

Condos mean crowding

On Monday the Daily Breeze featured another half-page Ponte Vista advertisement. The current ad features the support of Angie Papadakis, a frequent contributor to the Daily Breeze.

It is ironic that Papadakis would support the Ponte Vista project since she does not even live in San Pedro. And since she does not live in San Pedro, Papadakis would likely not have to drive daily through the more than 1,000 additional cars, and 20,000 daily trips, which the 1,950 proposed condominium units at Ponte Vista would add to Western Avenue, Westmont Drive and Palos Verdes Drive North (estimated by Gail Goldberg, director of Los Angeles City Planning). Despite the developer's claim that he would have regulated traffic signals, the sheer number of additional cars would create vehicular havoc for north San Pedro residents.

Most likely Papadakis would also not be affected by the resultant overcrowding at Taper Avenue School. Despite the emphasis on senior housing at Ponte Vista, 56 percent of the proposed units are not for seniors.

Estimating only one child per household, a thousand new students would require the addition of many bungalows on Taper's grounds, greatly reducing the running track, grass lawn and tranquil yard areas students now enjoy. Soon this small, neighborhood school would rival inner city schools in the Los Angeles Unified School District with four to five daily lunches and wall-to-wall students.

If you are a resident and you are opposed to Bob Bizno's plan to change the current R-1 zoning to allow him to subdivide the old Navy property in northwest San Pedro and develop 1,950 condominiums there, voice your opinion at the 5 p.m. June 26 public meeting at the Cabrillo Marine Museum. If you are unable to attend this meeting, e-mail your concerns to david.olivo@lacity.org or mail them to the Los Angeles City Planning Department, Community Planning Bureau West/Coastal Unit, 200 Spring St., Room 621, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

Working together, San Pedro residents can keep our neighborhood and stop Ponte Vista from destroying it.

- SHERRIL JEAN THOMPSON

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