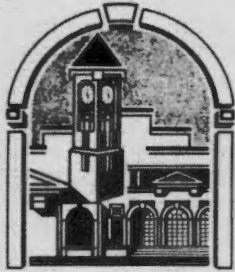


City of Venice
Request to Speak (print legibly)



"City on the Gulf"

Name: Derak Keville Date: 1/22/19

Address: 215B PK Blvd S.

City: Venice State FL Zip 34285

City Resident: ☒ Yes ☐ No City Property Owner: ☐ Yes ☒ No

City Business Owner: ☐ Yes ☒ No Telephone No: (941) 202-9472

Organization (if any): N/A

Please Check One

☒ Audience Participation - Topic: Red Tide - Sharks on the Pier

☐ During Agenda Item - Topic: _____

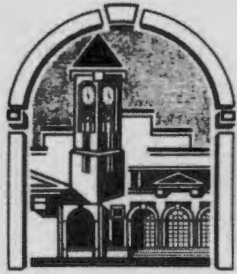
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"City on the Gulf"

City of Venice
Request to Speak (print legibly)

Name: Dawn Champiny Date: 1/22/19
Address: 610 Barcelona Ave
City: Venice State FL Zip 34285

City Resident: ☒ Yes ☐ No City Property Owner: ☒ Yes ☐ No
City Business Owner: ☐ Yes ☒ No Telephone No: 941 662 8487

Organization (if any): Hands along the Water

Please Check One

- ☐ Audience Participation - Topic: Economic Impact Excess Nutrients
☐ During Agenda Item - Topic: _____

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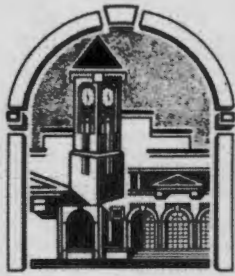
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Signature: Dawn M Champiny

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City of Venice

Request to Speak (print legibly)



Name: Valerie Jameson Date: 1/22/19

Address: 1622 Liscount Dr

City: Venice State: FL Zip: 34292

City Resident: ☒ Yes ☐ No City Property Owner: ☒ Yes ☐ No

City Business Owner: ☐ Yes ☐ No Telephone No: _____

Organization (if any): _____

Please Check One

☒ Audience Participation – Topic: S/W rule

☐ During Agenda Item - Topic: _____

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Signature: Valerie Jameson

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"City on the Gulf"

City of Venice

Request to Speak (print legibly)

Name: JOE KENOE Date: 1-22-19

Address: 1314 MANGO AVE

City: VENICE State: FL Zip: 34285

City Resident: ☒ Yes ☐ No City Property Owner: ☐ Yes ☐ No

City Business Owner: ☐ Yes ☐ No Telephone No: 715-497-9133

Organization (if any): _____

Please Check One

☒ Audience Participation - Topic: RED TIDE

☐ During Agenda Item - Topic: _____

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Signature: Joseph Kenoe

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City of Venice
Request to Speak (print legibly)

Name: CHRIS SIMMONS Date: 1/22/19
Address: 179 TOSEAVILLA BLVD
City: NORTH VENICE State: FL Zip: 34275

City Resident: ☒ Yes ☐ No City Property Owner: ☒ Yes ☐ No
City Business Owner: ☐ Yes ☒ No Telephone No: 571-201-7209

Organization (if any): NAT'L Wildlife Federation: VENICE NATURAL

Please Check One

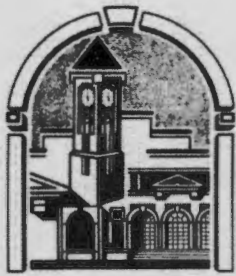
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☐ During Agenda Item - Topic: _____

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"City on the Gulf"

City of Venice

Request to Speak (print legibly)

Name: John Schwarz Date: 01/22/19

Address: 1358 Jamaica Rd.

