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Reply to: Venice

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The Honorable John W. Holic, Mayor and Members of the City Council 401 West Venice Avenue Venice, Florida 34285

Re:

City of Venice v. Neal Communities of SW FL, L.L.C., et al.

Case No.: 2017 CA 003532 NC

Dear Mayor Holic and Council Members:

The purpose of this letter is to request an attorney-client session in the above matter. The session, if granted, will be confined to settlement negotiations or strategy related to litigation expenses as required by state law. I expect those in attendance to be all Members of Council, the City Manager, Special Counsels John K. Shubin and Ian DeMello and me. A court reporter will transcribe the proceedings. I expect the session to last approximately one and one-half hours. If possible and if granted, I would like this session to be held on January 23rd from Noon until 1:30, with lunch being provided, in conjunction with your currently-scheduled meeting.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Respectfully

DPP/dgb

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