

People, not zoning, define development

Is Doug Epperhart speaking as a Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council member in his column "Protect San Pedro neighborhoods' R1 zoning" (*More San Pedro*, March 31), or is he voicing his own personal opinion in his column on Ponte Vista?

Either way, he has missed the point of what makes up a community's character. It is the people, not a zoning designation.

As a neighborhood council member, Doug should be focusing on how to plan for the future of San Pedro. Furthermore, as a young professional who has recently purchased a loft downtown, I strongly believe we need to plan how to provide housing that is priced for a diverse population so that our young people can afford to live here in the South Bay — we are the future of the community.

I love San Pedro, and I am thankful that the downtown lofts have afforded me the opportunity to buy my first home here in San Pedro. I wish the same for other young first-time buyers and that is why I support the Ponte Vista project and not the million-dollar homes supported by Doug Epperhart.

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