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Enough is enough in Laguna

Editor: I wrote this after Frank Robinson's commentary of May 20, 1998, regarding the Laguna de Santa Rosa. I had thought it would be a letter to the editor, then changed my mind because I really only wanted to explain myself to him. I didn't mail it. I just ran across it while tucking the latest Laguna (Saddleburr/ Charter School) clipping away in a file folder. I find I still want to respond.

Since Frank Robertson named me in his May 20 column "The War of the Laguna," I feel I should respond regarding the preservation of the Laguna, and why certain projects went unchallenged by me.

Morris Street was a done deal when my husband and I moved to this area in 1986. The Balleto Farm? Darned if I know. It just magically appeared, before I knew about it. The Teen Center? Teenagers I talked with said they wanted it downtown, not near the high school. I agreed then and still do. But opposing the site would have been a losing and bruising battle, as anyone remembering that funding campaign will agree.

Let me tell you a joke, Frank. You might see a corollary:

After 60 years of marriage, Mrs. Rosenberg wants a divorce. On what grounds, the judge asks. She recites a long list from snoring to infidelity.

Judge: "Why, after putting up with all this for 60 years, do you want a divorce now?"

Mrs. Rosenberg: "Judge, enough is enough."

That's how I feel about the Laguna. The time seems about right. More so by new interest sparked by Mr. Blincoe's contribution, the Ghilotti gift, and among other things, the federal and grant money which seems to be available.

The project has promise. The time is now. And Frank, enough is enough.

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