



# CITY OF VENICE

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## Office of the Mayor

June 13, 2019

Honorable Charles Hines  
Chair, Sarasota Board of County Commissioners  
1660 Ringling Boulevard  
Sarasota, FL 34236

Dear Chair Hines:

At the June 11, 2019 meeting of the Venice City Council, an item on the agenda read:

**Determine City Council Interest in Taking a Position on Redistricting in Sarasota County Prior to the 2020 Election.**

After some discussion on the topic, the following action was taken:

**A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Fiedler, for staff to send Sarasota County a letter requesting to delay redistricting until after the 2020 census. An amendment was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Council Member Fiedler, to request a county representative explain redistricting by the July 9, 2019 city council meeting, if not a letter will be sent to the county requesting to delay redistricting until after the 2020 census. The amendment carried by voice vote 5-2 with Mr. Daniels and Vice Mayor Cautero opposed. The motion as amended carried by voice vote 5-2 with Mr. Daniels and Vice Mayor Cautero opposed.**

After the amended motion carried, council suggested to have the mayor bring up the topic at COG on June 13, 2019 as a method of keeping the request less formal and to expedite delivery of the request. I did so with Commissioner Moran and the outcome was to put the request in writing. Per the request of Commissioner Moran, please accept this letter as a formal request to provide the information stated in the above motion.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John W. Holic". The signature is stylized and cursive.

John W. Holic  
Mayor, City of Venice