



Environmental Health Coalition asks Yes vote on Props B and C

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The issue was big in the special election for mayor. David Alvarez was for the community plan; now-Mayor Kevin Faulconer was not. The five block buffer that separates residential and industrial zones was approved by the City Council last fall, but the shipyards and the Chamber of Commerce wanted the voters to overturn it. They will have their chance, when the plan goes to ballot June 3rd.

"We just couldn't go anywhere - the beach, the park, he was a prisoner and so was I," said Elvia Martinez, Barrio Logan resident and mother of asthmatic Robert Martinez. "It affected all of us emotionally; it was very draining."

Martinez says her son had to start using a breathing machine at age 2. The family says his condition came from living next to a chrome plating company.

"I couldn't go outside and play, couldn't be a child," said Robert.

A 10 year community and legal fight closed down Master Plating. But childhood asthma is common in the area of Barrio Logan, and for that and other health reasons, the environmental coalition wants you to vote Yes on Props B and C of the community plan - to prevent more industrial businesses from moving into this residential neighborhood.

"These blocks that we are in, are part of the transition part of the buffer," said Georgette Gomez of the Environmental Health Coalition.

The EHC took media on a tour of several blocks of Barrio Logan to show just how close what they called "toxic businesses" are to homes and schools. Businesses like Praxair.

"Praxair is a supplier, but it's a gas chemical company that could explode, could occur here."

A new car storage place just moved into the block of Union, and the EHC is calling for more businesses like that to move into the designated transition zone. Another new business, Fire Etcetera that supplies fire equipment, is also considered a "good neighbor". Opponents say Props B and C would lead to a loss of jobs, a shut down of the adjacent shipyards and start to push the Navy out of San Diego. But EHC says it would do just the opposite.

"Over time, we are creating 5,000 jobs if we implement the plan, creating more jobs because of increased commercial and industrial, but putting it away from the people."

Industrial businesses that already exist in that neighborhood would be grandfathered in under the plan, but EHC is hoping they relocate. They say the area is developing with new housing units and a grocery store - they want to keep families there, and keep them healthy.

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