City: Venice State FL Zip 34293

City Resident: ☐ Yes ☒ No City Property Owner: ☐ Yes ☒ No

City Business Owner: ☐ Yes ☒ No Telephone No: 941-382-6178

Organization (if any): Sharky's

Please Check One

☒ Audience Participation - Topic: Sharky's / Red Tide

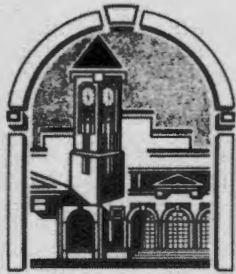
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Signature: John Schwarz

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"City on the Gulf"

City of Venice
Request to Speak (print legibly)

Name: Tavis A. Smith Date: 1-22-14

Address: 404 Revenna STS

City: Nokomis State: FL Zip: 34275

City Resident: ☐ Yes ☒ No City Property Owner: ☐ Yes ☒ No
City Business Owner: ☐ Yes ☒ No Telephone No: 641 376 8262

Organization (if any): Sharky's on the Beach

Please Check One

☒ Audience Participation - Topic: Sharkys Red tide

☐ During Agenda Item - Topic: _____

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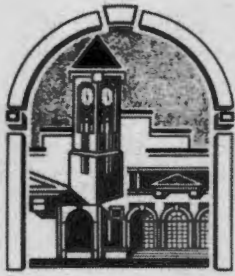
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Signature: Tavis A. Smith

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City of Venice

Request to Speak (print legibly)



"City on the Gulf"

Name: Rob Merlino Date: 1/22/19Address: 252 Glen Oak RdCity: Venice State FL Zip 34293City Resident: ☐ Yes ☒ No City Property Owner: ☐ Yes ☒ NoCity Business Owner: ☒ Yes ☐ No Telephone No: 508 397 2846Organization (if any): Hands Along the Water

Please Check One

☒ Audience Participation - Topic: Stormwater☐ During Agenda Item - Topic: _____

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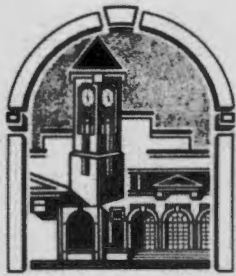
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City of Venice

Request to Speak (print legibly)



"City on the Gulf"

Name: JILL LUKE Date: 1/22/19

Address: 7265 BELCREST CRT.

City: NORTH PORT State FL Zip 34287

City Resident: ☐ Yes ☒ No City Property Owner: ☐ Yes ☒ No
City Business Owner: ☐ Yes ☒ No Telephone No: 941.518.5057

Organization (if any): _____

Please Check One

- ☒ Audience Participation - Topic: STORMWATER
☐ During Agenda Item - Topic: _____

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Signature: Jill Luke

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City of Venice

Request to Speak (print legibly)



"City on the Gulf"

Name: Tony Mcchesney Date: 1-22-19
Address: 604 Palmetto Dr.
City: Venice State FL Zip 34293

City Resident: ☐ Yes ☒ No City Property Owner: ☐ Yes ☒ No
City Business Owner: ☐ Yes ☒ No Telephone No: 941-468-7728

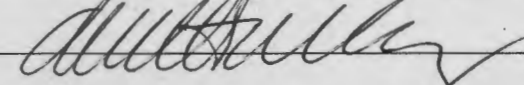
Organization (if any): Hands Along the Water

Please Check One

☒ Audience Participation - Topic: Agenda Item 19-3736
☐ During Agenda Item - Topic: _____

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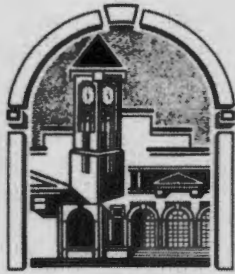
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City of Venice

Request to Speak (print legibly)



"City on the Gulf"

Name: Brian Kelly Date: _____

Address: 1308 Laurel Ave

City: Venice State FL Zip 34285

City Resident: ☒ Yes ☐ No City Property Owner: ☒ Yes ☐ No

City Business Owner: ☐ Yes ☒ No Telephone No: _____

Organization (if any): Hands along the water

Please Check One

☒ Audience Participation – Topic: 19-3736

☐ During Agenda Item - Topic: _____

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Signature: Brian Kelly

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#3

City of Venice

Request to Speak (print legibly)



"City on the Gulf"

