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Lance and People for Ponto,

Thank you for taking the time to reach out.

Respectfully, I am not prepared to give a definitive position on this matter based on the information I have. Though I will share my views and opinions with the community.

One concern I share with members of the community is over development. Utilizing the space to simply add townhomes and shops is not something I would generally support. Many residents don't want our city to become the next Huntington Beach. Obviously, there is a need legally and locally for sensible development to remain compliant with the state of California. But if we build just to build, we will eventually lose the small town feel and open spaces that makes this city so attractive.

However, the idea that a neighborhood is lacking a park or place for children to play is troubling. My daughters' favorite things to do are swim and go to the park. We are fortunate to have both in our community. I work six miles from home which is a nice commute for that purpose but to suggest that a six-mile commute is reasonable for kids to get to enjoy their community in such a fundamental way is not something that resonates with me. It's a conflict with the current zoning of Ponto and that creates a barrier to moving forward on a compromised solution. Though I am certainly open to working towards one.

Very Respectfully,



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