/7/2017 12:42 PM
84	The atmosphere the palms create is invaluable - an immediate positive pleasant and upscale image of our community.	1/7/2017 12:42 PM
85	If the walking mall is used the sidewalk and street would need to be reconfigured.	1/7/2017 12:39 PM
86	This is a very bad idea. The Washingtonia palms are a very important part of the ambiance of Venice Ave and need to be retained. I can't believe that this is a serious alternative. The sidewalk cafes along the south side do narrow the pedestrian path but are not a serious enough hindrance to warrant the removal of the palms. The median and the palms are all part of the historic nature of downtown and should not be changed.	1/7/2017 12:27 PM
87	Absolutely not!!!!	1/7/2017 12:01 PM
88	Not cost effective.	1/7/2017 11:55 AM
89	Absolutely NOT. Again, it appears that someone is trying desperately and unnecessarily to "think out of the box." It just supports the adage, you're never too old to be stupid.	1/7/2017 11:41 AM
90	The Washingtonia palms are one of the signature features of the downtown.	1/7/2017 11:28 AM
91	Why would you want to take away the beauty of the downtown just so people don't have to walk a little?	1/7/2017 11:19 AM
92	Money should not be spent so restaurants can put more tables on the sidewalk.	1/7/2017 11:06 AM
93	DUMB IDEA	1/7/2017 10:56 AM
94	Please do not remove palms.	1/7/2017 10:53 AM
95	Need space for parades; wide median is more elegant. Keep John Nolen's vision! Washingtonian palms could be replaced over time with more compact slower growing varieties. Meanwhile they can stand in as lightning rods.	1/7/2017 10:47 AM
96	No. See comments at Q.1	1/7/2017 10:46 AM
97	ABSOLUTELY Not unless replaced by other types of palms. The quaintness of the town will be lost!!!!	1/7/2017 10:43 AM
98	See above... stop spending so much energy and money on such bad ideas that try to solve an unagreed upon problem.	1/7/2017 9:53 AM
99	Do not touch the palms	1/7/2017 9:49 AM
100	Not yet, see how some of the above works out.	1/7/2017 9:28 AM
101	The trees add to the esthetics of downtown.	1/7/2017 9:19 AM
102	Not necessary to remove trees!	1/7/2017 9:14 AM
103	Never remove the trees!!!!!!!!!!!!	1/7/2017 9:09 AM
104	See above!	1/7/2017 9:05 AM
105	Improvement does not justify cost.	1/7/2017 8:40 AM
106	Palms are beautiful down	1/7/2017 8:39 AM

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107	The palms add a lot of charm to the downtown area.	1/7/2017 8:27 AM
108	The palms are uniquely Venice!	1/7/2017 8:14 AM
109	Outdoor dining should not block so much of the walkway. In many instances they are taking up to 50% to 75% of the sidewalk. We are not against the outdoor dining just make it more walkable without juggling around tables. They should pay for the extra space they are utilizing not just a minable permit fee.	1/7/2017 7:53 AM
110	So the taxpayers can pay for more free sidewalk seating for the restaurants? I don't patronize or even walk the Avenue anymore. Not interested in watching what everyone is eating or maneuvering around waiters.	1/7/2017 7:14 AM
111	It has become a land mark	1/6/2017 10:49 PM
112	LEAVE VENICE AVE AS IS	1/6/2017 8:35 PM
113	The palms are what make our downtown special. I've heard many people comment the reason they moved here because of the trees when they drove downtown. They have left a lasting impression on many.	1/6/2017 7:12 PM
114	I LOVE the median. It is part of the downtown charm.	1/6/2017 6:16 PM
115	Sounds more expensive than it is worth.	1/6/2017 5:48 PM
116	Can Venice remove any more trees??? no-leave the trees!	1/6/2017 5:13 PM
117	Again you have a beautiful downtown now. We don't need wider sidewalks for the 3 months that you have heavy foot traffic here. Putting more tables on the street is just a pain for your winter guest.	1/6/2017 5:04 PM
118	This is my strongest NO - we don't need to lose these beautiful trees to widen a sidewalk.	1/6/2017 4:47 PM
