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Honorable Council Members

We have all just experienced a very costly election. Money that could certainly have been better used. Tonight you have a similar choice before you. Under the guise of doing the right thing you are being asked to not trust our future elected officials but rather waste untold dollars that could be better used here in Los Altos.

I am confused as to why after a City wide election that voted down Measure C it is being ignored and you are pursuing this. I have complete confidence that you will look at the process, the history of acquiring more and not do this.

From: [REDACTED]
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To Mayor Fligor and Members of City Council,

I write to ask you to oppose the PLP Ordinance, which would delay, risk, and impose prohibitive costs on repurposing public land for affordable housing.

Because land is a “significant” driver of development costs [1], land donations frequently spur affordable housing projects, as it did when the county agreed to lease 330 Distel to EAH Housing [2]. This is why the state has indicated that towns like ours can help abate the crisis by providing land to affordable housing developers [3].

The PLP Ordinance would obstruct future land donation efforts by forcing Los Altos to first wait for an election and then spend tens of thousands of dollars on a campaign, with no assurance of electoral success. The cost of such an endeavor is too high to entertain, and affordable housing will be stymied in turn.

The Republican Recall has demonstrated plainly how ill-considered elections waste both time and money. By electing you, the voters have entrusted you to lead and govern, and govern you must if we’re to build a city that our teachers, caretakers, and first responders can afford to live in. Please vote ‘no.’

Best,
Salim Damerджи

Footnotes

[1] emercenter.berkeley.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Making_It_Pencil_The_Math_Behind_Housing_Development.pdf

[2] losaltosonline.com/news/los-altos-eoc-affordable-housing-site-move-forward/article_d1ca077e-9ffb-58d1-ae88-4b9d462d65d7.html

[3] hcd.ca.gov/community-development/public-lands-for-affordable-housing-development.shtml

From: [REDACTED]
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I urge you to vote NO on the Public lands ordinance on the agenda tonight. Why would the council vote to overturn the vote of the people? The defeat of Measure C represents the will of the community. In the 55+ years we have lived in Los Altos councils have voted to PURCHASE park land not SELL it. The City has acquired Redwood Grove, Heritage Oaks, Grant and Hillview Playing field, as well as adding property to Shoup Park in two separate purchases. The only sale I can remember is excess land in another city's jurisdiction. Land use decisions deserve to be made based on the best interests of the community as a whole. The Council is elected to do just that.

Penny Lave

Sent from my iPad