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**Abstract:** In National City, California, local politicians want to demolish a boxing gym for kids and four neighboring businesses to enable a developer to build 24 stories of condos and stores. The gym, the Community Youth Athletic Center, is owned by Carlos Barragan and his son, Carlos Barragan Jr., and they are unwilling to sell their premises, which they have occupied for five years. The city has made it clear that it will seize the Barragans' property through the right of eminent domain, however, and it seems National City gets many more tax dollars out of building luxury apartments than building kids.

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