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Agency of Health Care Administration  
2727 Mahan Drive, MS # 28  
Tallahassee Florida 32308  
Attention: Marisol Fitch, Health Administration Services Manager

Re: Letter of Support for Sarasota Memorial Hospital in Venice, Florida

Dear Ms. Fitch,

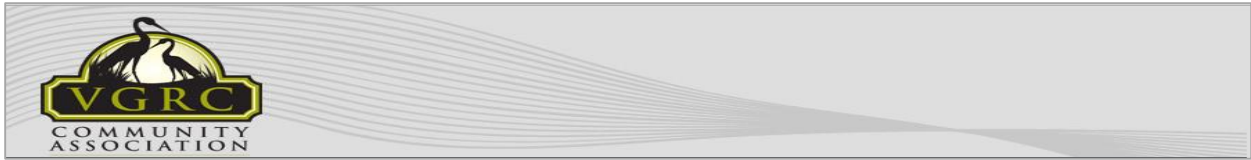
My name is John Moeckel, a resident of the Venetian Golf and River Club, a master-planned, residential community of 1,250+ homes located in North Venice, Florida. I am also a founding member, and President, of the Venetian Golf and River Club Community Association.

A key directive for the VGRCCA is to provide for the common good and general welfare of the VG&RC. It is in that regard that I write to you to express the *enthusiastic* support of the VGRCCA for Sarasota Memorial Hospital's application to expand its services and establish a new, 200 (two hundred) bed acute care hospital in Venice, Florida.

The proposed, new hospital site is 3 (three) miles west of our community. Having Sarasota Memorial Hospital so conveniently located would provide access to critical hospital and emergency care services. Our rapidly-expanding population has created increased demand for medical services. Currently, our residents experience long wait times at local health care facilities and medical offices. The new hospital will provide a welcome source for residents to receive top-notch medical care and entice additional medical facilities and physicians to establish offices in our area.

Many residents of our community currently choose to entrust their medical care to Sarasota Memorial Hospital and related facilities (i.e. Venice Health Care Center, Venice Outpatient Radiology, First Physician's Group). Having SMH in Venice would imbue a great deal of pride in our area. In addition to convenience and excellence in care:

- SMH delivers the most comprehensive range of services in the county
- SMH is the only hospital in the region to earn such recognition as Comprehensive Stroke Center designation and Magnet Nursing Recognition (the nation's highest nursing honor)
- SMH is ranked No.1 on the Suncoast in the 2015-16 Best Hospitals report, *U.S. News & World Report* for overall quality, safety and care.



All of the above are just a few of the reasons our local residents are excited to have SMH in our immediate area.

I am hopeful that I have conveyed how strongly the VGRCCA believes that the new facility will be an invaluable asset to our community. Accordingly,

**The Venetian Golf and River Club Community Association  
requests that  
Sarasota Memorial Hospital's application  
to build a new acute care hospital in Venice, Florida  
is approved.**

Your attention to, and consideration of, this letter is highly appreciated.

Respectfully,

John Moeckel  
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