119	Current median area, for the most part, could remain intact...although many of the trees, shrubs, etc would have to be taken out to provide more access to cross from one side to another to facilitate easy access to shops, restaurants on both sides...IF THE PLAN ABOVE IS DONE TO CONVERT DOWNTOWN VENICE AVENUE TO A WALKING MALL WITH NO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC. Green space is wonderful...would just need some additional crossover areas of paver stone sidewalks.	1/6/2017 4:32 PM
120	I would need to see the Pros, Cons, and objectives of this project before answering Yes or No.	1/6/2017 4:26 PM
121	The landscaping downtown is beautiful and should not be touched.	1/6/2017 4:00 PM
122	Hell NO! Those palms make it beautiful. This year they did one heck of a job decorating those palms and making it beautiful.	1/6/2017 3:34 PM
123	The median creates a lovely boulevard effect which is highly unusual and is what attracts most people to this area.	1/6/2017 3:28 PM
124	ABSOLUTLY NOT!!!! THAT IS WHAT VENICE DOWNTOWN IS ALL ABOUT!!! SAVE THE PALMS!	1/6/2017 3:12 PM
125	Again, the palms are part of the attraction of Downtown Venice. It makes this area unique.	1/6/2017 2:54 PM
126	I would also suggest that parking along the South side of Venice Ave between Harbor Dr and US 41 be eliminated so a safe bicycle lane could be added. I regret the loss of any trees but those are so old they are creating other maintenance issues. We will need to replant the median so adding smaller flowering trees there would help balance the loss. Beyond all these changes we need to work toward reducing the number of cars coming onto the Island. Parking in the Seaboard area with shuttles into downtown and to the beaches appear more workable. We can never create enough parking space on the Island to satisfy all demands; we can only allow the area to become so jammed it is unpleasant for all!	1/6/2017 2:49 PM
127	Never ever remove the tall palms.	1/6/2017 2:44 PM
128	Please don't even consider this option!! I am envisioning me and several others chained to the palms!!	1/6/2017 2:38 PM
129	No need to remove the pams	1/6/2017 2:09 PM
130	Terrible idea. Trees vital to Venice image.	1/6/2017 2:06 PM
131	No, this would take away from the character, charm, and the identity of the island.	1/6/2017 1:25 PM
132	NEVER remove those palms !! Sick or dying palms should be replaced with same! The residents of Venice not the merchants are what's important	1/6/2017 1:13 PM
133	No, no, no! Part of the beauty of our downtown is the boulevard.	1/6/2017 12:51 PM
134	The restaurants have plenty of indoor seating most of the year, they do not need "free" side-walk space outdoors in addition to what they already use.	1/6/2017 12:27 PM

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135	More and more the sidewalks on Venice Ave. are being taken over by the restaurants making it difficult to navigate from store to store, especially for handicapped or strollers, so maybe this is the answer. Would the existing sidewalks maintenance belong to the shopkeeper who is utilizing it or the City?	1/6/2017 12:20 PM
136	Keep and expand the green area as much as possible! Give incentives to build gardens on top of buildings!	1/6/2017 12:13 PM
137	I see no value added to widen the sidewalk	1/6/2017 12:03 PM
138	I don't think that more outside restaurant seating is worth the elimination of that beautiful median.	1/6/2017 11:55 AM
139	Depends on # 1, 2 and 3. Washingtonias are dying anyway.	1/6/2017 11:53 AM
140	Do not remove any vegetation. Out of the question.	1/6/2017 11:49 AM
141	Such a bad idea! The palms are essential to the "Venice Image".	1/6/2017 11:40 AM
142	It is the charm of the city. Doing 4 above will take care of this issue	1/6/2017 11:29 AM
143	Again two questions plowed into one. The outdoor dining, which increases in volume as the snowbirds fly in, requires wider sidewalks on the south side of the Venice Avenue. Removing parking on Venice Avenue on at least the South side would allow for a wider sidewalk without narrowing the grassy median which adds to the charm. There are parking lots (seldom used) one is the underutilized (except on Sundays and holy days) Catholic Church parking lot off Harbor Drive north and another is near the Community center. There is street parking around Nolan park that is underutilized and other non-center town areas of the shops. All are near enough to promote a healthy and short walk to town. We live beyond the fire station on Harbor Drive and walk to town at least once a day for the amenities, the theatre, the library, the post office and we are in our mid 70's. Not a problem.	1/6/2017 11:28 AM
