

Memo

Utilities Administration

To: Bob Anderson, City Attorney
From: John Lane, Director of Utilities *J. Lane*
Date: August 27, 2003
RE: **Veniceflorida.com**

I am inquiring if any legal steps can be taken to require the above website to conform to truthful, creditable, factual reporting.

The author does not comprehend the workings of a public utilities department and certainly not that of the city of Venice. Fabrication, incitement, and deliberate slanting are not in the least professional or objective ethical journalism.

My biggest concern over this website's repeated attempts to paint the city's administration poorly is that its spurious editorials may be looked upon as fact instead of the fabrication that it is.

Please advise as to what, if any, legal action can be taken.

cc: George Hunt, City Manager

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FROM THE
OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

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CITY OF VENICE

MEMORANDUM

TO: JOHN LANE, Utilities Director

FROM: ROBERT C. ANDERSON, City Attorney 

DATE: SEPTEMBER 9, 2003

RE: VENICEFLORIDA.COM

On September 9, 2003 you and I met with George Hunt to discuss your August 27, 2003 memo concerning John Patten's web site. We agreed that city staff would continue to monitor the web site and that no further action was warranted at this time.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

RCA/dlc

cc: Lori Stelzer, City Clerk
George Hunt, City Manager