



# MEMORANDUM

## City of Venice

### City Manager's Office

TO: Mayor & City Council

THROUGH: N/A

FROM: Edward F. Lavalley, City Manager

DATE: September 3, 2021

COUNCIL APPROVAL: Yes

MEETING DATE: September 14, 2021

STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL: Provide Efficient, Responsive Government with High Quality Services

SUBJECT: Legislative Priorities

Background: Notice for the upcoming annual Sarasota County legislative delegation meeting is attached. The notice invites the City to participate by presenting proposed bills and/ or presenting Venice's legislative priorities for fiscal 2022. The City Council recently approved the legislative package to be sent to our local legislators and shared with the City's legislative lobbyist. The upcoming forum on Thursday, September 30, 2021 offers an opportunity for a Venice representative to personally address the area legislative delegation and request support for priority items. Given the time frames typically imposed on the participants, the City would likely have time to describe and solicit support for two to three of our legislative priorities.

Requested Action: The issues to resolve at the September 14th Council meeting are:

- Does the City wish to participate in the legislative forum by addressing the legislative delegation to describe and solicit support for the City's priority issues
- If the City elects to participate, which specific items among those adopted in the 2022 legislative package should be addressed
- If the City elects to participate, who will attend on behalf of the City Council

In 2020, Council member Joe Neunder represented the Venice City Council at this forum

If for an agenda item, this document and any associated backup created by City of Venice staff has been reviewed for ADA compliance: Yes

City Attorney Review/Approved: N/A

Risk Management Review: N/A

Finance Department Review/Approved: N/A

Funds Availability (account number): N/A

**ORIGINAL(S) ATTACHED: N/A**

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