

Editor
Valley Journal

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I would like to thank the Valley Journal for the very fine article that it published in the June 24th edition. The article was about the history and continuing work of “Peoples Self-Help Housing.”

As a parish priest in the Santa Ynez Valley for 34 years, I, along with others, have attempted to deal with the lack of affordable housing in one way or another. I, along with others, have had little success in finding a way to do this.

When I heard that Peoples’ Self-Help Housing had established an affordable facility in Cambria, over the objections of many, I became interested in them. When I learned that these same people in Cambria who objected, had changed their minds after the first units were built and asked PSHH to come back and build more, my interest only grew that much stronger.

The major key is that this agency not only builds but manages what they build.

Now I have become a member of the board of Peoples’ Self-Help Housing. For I think that I have found a very respectable way to have good affordable/responsible housing in the Santa Ynez Valley.

If you would like to talk with me about this organization, you may give me a call at 688 8426.

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