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Comment on Vested Rights Petition No. 21-34VR

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To Whom It May Concern:

Our extended family has a 60 year history with Venice and has seen the changes on our corner evolve over time to become less resort-like, with amenities, and become more residential. When we bought our condo in 1997, we never dreamt a multistory condo development could be forced on to such a small slice of land across the street from us, actually at the end of our parking lot. We have already lost many of the features that made our corner unique. The replacement of the Best Western hotel and restaurant with a seven story condo, the addition of four houses to our east and the construction of a development to our south has taken the only tree covered lots left and turned them into residential/concrete developments. The proposed condo is at an important intersection with a lot of stimulus and decisions to be made such as, do I turn to the right, go straight, or turn to the left? Add to that, bikers, walkers, other cars turning and Casa Seville residents crossing the street to go over to the beach. This is also the only route to the jetty. The potential dangers at this corner are endless and are increased with seasonal residents. We certainly don't need any more congestion and lack of visibility and spaciousness that a taller building would create. Safety is a big concern we have for all.

The impact a condo built so close to Casa Seville will bring lasting repercussions, also. It will certainly take away our view of the Gulf which is a key factor of our property value, to renters and owners, alike. We also lose some of our privacy that we enjoy when we relax at our poolside or have parties/special events. A concrete structure hovering or impeding our view, takes away from our tropical resort ambiance. We also need to factor in the noise level that having a condo that close could bring to ourselves and our neighbors.

The right of the property owner to develop their asset needs to be tempered by the rights of many more owners to not have their investments negatively impacted by an exception when a project is forced on to an unsuitable site. We vehemently oppose any building on this site as we are already over built with condos. Let's hang on to the unique charm and appeal that Venice offers with this last remaining slice of property that has been enjoyed by many over the years.

Sincerely, Sam and Linda Daas, 995 Laguna #703, Venice, FL 34285

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