

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Attended Economic Development Meeting of Chamber. Heard excellent presentation on City Budget and another one on the USS Iowa which is exceeding its first year projections for both revenue and attendance.
- Attended Chamber Board meeting and mentioned some of our concerns about Ponte Vista, the ground breaking for the Skate Park, and our Pathways to Employment Event
- Interviewed by Daily Breeze regarding opening of Skate Park
- Spoke at Ground Breaking for Skate Park and presented Rec & Parks staff and Andy Harris with certificates of appreciation
- Attended the Neighborhood Council Plan Review and Reform Initiative Committee. Issues for discussion was definition of stakeholders. Introduced the following motion that passed: Replace the existing language regarding “factual basis stakeholder” with language that would allow individual Neighborhood councils to adopt and define additional stakeholder categories that promote inclusiveness. This motion, along with whatever came out of the other two area groups will be forwarded to the BONC for their consideration. Second meeting dealt with the topics of NC elections and boundary adjustments. A motion passed indicating that DONE should be the lead on elections and seek help from other entities as needed (including the City Clerk). A motion to enable NCs to hold their own elections in the off years failed.
- Attended President's Meeting with Joe. Main focus was on improving communications with Neighborhood Councils. I reported our main issues as Ponte Vista, Rancho Tanks, Future of the Science Center; There will be three measures on the May Ballot with regard to medical marijuana; Joe would like for NCs to submit more community impact statements; there are 28 Cultural heritage Sites in CD 15; we need to do more to promote them; Central asked the Councilman to enter a motion objecting to the closure of the courthouse; Coastal has proposed that the community input process for Ports O Call be coordinated through the PBID;
- Attended Harbor Alliance – Notes Attached
- Received an copy of an unsigned letter to the Public Integrity Division of the LA County DA's office alleging RPV Mayor Misitich has a conflict of interest with regard to Rancho Holdings
- Received letter from Planning Department regarding the Mobility Element of the General Plan. As a result of the process we participated in last summer, they have developed six draft goals with accompanying policies: Safety first, world class infrastructure, access for all, informed choices, clean environment and healthy communities, and smart investments. They have drafted policies for each of these goals. In addition, they have developed a list of proposed “enhanced” transit and bicycle corridors as part of the proposed implementation

plan. They are seeking comments on these proposals by March 31. Go to ideas.la2b.org or provide your comments to Claire Bowin (Claire.bowin@lacity.org) 213-978-1213.

- Received notification of proposed lot line adjustment at 2001 S. Goodhope
- Received and distributed notes from City's Billboard and Visual Landscape Visioning Group
- Discovered that Ponte Vista was on the Agenda for Wilmington NC, sent Pat Nave & Ray Regalado to request that they take no action until such time as we could make a presentation to them. They supported the project on a 4-3 vote. I then sent a letter to them asking that we have the opportunity to make a presentation and inviting them to participate with us in reviewing the Specific Plan
- Ray & I met with Alison Becker (Council Office) regarding our proposed Specific Plan Comments for Ponte Vista
- Obtained copies of the written comments on the Ponte Vista DEIR (excluding those that were e-mailed – will get those later); most significant was comment from the DFSP that in the future they will be replacing their underground tanks with above ground tanks and information from the Navy that the tank closest to Ponte Vista is leaking
- Sent message to Chris Torres in Dr. Vs office expressing my disappointment in the RFP for the Science Center – raising four issues: a) it is not limited to non-profits (this is intentional and they do not want to limit it) b) response time is too short – their response is that they reserve the right to extend it but no indication that they will c) Document lacks clarity on how to respond, and d) lack of public notice of the release of the RFP; they issued a press release and connected me to the procurement section – they are issuing an addendum to clarify the RFP.
- Received draft MOU with Port; forwarded it to Port Committee; met with Presidents of Central and Harbor City to discuss and re-draft
- Received Draft EIR for Port Master Plan and Final EIR for Southern California International Gateway Project, forwarded to Port Committee. There will be a public meeting to receive comments on the Draft EIR on March 13 from 6-8 at Banning's Landing. Comments are due April 8. See www.portoflosangeles.org for more info.
- Attended Area Planning Commission meeting regarding Update to San Pedro Community Plan; the planning staff changed their recommendation regarding 25th & Western – there is no longer a proposed increase in density; main items of contention were the fact that they had not proposed changing the zoning on the parcel where Rancho sits from Heavy Industrial to light industrial and a change in the Miraflores area that would no longer allow houses to be built on Cabrillo; Staff has created stronger design standards for the North Gaffey area; I spoke with staff about the fact that they did not include all of our Ponte Vista

recommendations including our recommendation that the reference to Median Density be removed and urged them to make that change; Next step – Planning Commission on Thursday March 14, 8:30 am at the POLA Boys and Girls Club

- Gary & I met with the Harbor Community Benefits Foundation; they are interested in being a sponsor and contributing funds to our youth event.
- Received e-mail from the Youth and Government San Pedro Chapter requesting support – referred to Youth Committee & George Thompson
- Channel 7 will be holding a town hall meeting Tue 6-8 pm at the Boys and Girls Club of Harbor City, 1220 W. 256th St. Space is limited – RSVP to meeting@abc7.com or 818-863-7238
- Attended Reception, hosted by Councilman Buscaino, to meet the developers for Ports O Call
- Branimir Kvartuc from Councilmember Buscaino's office has agreed to present a Social Media 101 Workshop for Neighborhood Council Members – need to know who is interested & best time
- Regional Budget Day, Sat March 16, 8:30 – 12:30 pm, Mark Ridley-Thomas constituent Service Center, 8475 S. Vermont Ave
- Tesoro & BP are merging. Congresswoman Hahn spoke with them about keeping their butane on site. She suggested we draft a letter to that effect to the FTC
- Because prop A did not pass, the City is facing a lot of new cuts, including cutting the NC elections next fiscal year unless the NCs fund it themselves with cuts to their yearly allocation. That would require an almost 20% cut to cover the election expenses as currently proposed. Other potential options are to move the elections to the fall of 2013 with partial cuts to the NC yearly allocation or pushing it to spring of 2015 with no cuts to the yearly allocation. There are pros and cons to each of these options. The Mayor's Office has requested input from the NCs on this asap since they have to finish their budget numbers by the end of the month. DONE will send a survey monkey out on Monday.