144	do not remove trees for concrete	1/6/2017 11:18 AM
145	Why????	1/6/2017 11:08 AM
146	The median as it now exists is what makes Venice unique.	1/6/2017 10:50 AM
147	This is one of the iconic aspects of the "tree friendly" city. This is what helps make our downtown so beautiful and appealing. This is a small city and that's what draws people here. This is so wrong that it's hard to believe we have a city government that would even consider this idea.	1/6/2017 10:46 AM
148	why would you ever destroy her nature for that	1/6/2017 10:41 AM
149	The palms add to the small town charm of Venice.	1/6/2017 10:35 AM
150	The council will cause the charm of downtown to be lost. NO NO NO !!!	1/6/2017 10:30 AM
151	removing the palms would change character of Venice. Neither Nolan or Olmsted would agree. Unlikely increase foot traffic in local shops. Eliminate parking on south side to increase width of sidewalk.	1/6/2017 10:29 AM
152	Sidewalk is more than adequate now and the Palms are Iconic. The palms should not be removed unless they are replaced with the same species of palms only half the age and smaller so that they will last.	1/6/2017 10:29 AM
153	No. This would destroy the beauty of downtown.	1/6/2017 10:21 AM
154	oppose destruction of the vista of the palm trees.	1/6/2017 10:10 AM
155	What purpose would this serve?	1/6/2017 10:10 AM
156	The Washingtonia palms are a differentiator for the downtown area. Us year round locals happen to love them. Also, there is no need for sidewalk expansion. I'm there constantly.	1/6/2017 9:46 AM
157	The very idea of removing such icons of the downtown identity is offensive!	1/6/2017 9:35 AM
158	Emphatic NO! Any proposal that entails removal of tall or developed palms should be rejected. Instead the city should consider replacing any diseased trees - palms included - and increasing the number of palms focusing on one maybe two new species (Cuban Royals) with assistance from a qualified arbor design firm.	1/6/2017 9:28 AM
159	Keep trees	1/6/2017 9:15 AM
160	The palms are part of the picturesque charm of the downtown area, especially during Christmas time	1/6/2017 9:13 AM
161	No, No, No! Sidewalks are wide enough. First, clean the sidewalks. Second, restrict commercial use of pedestrian walking space.	1/6/2017 9:02 AM

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162	That may be a necessary option, but the median is very nice and useful for pedestrian traffic trying to cross Venice Ave (Safety zone for bidirectional traffic crossing). As far as aesthetics are concerned, Centennial park creates a nice green space to make up the difference. But losing the palms would be sad but certainly save on maintenance. Also during Christmas, the palms are spectacularly decorated, so if they were removed, could Centennial park trees be decorated with lights instead? Please refer to question 4 for the idea of eliminating the south side Venice Ave (along the shops) parallel parking to widen the sidewalk along the storefronts, and have parallel parking only along the north side (along the Centennial park side).	1/6/2017 8:58 AM
163	This is the beauty of Venice Ave!!	1/6/2017 8:46 AM
164	Eliminating the median without some sort of palm plantings would change the look (curb appeal) of Venice Avenue, which is a major draw to the area.	1/6/2017 8:21 AM
165	If the trees are an issue, perhaps they should be replaced with a better species.	1/6/2017 8:05 AM
166	Only if another kind of palm was able to be planted.	1/6/2017 7:59 AM
167	The median is one of the things that gives the downtown area its unique character. People love the downtown area. Drastic changes will make it look like every other downtown. The problem on the south side is restaurants using it for outdoor seating, not as a sidewalk.	1/6/2017 7:51 AM
