

## Putting Ponte Vista into perspective

I am a lifelong resident of San Pedro and Rancho Palos Verdes. I have lived most of my life near Western Avenue. For the last few months as I traveled past the corner of Avenida Aprenda and Western, I have watched the huge development project near the Albertson's market.

I was rather surprised recently when two different people told me this project was the Ponte Vista project. They both independently assumed since the project was enormous, and it emptied out onto Western that it was Ponte Vista. Neither could understand why people were fighting a project that had already broken ground.

They were surprised to realize that what we are seeing built represents only 150 units and is called the Seaport Homes Luxury Condos & Townhouses. Seaport Homes is being built on property that was previously a private tennis club, not the naval property. Realizing that Ponte Vista will be 15 times as large as the Seaport Homes project, and that it will include at least 15 to 20 four- to six-story structures, has helped me put the Ponte Vista project into better perspective. It also helps me understand why so many people are opposed to Bob Bisno's project.

I was happy to read in last week's paper ("Ponte Vista panel redefines goals," Feb. 26) that Councilwoman Janice Hahn has stated that the members of the Ponte Vista panel "are going to create what's best for San Pedro." She also stated, "He (Bisno) is not going to drive this process; we are, the city is. We are still in the driver's seat."

It had been difficult for me to believe that she could be so insensitive as to think for one moment that this project as it stands would be good for San Pedro. San Pedro is an area that is already impacted by traffic tie-ups and population density problems. We need a little air to breath and a little grass around our homes. I hope the councilwoman will reconsider rezoning this property and allow San Pedro to continue to provide dignified and beautiful homes on serene and safe streets for its populous.

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