Name: Marianna Smith Date: 1/22/19

Address: 316 Gardenia Rd

City: Venice State FL Zip 34293

City Resident ☒ Yes ☐ No City Property Owner: ☐ Yes ☒ No

City Business Owner: ☐ Yes ☒ No Telephone No: _____

Organization (if any): Hands along the water

Please Check One

☒ Audience Participation – Topic: Agenda Item 19-3736

☐ During Agenda Item - Topic: _____

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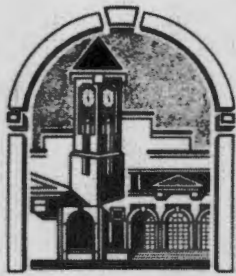
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City of Venice

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Request to Speak (print legibly)



Name: JOSEPH BRUNO Date: 1/22/19

Address: 1815 FIELD ROAD

City: SARASOTA State FL Zip 34231

City Resident: ☐ Yes ☒ No City Property Owner: ☐ Yes ☒ No
City Business Owner: ☐ Yes ☒ No Telephone No: 917 690-6194

Organization (if any): HANDS ALONG THE WATER

Please Check One

☒ Audience Participation - Topic: AGENDA ITEM 19-3736

☐ During Agenda Item - Topic: _____

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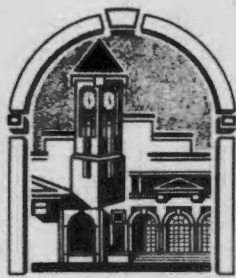
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Signature: Joseph Bruno

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City of Venice

Request to Speak (print legibly)



"City on the Gulf"

Name: SUSAN ECKLER Date: 1/22/19Address: 11706 GROOMSAN CTCity: VENICE State FL Zip 34292City Resident: ☐ Yes ☒ No City Property Owner: ☒ Yes ☒ NoCity Business Owner: ☐ Yes ☐ No Telephone No: 941-408-5362Organization (if any): HANDS ALONG THE WATER

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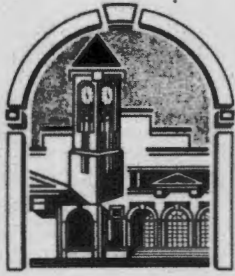
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Signature: Susan Eckler

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"City on the Gulf"

City of Venice
Request to Speak (print legibly)

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Name: John Marino Date: 1/22/19

Address: 19671 Queto St

City: Venue State FL Zip 34293

City Resident: ☐ Yes ☒ No City Property Owner: ☐ Yes ☒ No

City Business Owner: ☐ Yes ☒ No Telephone No: 804-387-6774

Organization (if any): HATW

Please Check One

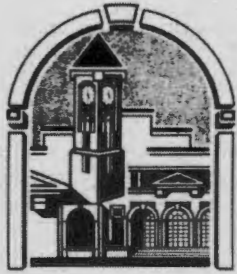
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☐ During Agenda Item - Topic: 1937-36

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Signature: [Signature]

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City of Venice
Request to Speak (print legibly)

Name: Darlene Lucas Date: 1/22/19

Address: 1750 6th Street

City: Englewood State FL Zip 34223

City Resident: ☐ Yes ☒ No City Property Owner: ☐ Yes ☒ No

City Business Owner: ☐ Yes ☒ No Telephone No: 941 460-1806

Organization (if any): Hands Along the Water

Please Check One

☒ Audience Participation – Topic: glyphosate / Round Up

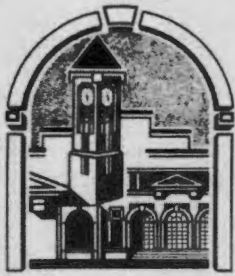
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Signature: Darlene Lucas

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"City on the Gulf"

Janet Fennessy
City of Venice
Request to Speak (print legibly)

Name: Janet L Fennessy Date: 1-22-2019

Address: 5914 Plowman Rd

City: Venice State: FL Zip: 33529

City Resident: ☐ Yes ☒ No City Property Owner: ☐ Yes ☒ No

City Business Owner: ☐ Yes ☒ No Telephone No: _____

Organization (if any): Hands Along the Water

Please Check One

☒ Audience Participation - Topic: Beach Pipers

☐ During Agenda Item - Topic: _____

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Signature: Janet L Fennessy

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What we really need to do to save Florida's water.