168	Palms are awesome Absolutely No	1/6/2017 7:43 AM
169	Save the palms. They are part of the draw. I have never felt like the sidewalk is too narrow and I walk it often.	1/6/2017 7:33 AM
170	It is historic and beautiful. Just upgrade what exists!!!	1/6/2017 7:13 AM
171	Insane!!!! John Nolan will be spinning in his grave. We will join a community action against this idea if it is proposed.	1/6/2017 7:12 AM
172	those palms are one of the defining characteristics of our City. Please don't shoot ourselves in the foot with this idea.	1/6/2017 6:22 AM
173	Anything to increase the traffic flow should be considered!	1/6/2017 12:12 AM
174	The palms are beautiful especially when lighted during the holiday season	1/5/2017 9:21 PM
175	It would be nice to be able to walk past the restaurants easily. If this is done, the restaurants should not be allowed to expand their outdoor seating.	1/5/2017 9:17 PM
176	Venice has one of the few beautiful and viable downtowns left in the country. I hope it can remain the paradise we all love.	1/5/2017 8:52 PM
177	The trees add to the atmosphere. Please don't remove them.	1/5/2017 8:39 PM
178	Need more info...what will the space be used for?? Sense you are looking at parts vs the whole.	1/5/2017 8:22 PM
179	the median is a focal point and a drawing card of the downtown.	1/5/2017 8:03 PM
180	This would destroy the uniqueness of downtown	1/5/2017 7:58 PM
181	NEVER, NEVER, NEVER! Be more creative with parking options to expand and get good signage!!!	1/5/2017 6:45 PM
182	No, that would destroy the character	1/5/2017 5:48 PM
183	definitely need to widen sidewalk to ease congestion	1/5/2017 5:35 PM
184	sounds like the restaurants are looking for more outside table space?????	1/5/2017 5:28 PM
185	These palms are beautiful and contribute to the iconic image of Venice Ave	1/5/2017 5:27 PM
186	Worst idea yet! Why would you want to destroy how the gateway to downtown Venice looks? This is simply crazy.	1/5/2017 5:20 PM
187	not eliminated but narrowed.	1/5/2017 4:50 PM
188	Whatever you decide, keep the Tall palms!!!	1/5/2017 4:40 PM
189	This is a terrible idea!!!	1/5/2017 4:24 PM
190	The only reason the sidewalk is cramped is because of all the outdoor dining spaces and I have no problem with them nor with dogs being along for snacks with their owners. The sidewalks are only crowded during special events and for a few days in season. That is no reason to destroy those historic palms	1/5/2017 4:16 PM
191	The trees are a great feature and should be kept at all costs	1/5/2017 3:50 PM
192	Those washingtonia palms and pineapple palms give a more regal, tropical feel when you are driving down the boulevard and they are beautiful during the month of December	1/5/2017 3:46 PM

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193	Remove the Washingtonians and replace with royal palms, Washingtonians are ugly and dirty any one who likes the look of these trees has issues	1/5/2017 3:43 PM
194	OMG	1/5/2017 3:36 PM
195	Save the Palms at any cost! Put bike trail in the median, like Winter Garden.	1/5/2017 3:09 PM
196	Sidewalks are adequate if you will restrict restaurants to one row or at the most 2 rows of tables. One restaurant has three rows! You have to walk single file to pass.	1/5/2017 3:07 PM
197	Slightly narrowing the median strip could help angled parking ALONG WITH keeping two lanes each direction. If at all possible, the narrowing would leave the Washingtonia palms in place.	1/5/2017 2:59 PM
198	NO WAY!	1/5/2017 2:49 PM
199	The beautiful landscaping with the towering palm trees make up a lot of the charm of Venice Avenue aesthetically.	1/5/2017 2:48 PM
200	The palms add so much character and charm.....they should be lighted all year around, too.	1/5/2017 2:48 PM
201	Those palm trees are a hazard and not that nice to look at. They drop branches from 60 feet in the air, have you heard one hit the ground? I can't imagine a child standing underneath it as it falls. We could add much nicer palms, such as Royal Palms.	1/5/2017 2:44 PM
