

Dear Mr. Schulte,

I am pleased to provide you with my position regarding a park on the land in Ponto.

As I've said in our conversations, I think a park on the site would be a great use of the land and preserve it for future generations of Carlsbad residents.

As you know, I am in full support of a feasibility study that would provide an exhaustive review of all issues related to the site that would need to be addressed and resolved to turn the park into a reality. I would insist staff address the many points that People for Ponto has brought forward the past several years and that are included in your questionnaire. I would also insist on significant opportunities for public input.

I fully support the basic philosophy of the city's General Plan that works to ensure amenities, including parks, are geographically spread throughout the city.

As a District 4 resident of nearly 25 years, I have experienced first-hand how the city – and other organizations as well – often focus on issues impacting the northern part of the city and ignore issues in South Carlsbad. As a councilmember representing D4, I would work to objectively listen to all sides of an issue before making decisions.

I believe the role of a city council member is to set policy and goals at a “high” level for staff to follow. I believe council members need to make decisions based on the facts. It is not the job nor is it appropriate for council members or candidates to get into the fine details of issues, particularly not before those issues reach the council docket.

Thank you for caring about Carlsbad

Respectfully,

Philip Urbina

Candidate for Carlsbad City Council District 4 in 2020