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OUR Community, Coming Together and Creating Positive Results

The results are in and OUR community has come together to demonstrate that folks in neighborhoods can work together and bring real results to OUR community.

In Rancho Palos Verdes, the three incumbents, Tom Long, Steve Wolowicz, and Doug Stern were re-elected. These three Council members, along with the two other City Council members, Mr. Larry Clark and Dr. Peter Gardiner, all have stated that they support keeping the current zoning at Ponte Vista.

In the City of Rancho Palos Verdes City Council election, Mr. Don Reeves, the candidate who favored the minority report from the CAC, came in fifth place out of five candidates.

The great neighbors in Lomita have turned out Mark Waronek, the current Mayor, who also worked as a lobbyist for and supported Bob Bisno and his Ponte Vista at San Pedro project.

Whether a mandate has been made demanding that Bob lowers his number of units and tries to compromise, is not something I can state for a fact.

But what we can feel is that more neighbors and neighborhoods are opposed to 1,950 units at Ponte Vista and everyone looking at Ponte Vista should probably take a good look at the results of the elections and see what the electorate wants.

Was this a referendum on Ponte Vista? PERHAPS! The supporter and former lobbyist for Ponte Vista garnered only about half of the votes the top vote getter in the Lomita election received. Mark Waronek received 15% fewer votes than the second place vote getter.

In an earlier vote, the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council's Board of Directors was reorganized by a vote of the stakeholders and the new body is much less supportive of Bob's efforts. There is now no specific endorsement of Bob's current Ponte Vista plans from that group and the language of the resolution they passed reflects that.

So it seems to me and many others, the results of the three Neighborhood Council elections in San Pedro, the City Council election for the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, and the ouster of Mark Waronek by the great voters of Lomita, mean that we have come together, we are creating positive results, and we certainly will fight weapons of mass development such as what Bob is trying to shove at us.

Neighbors coming together and creating positive results: Five times it has been tried, five times it has been successful.

It appears we are vigilant in our vision to protect OUR community and have demonstrated our will with effort and works. We will continue our efforts, and our works, and our vigilance against those who attempt to harm us.