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May 8, 2018

John Holic, Mayor All Members of the Venice City Council 401 West Venice Avenue Venice, Florida 34285

Re: Certificate of Need to Construct a New Nursing Home

Dear Mayor Holic and City Council Members:

I am a member of the Florida Bar and have been practicing Health Care Law, including Certificate of Needs, since 1983.

Pursuant to Chapter 408.036 Florida Statutes, a Certificate of Need must first be applied for and obtained from the State of Florida, agency for health care administration, before constructing a new nursing home. Before the agency for healthcare administration will issue a Certificate of Need for a new nursing home or additional nursing home beds, there must be a need shown pursuant to the formula contained in the Florida Administrative Code identifying a need for additional nursing home beds in the County.

The health planning experts that I work with tell me that it is very unlikely that a need will be shown anywhere in the State of Florida for enough nursing home beds to construct a new nursing home for a very long time.

Kind regards,

Very truly yours,

Stephen K. Boone