

President's Message

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A good sub-title for this issue might be "A Tale of Two City Cases".

The first case concerned a data center across from Las Palapas on Callaghan. The center belongs to the University Health System (UHS). In September, UHS requested height variances for a security fence entirely around the property. Originally the association was against the request because City ordinances do not allow the City to mandate or control the fence design; hence the fence could have been a bare chain link design, which would have negatively impacted the aesthetics of the area. Joseph E. Gonzales, A.I.A, UHS Facility Architect, quickly addressed our concerns and the association reversed its opposition.

The second case has been more protracted and problematic. Here's a hint. It's the one that been going on for more than two years. The article "Porsche – We've hit a Brick Wall" gives a rather long description of what's happened recently in the case, so I won't rehash the details here. The bottom line is – for reasons beyond our control the issue is out of our hands now. Can you do something?

I don't know about you, but sometimes I wish I were on permanent vacation. Maybe in Albuquerque.

Read on and this will make sense.

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