

TOO MUCH POLITICAL CONTROL

I read the Oct. 24 article about Supervisor Susan Adam's unilateral action in ousting all members of the Santa Venetia flood advisory board. Oh, how this is familiar.

I live in Marinwood and we had a very active and community- based task force to address the best use of the old shopping center at the Highway 101 junction with Miller Creek Road, which is now an eyesore.

The community wants a market and it appeared willing to accept limited mix of residential units and commercial uses in order to make the project economically viable to the developer.

Indeed, the community accepted a plan that was proposed by the task force in conjunction with a developer and the county, that called for a market, commercial use and residential units not to exceed two stories - approximately 70 residential units.

Then, Supervisor Adams decided, unilaterally, to add members to this task force and rename it to reflect a "collaborative" process.

To Adams, the term "collaborative" means adding people who agree with her. However, the new and improved "collaborative" process has presented our community with a plan that calls for a market, residential units of up to four stories in height - with 92 housing units.

This is out of sync with the community.

Also, the developer used computer generated images that resembled a video game, rather than presenting the community with an actual model so that we could really see how the project would look. We do not want a Whole Foods fiasco.

Politically, Marinwood is subject to the control of one individual. Perhaps Marinwood should explore annexing to the city of San Rafael, as the county (and our supervisor) is not responsive to the needs of our community.

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