

Ponte Vista fans must be aware of facts

I was present at the public forum on the proposed 2,300 condominiums on Western Avenue. The story in the *Daily Breeze* ("Ponte Vista forum finds defenders," Saturday) reported that the majority attending were for the project. As reported, the developer bought dinner at the Crowne Plaza for scores of his supporters. Many of these people spoke and a good many of them stated they were San Pedro residents, but many were not. The theme of these supporters was that San Pedro needed this affordable housing.

I had the distinct opinion that many of them, including the carpenters' union that felt assured of the contract, felt like they were going to get a deal. They appeared duped into believing that Bob Bisno is benevolent. It almost appeared that they were supporters in hopes of "getting something for nothing."

People, there is no such thing as a free lunch! Nowhere, in anything that I have read, has there been much said about "affordable" housing. This will be market rate. The senior housing will also be market rate; it just happens to be designated "age-restricted."

Bisno is here to make money, nothing else. He stands to make millions of dollars with 2,300 homes; however, he will also make millions with single-family homes. Traffic cannot be mitigated to the extent that is claimed.

Do not become complacent. Sign the R-1 petition that is circulating, write to Councilwoman Janice Hahn and show up at these meetings.

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