

RESULTS OF HEARING ON INJUNCTION AGAINST SAN DIEGO COUNTY

From Dom Betro, Palomar Airport Action Network —

The hearing was held on April 4, 2025.

The decision by Judge Pollack to not grant injunctive action to stop the American Airlines flights in and out of Palomar Airport was not unexpected. Unfortunately the county's deceitful strategy of "asking for forgiveness vs permission" worked. By "bum rushing" implementation of these flights, and citing questionable economic impact with no details if the flights were to be halted, the Judge was left no other option.

It was encouraging that the Judge referred to the County and American Airlines actions as being subject to a "blurry" interpretation of the City of Carlsbad Conditional Use Permit authority vs any FAA reviews. The judge further indicated that the C4fa suit has merit, refuting the County and American Airline legal brief contention that it did not. Judge Pollack also emphatically indicated that this decision on the injunction in no way is indicative of how he may ultimately decide in this matter.

The C4fa suit is currently scheduled to be heard on November 4, 2025.

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TRUE LIFE PROJECT FINALLY BEGINS



The residential project at So. Melrose and Matagual, proposed by True Life Companies, is finally underway. The project proposes 34 houses, 30 guest parking spaces; wider streets will allow parking on both sides. A dog park, tot lot, and open space are included.

MAR VISTA PLAN

— **Raffi Mangassarian** | Associate Planner
City of Vista Community Development Dept.

The Mar Vista Specific Plan homepage can be found here: [Mar Vista Specific Plan | City of Vista](#)

The Mar Vista Island area was located within Vista's Sphere of Influence and is included in the City's General Plan. The General Plan land use designation for this area is Rural Residential (RR), which permits a density of one dwelling unit per acre. The corresponding zoning for the RR General Plan land use designation is Agriculture (A-1) Zone, which also permits a maximum density of one dwelling unit per acre. The previous County of San Diego zoning of this area was A70 (Agricultural), which was a County agricultural designation allowing a density of one dwelling unit per acre. County of San Diego had some additional agricultural/animal uses that will be carried over into the Mar Vista Specific Plan.

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

On March 6th, 2025, Chris Arce, Director of the City of Vista Public Works Department made a presentation to the Vista Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee. He indicated his department currently operates with 58 staff allocated to Administration, Streets/Stormwater, Fleet, Wastewater, Parks and Facilities/Utilities. Responsibilities also include oversight of the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facility.

Maintenance and improvements of streets and parks division are important components of the City's community service. The Streets division maintains approximately 185 miles of streets, sidewalks, 12,000 street signs, parking lots, pothole repairs, street striping and markings, graffiti abatement and stormwater channel maintenance. The Parks division has 200 park acres, 15 parks, 16,7789 trees, and manages 17 sport fields as well as street parkways and median landscapes.

On March 10 and March 18, the City of Vista invited property owners to participate in community meetings regarding potential funding adjustments for essential City services, including landscaping, street lightning, and street maintenance. With rising maintenance costs, the city has faced significant challenges in sustaining current service levels. Assessment amounts have remained unchanged since 1991-1992. This has caused reduced street sweeping and deferred maintenance on streetlights, traffic signals, and roadways.

A portion of tree trimming, landscape and street maintenance in the City of Vista are funded by an annual special financing district assessment. The City is proposing new assessment districts to replace existing ones and provide the necessary funding to maintain current levels of services. These include additional traffic signals and traffic lights, tree maintenance programs, integrated pest management program for all parks and medians, protected

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green bike lanes, and asphalt and concrete improvements.

Property owners will be receiving two ballots: a) Landscape & Lighting District No. 1 (LLD 1); and b) Street Maintenance District No. 1 (SMD 1) mailed by the end of March. The ballots will show the proposed assessment amounts for each of the replacement districts. There are two easy ways to compare your current to the proposed assessment: a) visit www.CivicMic.com/Vista, scroll down to the community map, search for your address, and click on the parcel; or b) review the ballot insert mailed in your ballot package.

The increase in assessment is minimal and it's a single annual payment. In my case, it goes up by \$1.42 (LLD 1) and \$3.82 (SMD 1), or a total of \$5.24. That is less than a Venti Chai Latte at Starbucks! I encourage you all to vote in favor of the proposal.

Watch for your ballot in the mail. Ballots must be received by the City no later than May 13, 2025 (regardless of postmark date). Ballots may also be submitted in person to the City Clerk at the Council meeting prior the conclusion of the Public Hearing for this proposed assessment. Ballots will be counted during the city Council meeting on May 23, 2025, at 200 Civic Center Drive in Vista.

— Francis Dumler, President
South Vista Communities

AA Injunction Decision

Dear C4FA Friends,

We wanted to share some updates from our recent court hearing. While the injunction outcome wasn't in our favor, it was one we anticipated. We're truly in a David vs. Goliath situation, facing not one but two Goliaths! However, we had some significant wins that the media seemed to overlook:

- **Federal Pre-Emption** – The judge didn't buy the County's and AA's argument that federal law pre-empts the City of Carlsbad's local control and land use authority.
- **Case Merit and Standing** – The judge also didn't buy AA's and the County's argument that our lawsuit lacked merit and C4FA lacked standing, **even mentioning that this will be a close case.** Hearing dates were put on the Court calendar for Nov 2025.

