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mark-
Torrance

[United States](#)

Removing Bisno is just like shuffling deck chairs on the Titanic. NIMBYS will never accept any homes on that property even if its just one. Look at Ft. MacArthur, and Mcowans future developments. The people in San Pedro that have lived here since the 1940's want it to remain the way it was when they were young. Sorry, there is nowhere in America that can stay frozen in time llike that. The population is increasing, you wont move, and we all need somewhere to live. Rememember just because you were born in Pedro doesn't mean you own the deed to Pedro,

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[#3](#)

Please allow me to offer my farefair to Bob. Although he and I had some very good conversations and he offered me some juicy revelations, I feel it is better that he has left and OUR community remains.

Since the report by the Planning Department was recently published, I have been trying on my blogs to suggest that there are no longer supporters of Bob's plans or opponents to them.

Mark Wells

In fact as it turns out, Bob's plans were moot anyway.

[Los Angeles,
CA](#)

It will be very important for members of OUR community to come together and create proposals for what could successfully be built at Ponte Vista. We have seen what a developer could propose for OUR community. Now it is time for us to tell the developers what WE think should be built on the site.

We also should take a very hard look at the guidelines established by the Planning Department for the site. Are those guidelines in line with what OUR community actually wants. We may also need to discuss those guidelines with Councilwoman Hahn as she stated some support for those guidelines at the recent Harbor Area Planning Commission hearing.

We need active discussions and debate about whether the current zoning on the site must remain or whether is may not meet the true needs and

wants of OUR community's members.

We also need to try and gather the folks who were left stranded with their support of Bob's plans, together with the rest of us to bring OUR community back together and end all the bickering, which I must admit, have done some of it myself.

Bob knew his plans had problems from his first meeting with Councilwoman Hahn. It just took about 2-1/2 years before the rest of his development team figured it out.

OUR community deserves to have "The Four R's" used when we consider what could be successful at Ponte Vista at San Pedro: Reasonable, Realistic, Responsible, and Respectful.

Bob claimed from the very beginning that he knew what was best for our community. shouldn't 'The Four R's' have been Bob's goals rather than profit, from day one?

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Boy, did I blow my name on that last comment?

Sorry about that.

I liked the "Titanic" reference because 'ponte vista' in Italian means 'bridge view' and can be read as the view from the bridge of a ship and also viewing a bridge that spans something.

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Spellcheck

Ponte vista also means 'crane view' and 'scaffolding view'

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[CA](#)

So it seems that folks looking out over scaffolding being raised by a crane onto a ship that has its Captain looking out of the windows of his bridge, can also see a bridge going over a harbor.

In the case of Bob Bisno, he was hauled off the bridge of his "Titanic" before it sank below the waves but not before he departed leaving all of his supporters stranded near the helm.

I will be looking for slugo and others to come up with better humor that I can about this issue.

But one must admit, folks who do not particularly favor Bob's indulgences within San Pedro probably have, at least, a smile on their faces as they read the article.

Marshall
[#7](#)

[San Pedro, CA](#)

Goodbye Bob!

Don't let the door hit ya' where the good lord split ya'!

Now we can maybe deal with the site (and the future of San Pedro) in a reasonable and adult manner. Or is that too much to ask?

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[Torrance, CA](#)

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Don Diller

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[#9](#)

[Los Angeles, CA](#)

I'd wait to cheer this news. Sometimes the devil you know is better than the devil you don't know...

[General Lee](#)
[Write](#)



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[#10](#)

Joined

: Aug 1, 2008

mark- Torrance wrote:

Comments:
[31](#)

[Downey, CA](#)

<---> The population is increasing, you wont move, and we all need somewhere to live. Rememember just because you were born in Pedro doesn't mean you own the deed to Pedro,

There's plenty of room to grow (and plenty of vacancies) in the Corona area. Just because there's space doesn't mean we should put up triple-stacked condos on an already crowded Western Ave.

New
Developer
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[Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA](#)

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[CBart95](#)



Joined

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[#12](#)

: Jul 6, 2007

If it's true, terrific!

Comments:
[2215](#)

Chances are though, that Bisno-like others with even more ill thought "get rich quick notions" are already into their nefarious schemes for making a quick killing while the rich gumbo of multiple agendas and business interests jockey for their "pet projects".

[Downey, CA](#)

Witness the horrible multiple dwelling "Condo/APTS" crammed in to the nearby area just south of the "Bisno Disaster area".

It's a horrible fire hazard with only one narrow service ally as the main road in and out onto Western Avenue...and potential traffic nightmares! Who secretly built this monstrosity?...and got away with it? Typical of "get rich quick" schemers who have and continue to have their way with the San Pedro community.

We need some semblence of a "master plan" for this community lest the "Dorks-from Torrance" or other "sidewalk superintendants" mess things up any further.

(And while we are at it: Torrance is about as charming as an inflamed armpit no matter where you choose to enter it.) So there.

Bisno is merely the last exploiter to threaten our community with the former Navy Housing project. So far, our brave citizens have rallied against exploitation. But why leave the door open?

Lets get busy saving our town!

Every adjacent town and community has a stake in this.

Here We Go
Again

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[#13](#)

[Los Angeles,
CA](#)

after spending 2 1/2 hours in bumper to bumper last night, I say we use the land to build a state of the art park and ride transportation center.

