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**Subject:** Al Zelinka, Warner/Bolsa Chica monster et al...  
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### **Al Zelinka's Resignation:**

Many people I spoke to feel a little puzzled by this 7/2 decision. Didn't Al Zelinka have an Assistant Manager or second-in-command of some kind? If yes, then why hasn't that person taken over the function pro-tem? Feels like power is concentrated in too few hands, not a good democratic sign, just my opinion. I'd suggest the City Council address these concerns.

Also, URLs listing HB Government employees no longer work (see <https://huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/contact-us/departments/departments-staff-name.cfm>), and other URLs which come up first on web searches. Not a very good look...

### **Warner/Bolsa Chica Abomination:**

On another topic, I sure hope item 26 will be sent back to the drawing board with a requirement for proper setbacks, adequate parking and reduced height. Properties condemned to live in the shadows of such a monstrosity are sure to lose significant value for the benefit of the developer who obviously has no regard for the neighborhood, and makes a mockery of HB Zoning and Building Codes.

A quick suggestion: why don't you suggest the following compromise?

- Drop building height by one floor (5 to 4).
- Require ground floor to be set back 15 feet and every floor an additional 10 feet so that the terraces can be used for gardens the residents can enjoy and that will contribute to general insulation of the building, absorb some of the reflected traffic sounds and solve the shadow nuisance problem.
- Require 1.5 parking spaces per unit + 1 parking space per staff. Parking can be constructed underground.

These are reasonable requests, and it's time we tamp down on the developers' arrogance and greed, which is compounded by the weakness and lack of will from the City Council to enforce Building Codes to actually tackle down the High Density problem (this goes for current and previous councils). We need to develop HB, let's develop it correctly and by respecting everyone.

Let me make it clear, if this project is adopted "as is" or in mild derivation thereof, I will make sure to vote against all current City Council members at next election, no exceptions. You have my promise.

Best,

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*Michael Gioan - HB Resident since 1991 - Homeowner*

**SUPPLEMENTAL  
COMMUNICATION**

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**From:** [Fikes, Cathy](#)  
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-----Original Message-----

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Subject: City Manager

I would like to know, as would many citizens, what qualifications the Police Chief has to step in as city manager. It seems he has good qualifications to run a police department, but that is a far cry from running a city. I worry that this decision will further destroy the public's image of how the city council is run. Are there not supposed to be an open application process to find the best and most qualified candidate? We have had too much turn over in our city management and handing over this important position to a police chief seems to many, a very bad decision.

Janet Bean

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