We knew this would be a tough battle—big money and arrogance versus local control and the rights of residents. **The Judge also clarified that his decision on the injunction doesn't hint at how he'll rule in the lawsuit.**

Our team came prepared with facts and evidence. Interestingly, AA wouldn't disclose their financials to show if this route is even profitable. The County remained silent, letting AA do all the talking.

Moreover, there were moments when the County and AA were less than truthful under oath. Rest assured, C4FA has the evidence, which we'll present at trial. **Remember, a half-truth is not the truth, and a lie of omission is still a lie.**

Thank you all for your incredible generosity and support. We still need your donations. Every dollar counts. This is a marathon, and we're just getting started. C4FA is committed to seeing this through to the end.

Questions? Please email us at c4fa.info@gmail.com.

Warmly,

Your Friends and Neighbors at C4FA

BTW – A huge **THANK YOU** to all who have donated. **We can't do this without you. We are a 100% Volunteer Organization.** [Please Click Here to Donate Today](#)

MAR VISTA PLAN (Cont.)

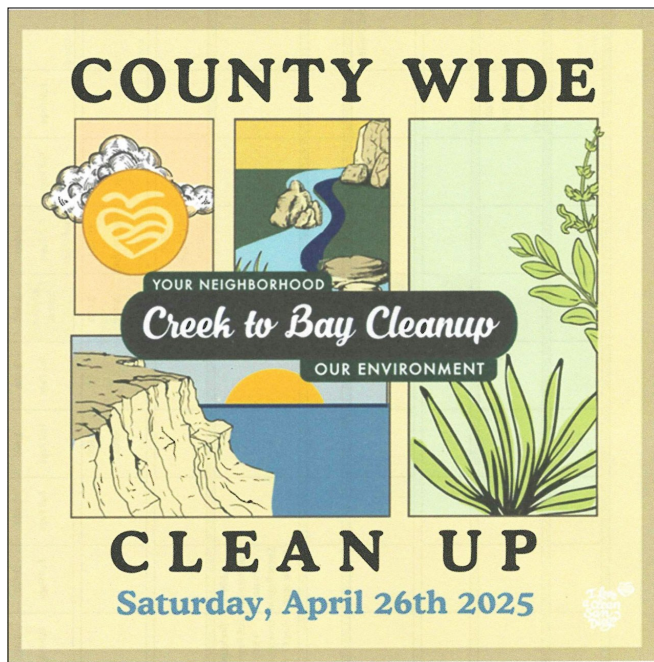
On June 22, 2021, the City of Vista City Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-116 per Planning Case No. P21-0200, making application to the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) for the annexation/reorganization of approximately 143 acres known as the Mar Vista Island. On November 7, 2022, LAFCO passed and adopted Resolution No. 2022-014 per LAFCO File No. RO21-04, making determinations, approving and ordering a reorganization and associated sphere of influence amendment for the Mar Vista Annexation.

The residents of the Mar Vista neighborhood were concerned that the land uses

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and standards that they enjoyed for decades under County of San Diego jurisdiction would not continue to be permitted under the City of Vista jurisdiction, once annexation was completed. However, the City of Vista made commitments to the residents that the City would maintain consistency with the County of San Diego standards related to land uses and development standards, via adoption of the Mar Vista Specific Plan. In keeping that commitment, the Vista Community Development Department began the process of developing the Mar Vista Specific Plan.





9 am to 12 pm at **Buena Vista Creek trail** — 1280 E. Hacienda Drive, Vista. Here is the link to register: [Creek To Bay - I Love A Clean San Diego](#) Registration opens on April 1st. All volunteers either need to bring their signed waiver with them or we will have waivers there that day for them to sign.

Do you know that the **Vista Farmers Market** now has a Nature Table each Saturday? We are the only farmers market with a nature table!

a nature table creates a place where children connect with nature — something we need more of — by sharing found objects from nature that change with the seasons . . . and teaches everyone to see beauty in the everyday natural treasures around us.



Dan O'Donnell - Dist. 4 Town Hall - Community Safety - April 27th

I'd like to personally invite you to join me, along with Vista Sheriff's Captain John Malan, for a District 4 Town Hall on **Sunday, April 27th, from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm**. We will be discussing several important community safety topics and seeking resident feedback.

Topics of discussion:

Crime Monitoring Cameras: How they can help improve security and monitor public spaces.

License Plate Readers: The role they could play in reducing crime in our area.

Gunshot Detection Devices: How these tools help law enforcement respond faster to incidents.

There will also be a 30-minute open forum for any additional questions.

This town hall is open to everyone, so please invite a neighbor or friend.

Event Details:

Date: Sunday, April 27th

Time: 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

Location: Thibodo Park House

Address: 1150 Lupine Hills Drive, Vista, CA 92081

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