

May 8th
San Pedro

Councilwoman Janice Hahn attended the Palisades Homeowners Association annual meeting this evening and spoke on a number of “hot button” topics that seem to be keeping everyone up at night.

When she got to Ponte Vista and the proposed 2300 townhouses that the Bisno Development Corp. wants to build in San Pedro, she was met with a chorus of boos from the 80 or so attendees.

She stated, however, that she had seen no good reason, nor had been convinced at this time that the zoning should be anything other than the current R-1 zoning. She went on to say that the senior component of the project was not what she considered “senior housing” with assisted living facilities for those who needed it, but just a separate area for seniors that didn't want to be around kids.

With the Ponte Vista Community Advisory Committee fast approaching the close of their meeting schedule and about to make recommendations as to the configuration of the specific plan for the project, this announcement came as some surprise. The group had been under some misunderstanding that they were expected to compromise with regard to the zoning of the property and include a senior component as part of the overall plan.

It remains to be seen what the final outcome will be, but the process will continue with the LA Planning Department, LA Planning Commission and, ultimately, the LA City Council making plans, approving them and making zoning changes, if necessary.

Despite Councilwoman Hahn's pronouncement, R Neighborhoods Are 1 proponents vowed to keep up the pressure throughout the process to see that the R-1 zoning remains intact.