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Community letters: Port Commission, Horton Plaza, Santee planning and more

BY THE SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE ·
THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2011 AT MIDNIGHT

Former commissioner praised for work

Environmental Health Coalition thanks Stephen Padilla for his incredible leadership during his tenure on the San Diego Port Commission ("Chula Vista's Port Commission rep removed from post hours after honor," SignOn San Diego, Jan. 12).

Padilla was instrumental in many victories for South Bay residents during the past year, including adoption of the Chula Vista Bayfront Master Plan that will protect over 70 acres of natural habitat and create 129 acres of new parks. He was also one of many local and state leaders who worked diligently to end the operation of the South Bay Power Plant. These achievements will benefit the South Bay for decades to come.

EHC remains committed to the goals of economic and environmental sustainability that Padilla advanced, and we look forward to working with Commissioner Ann Moore to achieve this.

Diane Takvorian

Executive director

Environmental Health Coalition

Look beyond park in Horton Plaza plan

Creating a large square adjacent to Horton Plaza is a great idea ("A regional treasure can be ours again," Opinion, Jan. 13). But have any elected officials spent any time around the existing park over the last couple of years? If so, they will know it is a place that no one would ever want to spend any time. Unless the city of San Diego is willing to extend a meaningful hand to the ever-increasing homeless population in downtown, this would be a misguided effort.

Gary Burcham

Pacific Beach

National City and redevelopment

Gov. Jerry Brown's plans to dismantle redevelopment agencies will hit National City hard ("Brown's plan to phase out agencies criticized," Local, Jan. 12). Mayor Ron Morrison calls the move shortsighted. One has to wonder, when you look at a map of National City redevelopment