Restore Our Water Law

We have been polluting our lakes, rivers, and streams for a long time, and now it's coming back to haunt us. Fertilizer runoff from farm fields is a problem. Manure runoff from areas where livestock are concentrated is a problem. Runoff from our yards and lawns is a problem. Failed septic systems are also a problem. This is called nutrient loading. Algae blooms in toxic red tide is made worse by nutrient loading. Red tide has been around forever but never this toxic and never lasting this long. Red tide will destroy the economy of Florida, kill marine life, and make everyone sick. Nutrient loading is a major contributor to toxic red tide. Here is a law we must pass to greatly reduce this nutrient loading.

Buffer Zones

All land, public and private, that is tilled to grow crops, or have livestock concentrated in one area, such as milking parlors, polled heifers, turkey barns, hog pens, and feed lots, will have a 50 foot undisturbed soil buffer zone along all sides of lakes, rivers, streams, drainage ditches, and drain tile. No fertilizer can be applied in the buffer zone. If the buffer zone is fenced no livestock can be within the buffer zone. The fine will be \$1 per day per foot of non-compliant land. The law will be enforced and fines will be collected by the state Environmental Department. The law will go into effect 1 year after Passage.

Residential Lawn Fertilizer

This law is in effect for all lands public and private. Residential lawn fertilizer can only be applied by a licensed professional. This professional must follow all local and state laws. The law will be enforced and fines collected by the State Environmental Department. The fine will be \$1,000 per occurrence. The law will go into effect 1 year after passage.

Septic Testing

This law is in effect for all lands public and private. All septic tanks and systems in this State will be tested within two years by a licensed professional. All failed systems will have one year to be repaired or abandoned. Tanks and systems must then be tested at least every 10 years. The fine will be \$10 per day for septic systems still in use after the one-year repair or abandonment period. The fine will be enforced and collected by the State Environmental Department. The law will go into effect 1 year after passage.

Florida Friendly Landscape

This law is in effect for all lands public and private. All new construction will include Florida friendly landscaping. No Saint Augustine grass. The fine will be \$1,000 per occurrence. The fine will be enforced and collected by the State Environmental department. The law will go into effect 1 year after passage.

Contact your local state Representative and Senator and tell them to sponsor the Restore Our Water Law. Remember they work for you.

State representative James Buchanan has requested a meeting with me February 1st to discuss this law and I will ask for his endorsement and sponsorship.

Venice area;

district 23 State senator Joe Gruters 941-914-2004 gruters.joe@flsenate.com

District 74 State representative James Buchanan 850-717-5074 james.buchanan@myfloridahouse.gov

Governor Ron DeSantis Governorron.desantis@myflorida.com

Other things we can do;

Remember to pick up your pet waste.

Compost your food scraps or put them in the garbage, not in the garbage disposal.

Blow or sweep your grass clippings off your driveway and sidewalk back into the lawn.

Restore Our Water Law has been produced by Kehoe Consulting 1314 Mango Avenue Venice FL 34285 jdkehoe@gmail.com 715-497-9133. Kehoe consulting works on many projects all dependent on public funding. All contributions with Restore Our Water Law in the check memo will be spent on the passage of this law. Thank you. Joe Kehoe.

Date:

Dear *Venice Council,*

On December 11, 2018, the City Commission for the City of North Port unanimously passed Resolution No. 2018-R-34 which requests the Governor of the State of Florida to reinstitute the public hearing and adoption process for the Statewide Stormwater Treatment Rule. The City of North Port requests that you adopt and transmit a similar resolution of support to the Governor and other appropriate State officials.

The State of Florida's waters continue to experience severe and prolonged harmful algae blooms associated with red tide and blue-green algae. These harmful algae blooms have had, and continue to have, an adverse impact on both the State of Florida's economy and natural ecology. Harmful algae blooms are fueled by nitrogen and phosphorus nutrients which have been increasing in Florida's waterways.

