

# RPV resident voices concern

I had to reply to the letter by Rachel Viramontes, Sandy Bradley, Tanya Scotlan, Cheryl Lowe and Linda D' Ambrosi (" Most support Ponte Vista," Your Views, Friday).

Yes, the process was dominated by community advisory committee members living in Rancho Palos Verdes because this project affects us the most! We are the people living in Rancho Palos Verdes who live off Western Avenue because this is our lifeline for going to work, school, shopping or just getting out of town. We do care more about the traffic on Western Avenue than I bet these ladies do. They probably all live in San Pedro and can choose to avoid Western altogether if it gets too crowded during the high peak times, i.e. 8 a.m. school rush, 3 p.m. school rush, 5 p.m. work rush and all weekend long. I would just like to know where these 17,000 people live who signed this petition — I bet not off or near Western Avenue!

The so called "smoke screen" they talk about is what they are doing to us who have to use Western on a daily basis. I don't know what studies show that single-family homes create more traffic than condominiums and town homes — my guess is you can put a lot fewer single-family homes on an acre than multi-unit condominium, which means a lot fewer cars. Maybe the study they are referring to is another Bisno Development study along with the \$7million for traffic mitigation and community benefits. They can do all the studies they want but there is no way to expand Western and add any more lanes. So what is their solution, especially when the rains come and create another sinkhole, reducing Western to one lane?

We who live in Rancho Palos Verdes off Western are just a small portion of this community (who by no means are the wealthiest segment of the population). We are also just working families, police officers, firefighters, teachers and seniors who are not opposed to the idea of improving the old Navy housing (which I agree is an eyesore). We just would like a reasonable compromise. I doubt that everyone will ever come to a reasonable compromise, but my thoughts are the San Pedro community will prevail since they outnumber us Rancho Palos Verdes folks who live off Western.

I wonder if these ladies realize that about 20 years ago those of us who now live in Rancho Palos Verdes off Western Avenue used to live in San Pedro, so why now have we become their adversary? We do care about the benefits this project will offer to San

Pedro and the Harbor Area because the majority of us are "Pedro" people at heart, but we have to draw the line when it comes to our quality of life that will be forever disrupted by this project.

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