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## **Letters**

# ***PQ brush fire raises issue of safety***

Thanks to firefighters from around the county who fought the brush fire in northeastern Rancho Penasquitos on July 11. Fire department and other emergency personnel responded immediately.

There was a crush of cars at Penasquitos Drive and Carmel Mountain Road trying to get out of Penasquitos, yet traffic was still coming into PQ from the freeway and the Carmel Mountain Road bridge, slowing emergency vehicles' access to Penasquitos Drive.

Yet, the Cresta Bella complex has been approved for about 600 residences in that area. Cornerstone Development Company wanted to build 200 homes on the golf course.

I returned to PQ from the emergency access road at the end of Andorra Way, which leads to Camino Bernardo. This is accessed from Camino Del Norte (west from I-15), left at the preschool, left at the top of the hill. On the PQ end of this short emergency access road, the concrete posts had been sawed off to allow access.

At the time of the fire, which was closer to Janal Way, residents were told that this access road would be made more easily accessible to residents and emergency vehicles (i.e. no concrete posts).

I hope this second fire in northeastern PQ will hasten correcting this situation. The next time a fire occurs, residents may have to exit the community that way.

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