

# Written Correspondence LDR Update

(I am not sure if any of this was ever distributed to you in the past.  
Therefore, I am making sure you have everything up to date.)

**From:** [ronald courtney](#)  
**To:** [Planning Commission](#)  
**Cc:** [Jeff Shrum](#)  
**Subject:** Land Development Code  
**Date:** Monday, January 6, 2020 3:30:45 PM

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Commission Chair B. Snyder and Members;

Planning Chairperson B. Snyder, Commissioners and J. Shrum

As a resident I want to express my general appreciation for the proposal to revise the development review process. Yet I feel the necessity to express reservation. I feel that any process must be more transparent to the public. Include clear language for a full environmental impact study, Also a narrower range of requirements concerning variances. None of these concerns are addressed.

The proposal creates an additional review step to be conducted only between the applicant and the planning staff adding to the already growing concerns of transparency. Such review limits neighboring communities the ability to be directly and effectively involved in the process.

This proposal does not provide language concerning standards for an environmental report. It is essential that applicants show that their plan will not only have an adverse effect but is designed for a sustainable plan for the habitat and environment . It is essential that the city create a baseline where direct and indirect cumulative environmental effects can be assessed with rational judgements. Such language will reduce the possibility of mitigation through any uncertainty in the results.

While the Historic and Architectural Review Boards are listed in the plan there is no indication that the Environmental Advisory Board will be involved. Hopefully future consultations with the Board will resolve this situation,

It is critical that any application that request a variance from the established criteria for zoning applications meet a clearly defined set of requirements. The requirements should make the applicant provide clear and factual information that the standing regulations place a unusual and severe financial hardship that could not be eliminated through an alternative location, design or operational application.

I am pleased that this proposal is being considered. I feel that this an initial step in what will be a thorough and open discussions within the community on our LDR's. Where new regulations will enhance the Comprehensive Plan to keep Venice beautiful and eco friendly preserving the quality of life through proper planning.

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**JoAnne Crawn-Brewer**

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**From:** Jeff Shrum  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 7, 2020 8:35 AM  
**To:** ronald courtney; Planning Commission  
**Cc:** JoAnne Crawn-Brewer  
**Subject:** RE: Land Development Code

Mr. Courtney,

Thank you for your input on the LDR update process. The meeting agenda today to discuss Section 3 Review Bodies and Review Procedures. I believe much of what you are referring to is on the slide titled Summary of Review Process and Authority. First let me emphasize that the entire purpose of this meeting is to initiate a starting dialogue of the Planning Commission on this topic. Staff and the consultant have gotten to a point on this section of code and have some concerns and are in need of some general direction in order to develop the initial draft language. Moving forward I hope you might appreciate that the Planning Commission needs to have an internal discussion on items/topics before seeking input from other advisory boards. Further, it is not the intent of the meeting today to discuss the environmental section of the LDR, more specifically what the requirements for an environmental assessment will be. The Planning Commission discussion on the environmental chapter will likely be later in January or early February and after they have an initial discussion on the chapter, we will be seeking dialogue with the Environmental Board. Again thank you for your input.

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## JoAnne Crawn-Brewer

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**From:** Lori Stelzer  
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**Subject:** Joint meeting

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Good evening, Lori. As a three-term former city councilmember, former Vice-Mayor and lifelong resident of Venice, I would like to voice my approval of the draft historical ordinance and encourage its incorporation into the new Land Development Regulations for the City of Venice, which will be discussed during the joint City of Venice Planning Commission and Historic Preservation Board meeting currently scheduled for Jan. 22, 2020 at 1:30pm. This has been long in coming.

Please read this into the record for the meeting.

Thank you.

Earl Midlam