

Hahn has been consistent

I was taken back by the letter from Jane Barton attacking City Councilwoman Janice Hahn for not taking a position on Ponte Vista ("Hahn should take a stand," Monday).

The councilwoman has consistently said at public meetings and in private that she has heard nothing to make her believe that the zoning should be changed from R-1. At the public hearing Barton references, she asked the Planning Department to outright deny the developer's proposal, to start anew with something the community could support.

Barton implies that the councilwoman could have reduced the time that this project has been under discussion. Evidently she does not understand the lengthy process followed by the city.

One determining element of any project requesting approval of a specific plan is the need for the developer to provide the necessary documents. In this case, the developer has tried to substitute vague "sales documents" for real information.

Additionally, Bob Bisno is not the typical developer. Most other developers would have responded to the concerns of the council office and the community by sitting down to discuss what type of project the community could support.

Instead, this developer has, from the outset, treated this project as a sales job rather than a planning process.

Frankly, he apparently thinks that if he spreads enough money around the community, we will ignore the negative impacts of his proposal. His not working with the community, not working with the councilwoman, and not submitting realistic and necessary information to the city are the reasons for any delay.

I applaud the councilwoman for standing up for the community and asking the Planning Department to recommend outright denial of the project. I hope they take her recommendation.

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