202	If the sidewalks were widened then the restaurants would add more tables which would defeat the purpose. Limit sidewalk dining.	1/5/2017 2:19 PM
203	NO!!!! The palms are beautiful	1/5/2017 2:06 PM
204	The tall palms should be replaced with Cabbage palms as they do not grow as fast as the existing palms	1/5/2017 2:02 PM
205	will lose its unique charm.	1/5/2017 1:57 PM
206	It adds to the charm of the town.	1/5/2017 1:52 PM
207	NO!	1/5/2017 1:04 PM
208	A better answer is to restrict the restaurants from blocking the sidewalk as severely as they do now.	1/5/2017 12:59 PM
209	NO NO NO - The Washingtonia palms "make" the downtown area attractive to tourists. But, they should be carefully observed and maintained so that no palm fronds fall down.	1/5/2017 12:40 PM
210	Why is the City so set on taking away our beautiful palm trees? Shame on you.	1/5/2017 12:30 PM
211	We could always plow down all trees and shrubs and pave the place over, but the palms, as messy as some might think they are, create the old timey ambiance of the city.	1/5/2017 12:30 PM
212	We should never remove trees to accomodate humans that don't know how to travel down sidewalk properly.	1/5/2017 11:41 AM
213	This is what gives our downtown such character. Changing this for wider sidewalks will drastically change our small town feel and look. Quit trying to modernize what is a charming little town.	1/5/2017 11:31 AM
214	Do not need to widen sidewalks! Stop cutting down trees all over. Area is turning into nothing but concrete everywhere!	1/5/2017 11:13 AM
215	Best idea yet.	1/5/2017 11:08 AM
216	absolutely not....reduce the damned outdoor restaurant seating.....those palm trees ARE Venice.	1/5/2017 10:59 AM
217	This is a huge NO! we don't want to lose our beautiful parade of two rows of palms which is a prominent feature in downtown Venice. Restaurants have plenty of outdoor dining area by going laterally instead of widening the sidewalk. Restaurants can also change their windows to atrium style glass doors that can be opened in good weather and create the effect of outdoor dining.	1/5/2017 10:57 AM
218	The palms are Florida! Are you guys nuts?	1/5/2017 10:32 AM
219	This is a quaint downtown area- let's not turn it into an ugly city. Why do you need to widen the sidewalk? Is this to allow more outdoor seating for restaurants? Outdoor seating at restaurants is a hazard as waiters fail to look where they are going when serving folks.	1/5/2017 10:31 AM
220	The median is important to keeping traffic slow thought the downtown area...better for merchants and better for pedestrians. The city needs to do a better job controlling what merchants and restaurants put out on the public sidewalks.	1/5/2017 10:23 AM
221	Seems nice to do	1/5/2017 10:21 AM

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222	Don't quite get this survey question the way it's stated. There is no sidewalk presently on the south side of the median. Are you talking about shortening the length of the median at a specific intersection?	1/5/2017 10:06 AM
223	The palms are one of the "charms" of Venice.	1/5/2017 10:03 AM
224	Don't remove the palms.	1/5/2017 10:02 AM
225	remove one lane, or NO traffic on the south side.	1/5/2017 9:51 AM
226	Please no! Those palms are signature Venice!	1/5/2017 9:46 AM
227	However, converting to a walking mall would eliminate the sidewalk as well as the Washingtonia palm concerns.	1/5/2017 9:39 AM
228	If the sidewalk is too narrow it's because of the restaurants seating people outside. The palms are an asset to the ambiance of the Venice downtown area. Hard to believe you would consider removing palms vs tables!	1/5/2017 9:37 AM
229	Keep median as is. It is a beautiful entrance to Venice.	1/5/2017 9:37 AM
230	No...part of the allure of the Venice is the charming atmosphere of the downtown area. Don't ruin it to get a few more parking spaces. When I think about it you really aren't gaining very much with any of these ideas. I would look at other alternatives.	1/5/2017 9:32 AM
231	The green space makes the town, cuts down on noise. The sidewalk is adequate as is.	1/5/2017 9:26 AM
