

Venice Ave. Apartments - Clermont Rd.

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to mhsmith, tknight, jneunder, rcutsinger, tmast

Commissioners,

We are getting more information about the above project and the more we learn, the more upset we are becoming. The land this project will be using is zoned OUE and RSF-4. How does one justify putting two 4-story buildings and 135 units on single family zoned property? We bought knowing the land was for sale but expected to see single family housing built there. Should this project move forward it will be like we moved next door to a hotel! Looking at their first drawings the towers literally have a looming effect and look down on our yard and into our bedroom. Everyone is talking about affordable housing but no one seems to care one bit about those of us who have been living in this County and paying taxes for years. We worked for 5 decades to retire in this home and you do not seem to care one bit about our quality of life. I have attached a copy of the proposed 4-story project and a photo of my backyard so that you can get a perspective of how inappropriate the buildings are for our neighborhood. Our yards are bucolic, overrun with wildlife, quiet, so dark at night we can see every star and private.

Besides our obvious distress over the change in our environment, we are absolutely shocked that the County is giving \$11.2 million dollars from the Resilient SRQ funds to the Mayor of Venice! While he may have said the right things to skirt around legal issues this is immoral. The Pachota family will still own the land and the property and will profit from their own employees and others for decades to come. The Resilient SRQ was supposed to be disaster recovery money. According to the County's website:

What can CDBG-DR funds be used for?

CDBG-DR funds can be used for activities that address the impact of the disaster(s), provided they meet specific criteria:

- Tie-back to the disaster: The activity must directly or indirectly address damage caused by the disaster, and in this instance, either storms Debby, Helene and/or Milton.

Absolutely nothing has been harmed on this land from any storms. It has been vacant land for quite some time. By allowing this project you are risking the neighborhood which abuts it. We

got through Ian but with major flooding, water nearly to our windows, and damage to landscaping and roof ... what will happen when so much land is covered with concrete?

Shame on you for doing what is the equivalent of insider trading and caring so little for your existing residents and constituents.

Sincerely,

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