



## Props B and C on election eve

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"We have the right to live in a clean non-toxic community," said 14-year-old Andres Figueroa, who spent his early school days at Perkins Elementary in Barrio Logan.

On election eve Monday night, the school served as the site for a mini-rally by B and C supporters who included longtime Barrio residents as well as City School District and Labor leader Richard Barrera and the Environmental Health Coalition's Diane Takvorian. This is a health issue say people gathered at the school; Takvorian and Barrera point to asthma rates of the Barrio's children - three times higher, they say, than those of the children in the rest of the county.

Propositions B and C involve the neighborhood's community plan and the zoning changes to implement it, including a buffer zone between homes and the neighboring shipyard and ship repair industries. B and C opponents say it will drive out those industries. Barrera was live on KUSI's "Good Morning San Diego":

"What the community has done is a five year plan that protects the shipyards and the job industry while creating a buffer zone so kids are protected. That doesn't seem to be enough for the shipyards. They were willing to compromise, as long as they got everything they wanted."

Yes, it is a health issue, says longtime Barrio resident John Alvarado, but the culprit is not industry, it's coming from the freeway. Alvarado also refers to a hidden agenda going on in the district. Alvarado held up an extensive study on behalf of the city - a study which puts the health blame on the auto and truck traffic on Interstate 5, which borders the Barrio's east side. Alvarado spoke in Chicano Park, directly below the traffic on the Coronado bridge:

"What they say is coming from the shipyards was mitigated 15 years ago, and everyone is in compliance. If you are not in compliance, you're gone."

As far as the proponent's hidden agenda, as Alvarado characterizes it:

"What they want to do is bring in up to 2,000 units - maybe 6,000 to 8,000 people. There are only 4,300 residents here, they want to be able outvote us on everything that comes up."

Contentious, it's Props B and C.