232	Do not need remove trees unless being replace by a canopy like vegetation. Trees and such keep area shaded and helps with the summer heat issue. Lets not be too concerned about the seasonal bunch. Best consider favoring the year round resident.	1/5/2017 9:26 AM
233	Violation of John Nolan Plan	1/5/2017 9:20 AM
234	Removing those beautiful palms would reduce the charm of downtown Venice.	1/5/2017 9:05 AM
235	Way too much traffic now. Build a parking garage on currents parking areas on Miami. Buy more space if necessary.	1/5/2017 9:04 AM
236	From what I understand now, those Palms are causing more problems because of their height and are really not needed.	1/5/2017 8:58 AM
237	I'm not typically down there during snowbird season, so I may have a bad perspective, but I think there is plenty of sidewalk space. Leave the beauty of the landscape!	1/5/2017 8:57 AM
238	In every historical photo I see of Venice Downtown, those palms make MainStreet- MainStreet. To remove those Palm would be devastating to our historical view of MainStreet. Just my opinion. Try to keep the aesthetic of the row of Palms.	1/5/2017 8:27 AM
239	No! This will not make enough of a difference to merit removing expensive palm trees that are already there.	1/5/2017 8:26 AM
240	The palms are a trademark of downtown Venice.	1/5/2017 8:26 AM
241	Heck no!	1/5/2017 8:11 AM
242	The palms are a downtown signature - they must remain! OK to narrow median slightly to increase sidewalk width on south side so long as the palms can stay.	1/5/2017 8:01 AM
243	Definitely not. That is part of the charm or Venice especially during the holidays	1/5/2017 7:59 AM
244	That would be a good solution. I read where those palms are getting too tall to take care of. It gets so congested on that side of the street with shoppers and eaters and people milling around.	1/5/2017 7:54 AM
245	That is a tough one. This would benefit mostly the businesses on the south side at taxpayers expense, and at sacrifice to the charm the palms bring to the downtown area.	1/5/2017 7:54 AM
246	The beautiful median is part of what makes our Venice downtown charming.	1/5/2017 7:22 AM
247	I can't believe that's even a thought. Don't be like Sarasota.	1/5/2017 6:51 AM
248	Aesthetics are a key component of Venice's charm. The big picture question is,,, Does Venice want to be like every other town and lose a strong recognition factor. The block adjacent to Tamiami Trail (Business 41) illustrates efficiency vs. aesthetics. Consider a reconfiguration of 41 with a parking garage away from the downtown charm. Add some foot bridges	1/5/2017 6:35 AM
249	Don't know	1/4/2017 11:06 PM
250	It seems fine and is attractive.	1/4/2017 9:51 PM
251	"If it ain't broke...."	1/4/2017 9:45 PM
252	The palms give us the unique charm we must maintain.	1/4/2017 9:40 PM

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253	See no 4	1/4/2017 9:35 PM
254	The median and tall palms are what makes Venice distinctive and draws people to Venice. To change this would turn it into yet another strip center parking lot. The problem is that this walk is very severely obstructed by benches, poles, trash receptacles, restaurant tables and every other type of obstruction. Remove those and the walk will be plenty wide.	1/4/2017 9:19 PM
255	Those palms are charming - and gorgeous at Christmas!	1/4/2017 9:15 PM
256	The palms are part of Venice's charm!	1/4/2017 9:06 PM
257	Most people do not mind some inconvenience if the atmosphere warrants it.	1/4/2017 9:06 PM
258	The tall palms are a huge part of the charm of downtown Venice.	1/4/2017 8:59 PM
259	Too beautiful to attack	1/4/2017 8:47 PM
260	Hate to lose the palms but would compensate for all the sidewalk restaurant seating which does provide ambiance	1/4/2017 8:43 PM
261	The Washington palms on Venice Ave downtown are iconic. Removing these beautiful trees would be foolish. If anyone in the world Google's Venice Florida, the first picture they see is Venice Ave and the palms. Please leave our beautiful trees alone.	1/4/2017 8:31 PM
