



## SARASOTA COUNTY

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November 30, 2017

Edward F. Lavallee, City Manager  
City of Venice  
401 West Venice Avenue  
Venice, FL 34285

Dear Mr. Lavallee:

In October 2011, Sarasota County and the City of Venice entered into an Interlocal Agreement (Agreement) via Contract No. 2011-421, regarding Parks and Recreation Services. Section 3 of the Agreement specifies a ten-year term commencing on October 1, 2011 with automatic renewal for an additional five years, unless the Agreement is terminated for cause in writing by either party no later than December 1<sup>st</sup> of any given year for termination on the following October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Sarasota County values the partnership we have enjoyed over the years with the City of Venice. We are also proud of the level of services we have been able to jointly provide to our residents. However, due to projected shortfalls in the General Fund starting in FY19, the County is exploring options to reduce expenditures. We will be discussing potential budget reductions with the County Commission in late January 2018.

Pursuant to Section 3 of the Agreement, please consider this correspondence as Sarasota County's official notification to terminate the subject Agreement on October 1, 2018. Notwithstanding the County preserving its right to terminate the Agreement, there will be no change in the level of services provided by the County through the end of this fiscal year.

As County staff formulates our potential expenditure reductions, I would like us to have open communication about the impacts and potential solutions. The County's primary point of contact will be Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources Director, Carolyn Brown, who can be reached at 941-861-5483 or [cnbrown@scgov.net](mailto:cnbrown@scgov.net). Please let us know who would be the primary contact on behalf of the City. We'd like to work together in planning a meeting for January so that this matter can be discussed further.

As always, thank you for your help, cooperation and consideration.

Sincerely,



Thomas A. Harmer, ICMA-CM  
County Administrator

c: Sarasota County Commission  
Stephen DeMarsh, County Attorney  
Mark A. Cunningham, Assistant County Administrator  
Carolyn Brown, Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources Director

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