

Love Laguna Beach!

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What's inside:

- El Toro, airplanes and you
- South Laguna Village Commercial zone—a new reality!

This is the start of my second year on the Laguna Beach City Council. Therefore, I have chosen to number this issue Volume 2, number 1. I have appreciated your feedback on previous editions of *Love Laguna Beach*, and hope that you find this information both interesting and timely. As I told you when I started this letter, it is my intention to use it as a vehicle to provide you information on what's happening in City government.

Do you know someone who should be receiving this update? Please e-mail me their name and e-mail address and I'll add them to the list!

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Be sure to vote in the March 5 election.

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The El Toro airport has been getting more than its share of attention in the press.

You have read about the enormous amounts of money being spent by the County Board of Supervisors in their "Just the Facts" campaign, which promotes a new international airport at the former El Toro Marine Base.

The El Toro Reuse Planning Agency, on which I sit representing the City of Laguna Beach, has been extremely successful lately in stopping the misuse of public funding for these expensive and misleading advertising campaigns.

The courts have now ruled in our favor—the County has been instructed to stop spending taxpayers' money on this campaign. The County had planned nine county-wide mailings costing millions of dollars in the month of January alone in support of the new airport.

In related good news, ETRPA has also reached a settlement agreement with the City of Newport Beach and its pro-airport arm, the Airport Working Group. They have also been spending taxpayer money to promote the airport on cable TV ads and with direct mail. All such activities paid for from public funds must now cease.



South Laguna now has a Village Commercial zone. The City this week adopted as an urgency ordinance the new South Laguna Village commercial zoning that the South Laguna Subcommittee—composed of South Laguna residents, business owners, and planning commission members—had worked on for more than a year. The intent of the zoning is to re-vitalize the South Laguna Commercial District and make it more "resident friendly" by encouraging pedestrian oriented uses such as sidewalk cafes, retail stores, restaurants and beauty shops. Final approval by the Coastal Commission is required for this to become permanent.