Judge Roy
Bean

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[Long Beach,
CA](#)

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The Owl

PARK.....PARK, did I hear that word again?

[Rancho Palos
Verdes, CA](#)

Keep using it, spreading it and perhaps it will catch on. What we could all really use at that location is a regional, youth oriented sports park.

Credit Suisse.....The whole WORLD has bailed out the banks, YOU GUYS NEED TO GIVE SOMETHING BACK!!.....BUILD A REGIONAL PARK FOR OUR YOUTH!!

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At most

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How about just fixing up the existing buildings? I just ran by that complex last weekend and thought about what a shame it is that they sit vacant. In many other counties that I have worked, they could be heavenly abodes. How picky Americans are. I'd bet the framing and structures are 10X more solid than what would replace them. And, it could all be done at a fraction of the cost. Plus, in these current economic times, the McMansion has gone the way of the dinosaur. It is the new trend and "fashion" to go with smaller units. Make them "green" and update them. That entire place could be up and running within a year.

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OOps! I meant "I bet", not I bed. Anyway, they could even raze a few of the houses and put in the coveted baseball field or park, too.

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Does it really matter who the developer is? As long as Janice Hahn is around their will never be any progress. I predict delays until the next election, just like this one. Why is it so hard to commit to maximum number and than work within that parameter to develop a project. Anyone who was really looking out for the best interest of the community would say "this is the number now tell me what kind of project use can build." Or "here is the max and min units now fit the project to work with these numbers and tell me why it will work and how it will benefit the community."

Pretty simple if you are really interested in progress.

Hahn is a self-promoting moron.

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Actually rebuttle, I have grown up in San Pedro/RPV since 1984, and up till last year moved to Torrance. To this day I still frequent businesses along Western and Gaffey and know all about the changes and traffic. My attitude is roll with the punches and change is inevitable. I'm just tired of all the Nimbys who oppose or file lawsuits on any type of change that might clean up urban blight. Do you like the way the Navy site looks

today?, How about Knob Hill? 22nd and Harbor? Ft macarthur?
Sometimes growth can be good. You might say "We need more open
space"-Lets fix what we have first

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No, it wasn't purchased in good faith- it was purchased with the
anticipation that it would be drastically upzoned without objection. Bisno
claims he can't make a profit building at current zoning because he of the
price he paid for the land. Not our problem. He knew what the zoning was
when he put his money down.

I agree that the entrances to town look bad and the poorly designed
"Welcome Park" doesn't help with its ugly concrete covering much of the
area. That is a failure of leadership. That is Los Angeles using the Harbor
as its dumping ground, not enforcing code, not holding property owners
who moved up the hill and became slumlords accountable and not doing
real planning.

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[Rancho Palos Verdes, CA](#)

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Judge Roy Bean wrote:

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Amen to that.

Moron Theissues
[Los Angeles, CA](#)

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Brian, Bob bought the property paying 252% of the starting bid. Using calculations based on what he produced in the Initial Study suggested he could have made over 750 Million Dollars in profit!

There was no 'good faith' from Bob when he attempted to damage the community.

Brian, your comments about approaching San Pedro along Western are very good.

Now that Credit Suisse/First Boston are in control, they can combine many of the losing projects together, get out their hanky and trek over to Uncle Hank for some more of the 700 Billion Dollars we all get to pay back.

Also, the bank's development component may attempt to ram through a project based on the maximum number of units suggested in the guidelines from the Planning Department and now apparently supported by Janice Hahn.

1,196-units of non-age restricted condominiums, using a Density Bonus would create a project that, in time, may be more reflective of what we can view now at Scottsdale Estates in Carson.

The new developers can use the lowest costs per square foot, remove all chances of union participation in construction, and probably get by without necessary traffic mitigation and the road between Western and Mary Star.

As a regular celebrant for just about everything that goes wrong with Ponte Vista, I also continue to understand that there are real problems with having the best project constructed for our community and its members.

Now, rather having the 'little' developer who couldn't seem to get anything large approved of all over southern California, we now will be dealing with a conglomerate's development shop that has even less concern for San Pedro than Bob proclaimed he had.

This is no time to pop open bottles of bubbly. It is time to work together to fight for the best solution for all of us and keep the density to the lowest number possible.

Tomark- Torrance
[Los Angeles, CA](#)

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You are most correct to offer your opinion on the blight now found within the fences of the site.

I, along with others have been calling on Ms. Hahn and others in the city of L.A. to use Code Enforcement just like the city of R.P.V. did on the retaining walls along Western, north of Avenida Apenda.

As you grew up in San Pedro/R.P.V. since 1984, you have witnessed many changes along Western Avenue and probably there were more changes observed during that time than in downtown San Pedro.

22nd and Harbor gets a brand new park and it will allow for needed recreation space in that area of San Pedro.

The welcome weeds/park on Gaffey is merely one of the best jokes going around the community and it needs to be preserved because of its complete uselessness, hilarity, and as an object of ridicule.

I wonder if the Outreach Team will be reaching out to the State for unemployment benefits. I hope not. I would like them to fess up about dealing with Bob before they scatter on the four winds.

mark- Torrance, since I have been around the area for over 50 years, I have seen so many changes that it took quite a few paragraphs to comment about.

I guess I may need to push the post up higher on the blog so folks can reread about all the changes.