

Monitor development in our backyard

I'm happy Winnie Verner's recent letter ("Putting Ponte Vista into perspective," Tuesday), set straight those people who wrongly assumed the Seaport Homes located on Fitness Drive are part of the Ponte Vista project. Those amazed at the largeness of the building should know the project was approved during a public hearing. The L.A. city planning staff recommended the applicant's request for zone changes and community plan amendments be denied. However, the planning commissioners were faced with overwhelming community support from the nearest neighbors, the Northwest Neighborhood Council as well as Councilwoman Janice Hahn.

That said, I think Seaport Homes is a good indication that strong community support can trump good planning decisions. As it stands now, the oversized residential building could serve as a poster-child for poor traffic planning and density gone wild. Thank goodness the "fight" for what's right at Ponte Vista is not over.

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