

# Project out of reach for public servants

Everyone wants something built, but Ponte Vista's numbers don't make sense. Even if they're true, do we need 2,300 new units? Developer Bob Bisno says 633 cars during peak hour traffic, but isn't 2,000 more likely with 4,600 working adults? Six-hundred and thirty-three cars parked end to end is more than 2 miles long.

He will add 9,212 cars to the 38,000 average daily traffic on Western Avenue, or one round trip for each car. People go places other than work. The real number will be much higher. End to end, 9,212 cars is 34 miles long.

They predict 1.88 persons per unit. The surrounding area averages 2.82 per household. Those ads with four kids and two adults? Take out the kids and 10 percent of one of the adults.

"Housing for firefighters, police officers and teachers". The developer says his 600-square-foot unit will cost \$400,000, affordable by someone making \$97,000 annually. Los Angeles Unified School District pays teachers \$43,054 to \$75,541; Los Angeles police: \$52,638 to \$70,679; L.A. firefighters: \$48,609 to \$67,275. So who exactly can afford the units?

They predict 199 students, one every 12 units. The average around here is about two for every three households. Plus, empty nesters moving in will sell to families with children. That should add another 300 or so to the 1,400 he will have. Neither Bisno nor the city have thought about this at all. Playa Vista is seeing a lot more kids than officials expected, even though they predicted 2 ½ times as many per unit as Ponte Vista.

We will be here a lot longer than the developer. Let's not throw out our common sense just because people in suits from out of town say the emperor is fully clothed.

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