262	Why remove one of the most unique aspects of a downtown area in removal of these magnificent trees? Sidewalks are plenty wide enough, except in front of stores that use public sidewalks for their private outdoor dining areas.	1/4/2017 8:26 PM
263	All existing palms located on the downtown median should be replaced with smaller flowering trees and smaller palms. The Washingtonia palms add little to the landscape because of their height, and the Canary Island date palms are slowly dying from diseases.	1/4/2017 8:25 PM
264	It sounds like we have new found money- let's waste it.	1/4/2017 8:14 PM
265	Absolutely not. What would we decorate at Christmas? What would make us smile with joy every time we see the Palms lining the Avenue? What on earth would be the gain?	1/4/2017 8:11 PM
266	It will ruin the aesthetics	1/4/2017 8:09 PM
267	making Venice Ave. a pedestrian street only is a better alternative.	1/4/2017 7:59 PM
268	Please don't ruin our downtown!! People come here for its small town charm, just the way it is!	1/4/2017 7:43 PM
269	Love the palms	1/4/2017 7:38 PM
270	Hell no. The trees are part of the charm of Venice, the reason people come here. We must not sacrifice our soul for traffic or parking expediency.	1/4/2017 7:36 PM
271	You have to stop building more housing in the area and wake up about handling crowds in the downtown area to do what you suggest is to destroy the downtown give them parking and they will come	1/4/2017 7:30 PM
272	Why remove the lovely trees to just help some merchants.	1/4/2017 7:25 PM
273	It would take away the beauty.	1/4/2017 7:20 PM
274	The sidewalk has to be widened eventually.	1/4/2017 7:18 PM
275	Absolutely not. Cut down iconic palms solely for the benefit of the restaurants that would crowd the sidewalks with even more tables? Really? First pass an ordinance for a 6 foot pedestrian clearance instead of the 42 inch requirement in place now, then ask again.	1/4/2017 7:14 PM
276	The median provides seating for parades! The palms are stately and add to the ambiance of downtown Venice.	1/4/2017 7:12 PM
277	Never good to widen shopping streets.	1/4/2017 7:07 PM
278	What, so we can have more outdoor seating that blocks pedestrian movement? Again, nada.	1/4/2017 7:06 PM
279	However, those very tall Washingtonians should be replaced with lower, slowing growing palms	1/4/2017 7:01 PM
280	Please address a bike lane somewhere on Venice Ave. If you widen the sidewalk, this would promote the restaurants to increase their sidewalk seating.	1/4/2017 6:49 PM
281	Although sidewalks are not always wide enough should correct this by working with restaurants to leave wide enough access. Maybe a walking path thru the median would assist with walkers. Would also like to see a bike path put in along Venice Ave. is too dangerous to ride in the traffic with car doors opening along street and sidewalks are too busy to use for bikes Walking with a stoller or wheelchair is a challenge in the space available now Do not want to loose the median but have the challenge of width also	1/4/2017 6:49 PM

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282	No just hire a contractor to maintain	1/4/2017 6:35 PM
283	See # 6	1/4/2017 6:35 PM
284	The median is all part of what makes "Historic Venice" historic. Those palms are an integral part. The median makes it look inviting, homey.	1/4/2017 6:27 PM
285	No, I don't think making ANY changes would improve Venice Avenue or the tourist District of the island, if anything, would only make it more dysfunctional, leave things alone!!	1/4/2017 6:21 PM
286	Sidewalk is fine. Kind of fun to weave amongst the outdoor diners.	1/4/2017 6:19 PM
287	We love those palms.	1/4/2017 6:19 PM
288	God NO	1/4/2017 6:19 PM
289	The palm trees in the wide median are part of the downtown Venice charm.	1/4/2017 6:17 PM
290	No removal of the palms ... they are the best and an awesome aesthetic to our downtown!!	1/4/2017 6:16 PM
291	I'm sure we can find exotic tropical plants to enhance the area	1/4/2017 6:15 PM
292	Wider walks are a great idea, but those palms are what make Downtown special.	1/4/2017 6:06 PM
293	Keep the zpalsms.	1/4/2017 5:31 PM