

Initiative Rebuttal: 246 words

Your City Council unanimously endorses a “No” vote on this misguided initiative.

The petitioners may call their initiative a plan, but it’s only a drawing. Their initiative is not a project. The initiative doesn’t construct anything, including parking. Rather, it simply rearranges and rezones the City Plan at the expense of time and money to you, the taxpayers.

Their argument deliberately ignores the new L Street parking garage in the City Plan and falsely claims that their drawing has 316 more parking spaces. In truth, the City Approved Plan has 70 more available parking spaces than theirs.

Another of their misrepresentations includes the Bankhead Plaza as part of their “3-acre” Central Park. The fact is the open space in the City Plan is larger than their Central Park (3.32 vs 2.37 acres). The City’s Approved Plan also includes a science center and cultural amenities.

The ambiguity in the initiative will require months of additional hearings and will result in years of delays. In a professional and publicly reviewed analysis, when compared to the City’s plan, this initiative has:

less open space

less available parking

more delays

greater costs, possibly requiring new taxes to pay for it.

In public hearings, your City Council listened to our community and created a balanced plan based upon what was learned from planning experts and thousands of residents.

We have all waited too long for the improvements to our downtown. Say “No” to more delays. Vote “No” on this senseless initiative.

City Clerk’s Office

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City of Livermore

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: 9/20/19

Printed Name/Title: JOHN MARCHAND / MAYOR

Signed: Patricia Munro Date: Sept 20, 2019

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

Signed: Robert W. Carling Date: 9.20.19

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

Signed: Robert S. Coombes, Jr. Date: 9/20/19

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