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**Subject:** Review of Measure Y

To: City Council Members

This is to request that you allow Measure Y to remain unchanged. Measure Y was supported by the majority of those who voted. If it is to be changed, it should be changed by the City's voters, not through a well-funded effort by developers and their agents, many of whom do not live or work in our City.

Measure Y allows sufficient housing to be developed in the City while achieving other community goals. With Measure Y housing can and will be located in sites providing excellent access to transit. Voiding Measure Y and allowing higher buildings will change the character of our City.

It is disheartening to see the opponents of Measure Y once again try to circumvent the democratic process.

Two years ago the opponents were able to unfairly introduce Measure R with the aid of the then City Council members. The opponents spent millions opposing Measure Y, using TV advertisements, numerous slick mailings, and other media to publish their views. With the aid of high-paid consultants, they published lies about Measure Y, including implying that Measure R provided housing for First Responders, unlike Measure Y which was patently false. The efforts of the opponents were largely funded by developers and non-residents (e.g., the Zuckerbergs). In comparison Measure Y was truly a grassroots effort, with supporters, who were local residents, walking door-to-door to hand out single page flyers and speak to their neighbors. It was a David versus Goliath effort, and despite the odds David and the local residents won.

I sincerely hope you do not overrule the residents who voted for Measure Y and side with the well-funded developers and their slick agents and lobbyists.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,  
Peter Mandle