

Planned development doesn't fit in

Editor:

I live in Verona Reserve, a small community of single-story residences. We moved here thinking it was an excellent choice for our twilight years.

We were shocked to learn that Sarasota County was awarding \$11.2 million to One Stop Housing to erect multiple four-story buildings with 135 units on land owned by the mayor of Venice and his family, the Pachotas (owners of Sharky's and Fins) which is currently zoned single family.

Funds were conditionally awarded under Resilient SRQ. It doesn't matter if these are \$1 million condos or affordable apartments. My objection is that they don't fit our neighborhood. It is not consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

The three communities that surround this land are all single-story. The proposed buildings would loom over our houses, severely diminish their value and seriously affect our quality of life.

I worry about flooding, density, noise, light, and traffic since there is only access through a small, dead-end street that exits onto busy Venice Avenue. It is too dense and too tall for this location.

Shouldn't new housing blend in with surrounding neighborhoods? This project does not. We can only hope that the zoning change does not happen.

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