The April 18 election looked to go off without incident. One of the group of women manning the polling area said she was part of a non-partisan group there to help with the election. She said out of about 100 eligible voters, an estimated 60 voted in the March election and with 1-1/2 hours before the polls closed, 84 had voted so far in the April election.

I then talked to three environmental coalition members down the street handing out flyers. One voter stopped by and jokingly asked for the "cheat sheet."

Katie was there to vote with her husband Robert and their new baby. "I think about my neighborhood and how forgotten it feels. I feel like people that have grown up here are told that all of this [she pointed to the industrial machinery at every angle] is good for them. You look at this park they built [with a view of the industrial Port] and we're supposed to be happy, but it's like they throw morsels at us."

The planning group is what many locals hope will make the difference after so many years of having those that don't live in their community decide their fate. The entire city voting to overturn their community plan is one such example. An elderly woman I spoke to at a 2017 planning meeting said, "We get nothing, we don't get asked, we don't get respect, it's the same thing all the time."

UPDATE
Takvorian contacted the author after publication and wanted to make clear that she was referring to tenants of the Port handing out flyers in 2016 and not the Port of San Diego itself. She further said the community plan being in limbo has no impact on the Port’s activities as it’s a separate entity comprised of five cities surrounding the San Diego Bay (San Diego, National City, Chula Vista, Imperial Beach, and Coronado). She said that pro-Port candidates mentioned in the article should have been referred to instead as pro-Port tenants. She wanted to make clear that the Environmental Health Coalition's "slate was not anti-Port but pro-community."