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Mayor and City Council Members -

On Tuesday, December 10th the Meeting Agenda for the City Council includes the consideration and action upon Preliminary Plat Amendment Petition No. 19-16PP for Venetian Golf and River Club Phase 5, Palermo to Allow for Modification of the Landscaping Plan. I am a homeowner in the Palermo Sub-Association of the Venetian Golf and River Club, residing at 466 Padova Way, and have been the President of the Palermo HOA from the time that the issue with regard to the developer's lack of adherence to the original landscape plan was identified, through most of the discussion of the matter with the 78 homeowners regarding their desires and with the developer and its representatives regarding the possible solutions.

As described in the materials you have been provided, the 78 homes were constructed over the course of several years from 2014 until the neighborhood was fully built out and sold in 2017. As residents moved in many installed their own chosen landscaping choices to replace or enhance the landscaping provided by the developer. In addition, many have installed pools or extended lanais after purchase of their home. To my knowledge, none of Palermo Sub-Association homeowners were aware at the time of purchase of their homes that the developer did not plant all of the required trees. As stated in the materials you have been provided, the overwhelming preponderance of homeowners are not interested in having any additional trees planted in their yards and in fact in many cases it is close to impossible to fit any such trees on the properties due to the existing structures and plantings, as well as the locations of utilities. Note that the Sub-Association only consists of the 78 residential properties and has no common area that could accommodate any trees.

Through extensive discussions with the developer representatives and the Palermo Sub-Association homeowners, I am personally aware that homeowners are overwhelmingly in support of your approval of allowing such trees to be planted elsewhere outside of the Palermo Sub-Association. As noted in your materials, a few homeowners have opted to have the original plantings planted on their land and have accepted the developers offer to do so, at the developer's cost.

Therefore, I am urging you to approve the Preliminary Plat Amendment Petition No. 19-16PP for Venetian Golf and River Club Phase 5, Palermo to Allow for Modification of the Landscaping Plan.

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