BARRIO’S FUTURE ON BALLOT

New plan for Barrio Logan’s next 20 years dependent on outcome of Propositions B and C on June 3

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"What we’re trying to ensure is that as things proceed that the industry, especially heavy industry, is protected," said Derry Pence, president of the Port of San Diego Ship Repair Association.

He said the protections for 20 maritime-related businesses in the buffer zone are not strong enough.

The conventional wisdom is that B and C will go down to defeat because opponents with more than $1 million available have far outspent supporters, led by the Environmental Health Coalition, and voters tend to vote no when they don’t understand a proposition.

Faulconer said if that happens, he will seek a "fresh start."

"I will work with the Barrio Logan community and key stakeholders to start on a new plan that protects maritime jobs in San Diego and creates a better blueprint for the neighborhood," he said.

Alvarez, who lost to Faulconer in the mayoral runoff earlier this year, said he’s interested in a renewed "conversation" about the community’s future — but up to a point.

"I can tell you this community will not take more shoving down the throat of things this community does not want to do just so it will not avoid a future argument on this," he said. "We’ll look for a way to do that. If that fails, we’ll find another way."

He held out the possibility that a continued Democratic majority on the City Council could hold firm and pass the same plan and ordinances in a year that it did last year, and then dare opponents to launch another referendum drive.
“That’s their choice to do that, just as it’s our choice to move a plan that’s the same or do something different less than year from now,” he said.

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Since the 1880s the waterfront has played an important and dynamic role within the city’s economy and land-use system, providing critical land for new and changing maritime and naval industries, and is the last area of the city still suited for this purpose.

The unique land-use pattern reflects past city direction to concentrate industry and employment-generating uses and serves as evidence of Barrio Logan’s history of being bisected by freeways. As a result, instances of incompatible uses, where residential, industrial, commercial and institutional uses abut one another are common. This co-location of incompatible uses, coupled with large-scale industrial uses within the port of San Diego and the naval base has created conflicts and issues.

The plan addresses these complex issues through proposed land uses that respect the existing and evolving residential character and support the economic vitality of businesses in Barrio Logan.

Maritime-oriented uses allowed in 124 acres of commercial land with a coastal development permit and in some instances a conditional use permit.

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