

that our schools remain open. We are more than willing to pay our fair share.

Ron and Joan Arias
Hermosa Beach

Get schooled

Dear ER:

Please come to the Hermosa Beach School District's March 25 visioning meeting and contribute your thoughts on school space. Here are some of my thoughts.

Reopening the North School site is the right thing to do for the Hermosa School District to solve overcrowding. We are presently over capacity by 500 students.

The North site has its challenges — traffic flow, specifically. I anticipate a strong working partnership with the city to solve the current congestion at Valley/Ardmore/Gould. Moving 300 students to North and adjusting space at Valley and View schools would create the space for all students, ease traffic congestions at Valley and View and create a new space for our community to use. This move to North is preferable to a land swap with the Community Center or remaining solely at the two current schools.

The Community Center is not an appropriate place for a 21st century school for many reasons. My top four reasons are:

1. A North School renovation allows the community to envision a space that meets our carbon neutral goals, has a park and field already attached to the school, is in a neighborhood away from heavy traffic and lessens the impact of Valley School traffic on Pier and Valley.
2. The traffic on PCH and Pier is not only a safety issue but also a health issue for children. Air pollution has a significant impact on lung development and asthma.
3. Transforming this historic Community Center into a school that meets 21st century ed code regulations would negatively alter the space and current beauty of the space. Ensuring that there is the appropriate amount of outside play space, teacher/staff parking, bathrooms, windows, and ADA compliant facilities would be challenging.
4. Hermosa's goal is to be a carbon neutral city by 2020. The renovation of this historic building into a green and sustainable space would be costly and impractical.

Maggie Bove-LaMonica
Member, Hermosa Beach School Board
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What's good for B is good for

Dear ER:

If we must adhere to "the Will of the people" relating to Measure B and keep the AES site as a Public Utility use, surely the obstructionists will "walk" and adhere to "the Will of the people" relating to the 2010 Measure C. The "people have spoken" with the passage of Measure G — they have approved current Waterfront zoning.

CenterCal has abided by the Measure requirements. Based on AECOM's independent study, we now know many half-truths from the obstructionists — lock traffic, a loss of views and access to the water, lack of profit, etc. — are less. With the release of the EIR this summer, those and other arguments will be resolved and the impacts will be mitigated if necessary.

Elisabeth
Redondo

AES reality check

Dear ER:

The Yes on B folks smugly insisted we were a vocal minority. A local gadfly RBTV regular called us terrorists. A pro-B businesswoman took to Facebook and said a "bunch of loudmouth liars" in the city convinced good residents to vote wrong. Through it all, we were supported by friends and neighbors who didn't want to sell out our city's waterfront to a multi-billion dollar, out-of-state energy corporation, so we supported a grassroots effort to defeat bad zoning. We voted and we won. Let's get to work on a zoning measure that transforms the AES property into so

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