



PROPONENT BALLOT STATEMENT #1 | MEASURE D -DOWNTOWN LOS ALTOS

YES on Measure D gives Los Altos residents the right to vote on permanent changes to public downtown parking plazas.

A YES vote establishes an ordinance that **requires voter approval** before the City of Los Altos sells, trades, leases, conveys, declares “surplus land,” or otherwise permanently changes the current use of the city-owned downtown parking plazas.

The ordinance is housing friendly. Voter approval is **not required** for state-mandated affordable housing on City-designated Parking Plazas 7 and 8.

The City will continue to maintain, improve, landscape, and use the parking plazas for parking, festivals, parades, farmers markets, and other community events.

The City can propose any project for voter consideration, including a park, parking garage, and performing arts center.

Our 10 city-owned parking plazas are valuable public assets: Convenient, tree-lined parking supports local businesses, strengthens the City's sales tax base, and provides easy access for residents, employees, and visitors. Before changing the fundamental nature of Downtown, the community, not any one city council, should have a say.

Vote YES! for the Downtown Parking Plazas Ordinance. Your downtown. Your vote.

Yeslosaltos.org

Signers

Barbara Loebner, Fmr Parks Commissioner

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PROPONENT BALLOT STATEMENT #2 | MEASURE D -DOWNTOWN LOS ALTOS

City Council is proposing projects on city-owned parking plazas that are not housing.

Measure D lets the community vote on these “non-housing” projects and leaves open options for housing. Measure D does not cause changes to the state-certified Housing Element nor trigger Builder’s Remedy.

Measure D does not put residential neighborhoods at risk of rezoning. Los Altos has identified 640 more housing units than state mandate requires; only about 90 of those potential units are assigned to the Downtown Parking Plazas. Measure D protects taxpayers and public assets. City Councils have previously given away or sold public land without voter approval.

Measure D safeguards against third-party deals, strengthens accountability, and encourages smart planning before committing substantial public funds. California recognizes the need to protect voter initiatives if city officials decline to defend them.

Measure D’s legal-defense provision ensures that voters’ decisions can be defended; it does not authorize proponents to initiate taxpayer-funded lawsuits.

Measure D was developed with legal and land-use expertise, and is supported by former mayors, city commissioners, educators, and current downtown property and business owners.

Measure D respects representative government. It leaves ordinary City governing to elected officials and reserves voter approval only for consequential, irreversible actions spelled out in the ordinance.

Measure D is consistent with Los Altos policies. Voter approval is already required for the disposition of parks, open space, and Civic Center property. Measure D applies the voter approval principle to the City’s downtown property, too.

Your Downtown. Your Decision. **Vote Yes on D. Yeslosaltos.org**

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