

# Del Mar Times

**Letters to the Editor**  
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## **Cedros Crossing a benefit**

I could not attend Mayor Powell's recent State of the City address, but I read his speech online at the city's Web site. It was interesting to hear about the political will that turned Solana Beach into a full-fledged city responsible for everything that happens within our 4 square miles.

Now, as Mayor Powell said, we're at a crossroads and it's time for us to decide where we want to go as a city. We cannot sacrifice our police and fire services, our infrastructure or our parks and beaches. The hard facts are that we need more money in our city or else we risk losing what makes us such a wonderful place.

The Cedros Crossing project he talked about will provide a thoughtfully designed, pedestrian-friendly project while adding tremendously to city coffers. I can't think of a better way to preserve our friendly beach community while planning for and protecting our future.

*Keith Nordling*  
*Solana Beach*

## **Train station is a winner**

I invested in Solana Beach several years ago because I love the small-town character. We not only have beautiful beaches, we have a thriving art scene, one-of-a kind boutiques on Cedros and a great regional treasure, the North Coast Repertory Theatre. I cannot imagine being anywhere else in San Diego and enjoying a higher quality of life.

Because I love it so much, I want to make sure that our city doesn't become the endangered species that other small cities like Del Mar are becoming when their finances can't keep up with the demands of the residents.

I don't know about you, but I don't want to jeopardize our police or fire services. Nor do I want to see the quality of our libraries and parks compromised. There is only one way to keep the quality of life here without raising fees astronomically: We need more sales tax and property tax.

Since our 4-square-mile city doesn't have a lot of land to add big housing developments or giant shopping malls, we need to use our space very strategically and intelligently. Personally, I think the mayor is right to encourage the train station project. Not only will it provide a new space for the theater and more upscale restaurants, it will provide outdoor gathering spaces for the community and some badly needed parking, almost triple the number of spots we now have.

Best of all, the revenue this project will generate is going to keep our city in the black for a long time. I hope Mayor Powell and the entire City Council move forward quickly with this project.

*John Cavanaugh*  
*Solana Beach*