

Your elected City Council urges a “No” vote on this initiative. If approved, this initiative will invalidate the Approved Downtown Plan (the City’s plan) that was based upon months of effort which included recommendations from downtown development experts, input from thousands of Livermore residents and community stakeholders, and the integration of those ideas by professional Livermore city-planning staff. The Approved Plan is a plan by the people, for the people. This cannot be said for the initiative, nor the drawing that accompanies it. This initiative will triple the current housing densities in the downtown to 150 units per acre. It will harm First Street merchants by eliminating their parking and back patios, instead replacing them with micro-unit, shared-housing. The initiative is vague and deceptive. For example, it allows the proposed parking lot next to the Bankhead to be replaced with other uses, including another performing arts theater. The initiative does not match the widely circulated drawing and the inconsistencies will require more public hearings resulting in years of delays and millions of dollars more than the City’s plan. The key to the Approved Downtown Plan is that it balances all of the competing priorities that were important to residents and stakeholders.

Paid signature gatherers deceived voters into signing petitions by promising more open space and more parking. However, a recent analysis concluded that the

initiative provides less open space and less available parking than the Approved Downtown Plan; 3.32 acres of public open space versus 2.37 acres in the central park drawing. Additionally, the City's plan has 70 more available parking spaces versus the initiative. In summary, if this initiative passes, the result will be higher density housing, less available parking, less open space, and more delays and costs.

Let's move Livermore forward by voting "No" on the initiative.

Signed:

Mayor John Marchand
Vice Mayor Bob Carling
Councilmember Bow Woerner
Councilmember Bob Coomber
Councilmember Trish Munro

**STATEMENT ACCOMPANYING
BALLOT MEASURE ARGUMENTS**

Elections Code § 9600:

All arguments concerning measures filed pursuant to this division shall be accompanied by the following form statement, to be signed by each proponent and by each author, if different, of the argument:

The undersigned proponent(s) or author(s) of the

☒ primary argument
☐ rebuttal argument

☐ in favor of
☒ in opposition to

ballot measure _____
(name or number)

at the general municipal election for the City of Livermore to be held on November 3,

2020 hereby state that this argument is true and correct to the best of _____
(his/her/their)
knowledge and belief.

Signed: John Marchand Date: 9/9/19

Printed Name/Title: JOHN MARCHAND / MAYOR

Signed: Robert W. Carling Date: 9/9/19

Printed Name/Title: ROBERT W. CARLING / VICE MAYOR

Signed: Robert J. Coombes Jr. Date: 9/9/19

Printed Name/Title: Robert J. Coombes Jr. / council member

Signed: Robert L. Woerner Date: 9/9/19

Printed Name/Title: ROBERT L WOERNER / CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

Signed: Patricia Munro Date: 09/09/19

Printed Name/Title: Patricia (Trish) Munro / council member