

July 10, 2008

Mr. Jon Foreman, Hearing Officer  
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Case CPC-2006-8043-GPA-ZC-SP-DA, VTT-63399, ENV-2005-4516-EIR

Dear Mr. Foreman:

Having attended nearly the entire public hearing on June 26, 2008 on the proposed Ponte Vista development in San Pedro, I want to commend the Department of City Planning for facilitating a well organized meeting. It was a difficult task considering the large audience. You handled your role as Hearing Officer with diligence and authority.

In addition to my comments that evening, I am submitting for the record why I believe the project, as proposed, is unfavorable:

- The project is out of character with the surrounding community. It is simply too large.
- While the Department of Transportation has signed off on the developer's traffic analysis, it is my opinion that Western Avenue is presently overcrowded with vehicles. The proposed mitigation is only a short-term fix for an already existing long-term problem. Adding approximately 10,000 car trips per day to Western Avenue represents nearly a 30% increase in traffic volume. Furthermore, I believe that Los Angeles needs its own set of criteria for evaluating traffic impacts.
- Western Avenue's reliability as the primary arterial for transportation within the last 3 years has been compromised as multiple sink-holes have appeared resulting in significant delays for periods of six to twelve months.
- We can all clearly understand the impact that development in the last twenty years has had to our quality of life - regional congestion, air pollution, significant demands on water resources, etc. Adding a project of this size exacerbates these impacts locally and regionally.

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- As it is the City's obligation to address the need for housing, it is my position that we need to focus our development efforts and density in Downtown San Pedro where access to infrastructure currently exists that does not exist at the proposed location.

Over the last few years I have heard from many of my constituents regarding the Ponte Vista Project. While the developer claims to have widespread support for this project, it is very clear that the community considers this project to be detrimental to their safety and quality of life. Therefore, I strongly urge the Department of City Planning to issue a recommendation for denial.

Sincerely,

JANICE HAHN  
Councilwoman, 15<sup>th</sup> District  
City of Los Angeles