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Solana Beach council resists desirable progress

The Solana Beach City Council continues to be indecisive and is reluctant to take action on the Cedros Crossing Project. We are standing in the wake of a serious financial crisis, and the Solana Beach City Council refuses to move forward on the Cedros Crossing Project and all the tax revenue it would generate. Instead, the council has spent the past year pandering to the small number of residents who resist progress.

Whether these people like it or not, the North County Transit District is going to build something on its property. This is our chance to control what is built and the City Council is squandering the opportunity.

The small group of NIMBYs who have forced the council to hold up this project clearly do not understand that our high quality of life in Solana Beach cannot be maintained without a steady supply of funds. If they're worried about community character now, just wait until North County Transit District builds a five-story parking garage instead of the Cedros Crossing Project.

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How much longer will Solana Beach try to postpone the inevitable?

Much of the opposition to the Cedros Crossing Project is based on speculation that the development would significantly increase traffic, and thus congestion in the area.

Solana Beach can continue to thrive as a city only if it adapts to the needs of its growing citizenry. Right now, those needs include financial stability and commercial expansion.

Even without the Cedros Crossing development, businesses and restaurants will pop up individually and increase congestion in certain areas. With the project, however, we would have mitigation funds to pay for traffic, and congestion would be predictable and easier to monitor.

If Cedros Crossing is approved, traffic management planning and the project's construction can take place simultaneously.

The allure of our Solana Beach neighborhoods will undoubtedly draw more and more people as time goes on. Expansion will occur and congestion will increase. The question is, do we want to prepare for that expansion now by supporting Cedros Crossing, or will we deny the inevitable and lay a much larger burden on future residents and council members?

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