# BUTCHER HILL PROJECT What is at stake:

Zoned for Single Family Residences (R-1). Developer seeks <u>248 High</u> <u>Density</u> (R-5) apartments. This project is <u>just the beginning</u>.

Project would set precedent in Torrance "Hillside Overlay" of substantially increasing density around the base of Palos Verdes Estates.

Palos Verdes Estates will be impacted by traffic congestion and other ailments caused by unmitigated forced high density:

- Safety
- Increased costs & taxation
- Traffic congestion
- Limited resources

- Permanent loss of sensitive habitat
- Noise and light pollution
- Air quality and health issues
- Exposure to impacts of decades of uncontrolled site dumping
- Increased fire risks and limited evacuation routes
- Reduced property values



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As an elected Councilmember, I will provide leadership needed to <u>proactively</u> address the Butcher Hill project.

Please vote for me on March 5!

1 Torrance General Plan Amendment (GPA16-00001) to change the land use designation and a zone change (Z0N16-00001 and PUD16-00001)

# As a Council member I support proactive steps **NOW** to protect residents' rights afforded by CEQA law:

## CREATE A COMMITTEE NOW TO ASSESS IMPACTS AND RESPOND IN A STRONG AND TIMELY MANNER:

#### 1. Develop an objective Impact Study:

- Utilize the preliminary environmental report NOW, in preparation to respond to the final due <u>any day</u> - with a limited 45 day response
- Develop an objective assessment of environmental impacts and evaluation of alternatives as afforded by CA CEQA law which establishes important rights to anyone impacted
- Leverage and engage resident experts on environmental studies and impacts





#### 2. Transparency & Engagement:

- Develop a communication plan to provide residents with accurate and timely information on the project, inviting engagement
- Provide a forum for residents to bring concerns, so the City is not caught unaware.

### 3. Be prepared to respond in 45 days to final environmental study:

- Locate a sharp Land Use attorney to understand options available to our City to respond
- Preserve project documentation is available to the City committee
- Form partnership with other PV Cities, ensuring they are aware of the impacts to their residents and are prepared

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