A significant source for these nitrogen and phosphorus nutrients is stormwater runoff from suburban and urban landscapes. Stormwater best management practices (i.e., stormwater ponds) are required to intercept this stormwater runoff and reduce these pollutants prior to their discharge to waters of the State of Florida (i.e., bays, estuaries, rivers, etc.). It has been assumed that such stormwater best management practices reduce pollutant loads, including nitrogen and phosphorus nutrients, by 80% based upon the State of Florida's presumptive criteria.

The State of Florida, through the Department of Environmental Protection and the water management districts collected water quality data. This led to a recognition that this presumptive criterion was inadequate to assure that state water quality standards were being mitigated with respect to nitrogen and phosphorus nutrient pollutant loads. In response to this recognition, the State of Florida embarked on a multi-year process that engaged Florida's academic research institutions, stormwater experts, and water quality stakeholders. This process culminated in 2010 with an updated Statewide Stormwater Treatment Rule and a design manual to specifically address nitrogen and phosphorus nutrient runoff. This Statewide Stormwater Treatment Rule was scheduled for public hearings and adoption in 2011 but was abandoned by the incoming governor of the State of Florida.

Sincerely,

Peter D. Lear, CPA, CGMA
City Manager

Jim Luke - North Port Commissioner
941.429.7073



City of North Port

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-R-34

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR REINITIATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION PROCESS FOR THE STATEWIDE STORMWATER TREATMENT RULE; INCORPORATING RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the State of Florida's Waters continue to experience severe and prolonged harmful algae blooms associated with red tide and blue-green algae; and

WHEREAS, these harmful algae blooms have had and continue to have an adverse impact on both the State of Florida's economy and natural ecology; and

WHEREAS, these harmful algae blooms are fueled by nitrogen and phosphorus nutrients which have been increasing in Florida's waterways; and

WHEREAS, a significant source for these nitrogen and phosphorus nutrients is stormwater runoff from suburban and urban landscapes; and

WHEREAS, stormwater best management practices (*i.e.*, stormwater ponds) are required to intercept this stormwater runoff and reduce these pollutants prior to their discharge to waters of the State of Florida (*i.e.*, bays, estuaries, rivers, etc.); and

WHEREAS, it has been assumed that such stormwater best management practices reduce pollutant loads, including nitrogen and phosphorus nutrients, by 80% based upon the State of Florida's presumptive criteria; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida through the Department of Environmental Protection and the water management districts, collected water quality data which led to a recognition that this presumptive criteria was inadequate to assure that state water quality standards were being mitigated with respect to nitrogen and phosphorus nutrient pollutant loads; and

WHEREAS, in response to this recognition, the State of Florida embarked on a multi-year process that engaged Florida's academic research institutions, stormwater experts, and water quality stakeholders, culminating in 2010 with an updated Statewide Stormwater Treatment Rule and a design manual to specifically address nitrogen and phosphorus nutrient runoff; and

WHEREAS, this Statewide Stormwater Treatment Rule was scheduled for public hearings and adoption in 2011 but was abandoned by the governor of the State of Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1 – INCORPORATION OF RECITALS

- 1.01 The above recitals are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2 – RESOLUTION

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SECTION 4 – SEVERABILITY


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SECTION 5 – EFFECTIVE DATE

- 5.01 This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida.

PASSED and DULY ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of North Port this 11 day of December 2018.

CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA


CHRISTOPHER HANKS
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ATTEST:

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APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:

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The Statewide Stormwater Treatment Rule technologies are both well-established and continuing to evolve. An example of one such well-established technology already in limited use is **stormwater harvesting and recycling**. It is already being used by agriculture and some communities as a means of non-potable irrigation. In addition to recycling nutrients for use by landscapes, stormwater harvesting and recycling has numerous benefits:

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- It can offset potable water and groundwater that may be otherwise used for irrigation.
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Therefore, we respectfully ask that the City of Venice follow the City of North Port's lead in unanimously approving a Resolution requesting that the new Governor reinstate the legislative process for the Statewide Stormwater Treatment Rule. Again our economy, ecology and quality of life as well as the magnitude of our public tax dollars that will need to be expended are also dependent on taking proactive and preemptive actions such as the Statewide Stormwater Treatment Rule.

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