

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- SAVE THE DATE –
  - April 27 NC Training - Advocacy: Council Files & Other Tools, 8-12, Constituent Service Center 8475 S. Vermont
  - May 18 – Port Tour for Elected Neighborhood Council Members
  - June 22 – Board Retreat/Planning Session
- Ray, Pat & I met with City Planning staff to discuss our concerns about the Ponte Vista specific Plan; also reviewed the comments on the DEIR; aprox 175 individuals and groups submitted comments with all but a handful stating the zoning should remain r-1
- Attended the City Planning Commission relative to the adoption of the Community Plan; successfully got the reference to Low Medium density for Ponte Vista removed
- Received and forwarded information from Recreation and Parks on repair to walkways in Averill Park.
- Received and forwarded to Board information on the opportunity to submit a highway Safety Improvement request
- Received copy of letter from US EPA regarding possible violations at Rancho; forwarded to Board Members, posted on website & facebook; forwarded to City Planning;
- Received notice from Rancho saying that they believe they have addressed five of the six allegations and will resolve the last one in a timely manner.
- Met with representative of Phillips 66 regarding their Health Risk Assessment and also attended their advisory committee where the assessment was discussed. A recently completed SCAQMD study found that in 2006-7 people living in a designated area would have their chances of getting cancer increased by a maximum of 23.2 chances in a million. Due to wind patterns the area impacted includes a portion of the DFSP on the west side and homes across the 110 Freeway on the east side. Since the time the emissions were measured, Phillips has taken a number of steps to reduce the cancer causing emissions. Diesel is the major contributor and they have made a significant reduction in their diesel emissions. They have had a dramatic reduction in flaring events over the past 5 years, a 77% decrease in SOXs due to the installation of the wet gas scrubber; and a slight reduction in NOX. Their energy bill is \$90 million per year.
- Phillips will give a tour if we have people interested.
- Attended the Neighborhood Council Plan Review and Reform Initiative Committee. Discussion focused on Neighborhood Council Funding, Grants and Donations. One of the questions asked was whether or not the nc funding system should be changes to base the amount of funding on the size of the nc. We recommended that it not be changes – NOTE: I don't know what the other two area panels recommended; We also recommended that regulations should be established to allow NCs to seek

grants & donations; that there not be a requirement to spend a certain % for specific categories (eg 25% of the budget for outreach), and that ncs continue to be allowed to provide funds to other city departments and non-profit agencies. Next session will focus on the possibility of replacing the Brown Act requirements with a new open meetings policy for NC & changes to the posting policy

- Attended Harbor Alliance – Notes Attached
- Received e-mail from Planning Department. They are working a major realignment that would create a Department of Planning and Development with a reallocation of responsibilities between the Department of Building & Safety, Department of City Planning, Department of Public Works' Bureaus of Engineering and Contract Administration, Fire Department and Department of Transportation.
- Received a cd from the Dept of Emergency Management entitled “You can build a neighborhood Disaster Plan in just 5 steps”
- Meeting with Joe Buscaino – NC Presidents will be meeting with Councilman Buscaino this month – let me know if there is anything specific you want me to bring up
- Received notification that AT&T has installed an above ground facility metal cabinet on Walker between 1<sup>st</sup> and Second. Any questions or concerns should be directed to Kevin Tamaki 213-743-7006