

Ponte Vista debate still on

In response to Suzanne Dominguez's Letter to the Editor regarding "Get on with Ponte Vista," on Monday, she makes some comments that are twisting the facts.

She mentioned that Councilwoman Janice Hahn appointed a Community Advisory Committee that was 40 percent non-San Pedro residents. This might be true, although the board is made up of residents from San Pedro, Rancho Palos Verdes and Harbor City, as these people are representing their community's best interests, and they would be the ones most impacted by the traffic and other concerns.

Dominguez also makes reference to 18,000 supporters of this project. It would be interesting to know how many people that signed on for Ponte Vista are from areas other than San Pedro, RPV and Harbor City.

In regards to charitable donations that the developer (Bob Bisno) has made to the Harbor community, it can also be said that this is his way of buying into the community at the expense of the community's quality of life for my generation as well as future generations.

Dominguez supports an R-1 zoning change and wants the approval process to happen without any manufactured delays. The project is scheduled to go before the city's Planning Commission on Dec. 11.

In conclusion, the zoning for the site is R-1 and one of the reasons for this is because the site has only one entry and exit off of Western Avenue, which is already overcrowded. If Bob Bisno is an experienced and well-financed developer, then perhaps he can get the federal government to give him roadway access to Gaffey Street. If there were an alternate entry and exit, then perhaps the community would be more willing to listen to a zone change.

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I was struck by the complaining tone of letters by Louis and Suzanne Dominguez regarding the Ponte Vista plan. I attended the hearing on June 26 at Cabrillo Beach and witnessed the packing of the auditorium and the obvious set-up of a line of "speakers" that extended around the room.

Several were obviously "prepped" to speak in favor of the project but stopped cold when they dropped their scraps of paper and had no clue how to continue. They had been brought in for the event from Inglewood, Manhattan Beach and elsewhere, and had no reason to be at that hearing other than to pack the room for Bob Bisno. It was a farce.

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