

NEW: SMALL LOT RESIDENTIAL ZONING

Following up on the article in January's news-letter about the new state zoning laws, Vista's Community Development staff are looking at a new small lot residential zoning category.

Some Vista neighborhoods already have many of the characteristics of small lot zoning — Calypso, Heritage, Legends, for example — but these houses are part of condominium associations.

The new zoning describes minimum lot sizes of 3600 sq. ft. along with side yard setbacks of five feet and rear yard setbacks of ten feet coupled with open space requirements.

When the small lot zoning was presented for discussion at the February 22 City Council meeting, Mayor Judy Ritter recommended including adequate storage requirements for each house and Deputy Mayor John Franklin recommended maintenance standards for the front yards. Small lot zoning will be presented to the Planning Commission in April and to City Council again in May.

The staff report on small lot zoning can be found at : <https://records.cityofvista.com/WebLink/0/doc/1963049/Page1.aspx>

From a Rancho Buena Vista High School student:

Greetings friends of Vista-

My name is Dlainey Nakamoto and I'm the President of the Public Policy Club at RBV. We've been discussing the fact that the City of Vista is the only city in North County that does not prohibit smoking and vaping on outdoor restaurant patios. Our club worked with the North Coastal Prevention Coalition and created an online survey to find out what other people think about this topic. We'd really appreciate your taking 2 minutes to share your opinions. Thank you!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VistaSFOD>

MAYOR RITTER'S STATE OF THE CITY REPORT

February 28th was the Vista State of the City luncheon at city hall, presented by Mayor Judy Ritter. This was Mayor Ritter's farewell State of the City presentation, as she will not seek re-election in 2022. We thank Mayor Ritter in her tireless work in representing our city over the last 24 years, twelve years as a city council member and twelve as the mayor

Some major accomplishments highlighted were: making Vista a strong city through fiscal sustainability, public safety, improving traffic flow, downtown development, improving the city's image and investing in our community to improve parks and recreation. The presentation was shown as a video, complete with testimonials from community members who spoke about why Vista is a great place to live and work. Also highlighted were the challenges our city faced with Covid-19 and how we learned and adapted to face the challenges.

We thank Mayor Ritter for her service to our city, and we look forward to the future of our city and the improvements our next mayor will lead.

— Tazheen Nizam, President

GOOD NEWS: BUENA CREEK CLEAN- UP SCHEDULED AGAIN

On Saturday, **April 23, 2022** (the day after Earth Day), I Love A Clean San Diego is set to host the 20th Anniversary edition of the countywide Creek to Bay Cleanup.

Important Dates

Registration Opens: Friday, April 1, 2022 at CreektoBay.org

Event Day: Saturday, April 23, 2022 – 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Join us!

UPDATE ON PALOMAR AIRPORT MASTER PLAN



C4FA recently met with Supervisor Lawson–Remer and staff to review the Board of Supervisor's Dec 8, 2021 vote on the most recent Palomar Airport Master Plan Update. We were able to clarify that :

- Palomar Airport will remain a B–II Airport in the new Master Plan Update
- EMAS (Engineered Material Regressing System – think runaway truck stops) will be added to one end of the existing runway
- The runway will be extended on the opposite end of the existing runway by 200 feet (+/- 10% – so let's be real – it's a 220 foot extension).
- Airport Operations may come back to the Board of Supervisors at some date in the future with D–III design standards

We have a follow–up meeting with Supervisor Lawson–Remer's office to gain a further understanding of:

- What exactly this vote means
- The expected timeframe of the runway extension and EMAS installation
- The process that will be followed for each project
- An explanation of the funding sources.

C4FA believes the 200–foot runway extension is unnecessary. We will be watching very carefully. For those who are interested, you may read the Dec 8, 2021 Board of Supervisors Minute Order for the Palomar Airport Master Plan Update [here](#).

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Now that the County legal issues are settled, we are developing a strategic course of action to pressure our elected officials at the local, state, and federal levels regarding noise and pollution issues.

Work with the State and Federal Government will be challenging and slow. We have candidates currently running for State and Federal office who can help. We will not be alone, considering the environmental issues associated with airports in general across the nation. If you have interest in assisting with this work, **please email us at c4fa.info@gmail.com, Subject line: State and Federal Government.** This work will likely be a long process. We are not done!

As always, we are appreciative of all the support all of you have shown C4FA as we continue to fight to keep Palomar Airport from expanding to become a “John Wayne South.” The battles aren't over, and we hope you will continue to stand with us.

We'll keep you updated.
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Please share this with friends and neighbors!

P.S. One last ask – if you can. Our work isn't done by a long shot. We are an all–volunteer organization. Every dollar counts. Thank you!

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