

Dear Lance,

Thank you for the opportunity to address a Ponto area park.

Over the past several years I have met with several Ponto residents to discuss their requests for a park in the Ponto area, and strategies to address the Growth Management and General Plans.

Our General Plan, adopted around 1994 (updated in 2015), is the document that addresses topics such as housing, safety, open space, and parks.

Our Growth Management Plan, voted on by our residents around 1986, establishes the standards for our facilities, such as libraries, safety services, and parks.

Interpretations of the current Growth Management Plan differ between some residents and City staff/City attorney. I believe that our best strategy is to support a new Growth Management Plan and General Plan that will reflect the desires of today's residents. Our old plan has served us well but has become outdated. A revised plan could address a variety of services and infrastructure, including parks. I support an updated plan that is built on the desires of our current residents.

I will continue to work on strategies to increase park and open space. I have never heard a Carlsbad resident say that we have too many parks or too much open space!

Sincerely, Keith Blackburn