

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE V

The argument supporting Measure V is fluff: how does this “save” our Village-by-the-Sea?

Truth is hundreds of acres have been re-designated from development to open space in the past 15 years. Open space has increased without any help from Measure V.

Those waving Measure V's banner say they're concerned about traffic; so why sit silently while the Council (including Mr. Eggleston) voted to sell City property for a Target that will add thousands more car trips on Pico and Vista Hermosa than the proposal they opposed in Measure C? What happened to their “No More Traffic” war cry? No to 1,800 trips, but yes to 5,600 new daily trips instead?

Truth is passage of this measure will cause any future development proposal on designated open space (proposals are quite rare) to either pursue an exception (like low income housing) or bypass the normal environmental and planning review process by gathering 10% of the voters' signatures and going straight to a popular vote. Why bother with a rigorous review process if going to a popular vote anyway?

Contrary to the claim that this measure is consistent with the democratic process underpinning our great country, the Founding Fathers opted for a *representative* form of democracy without popular review of legislation. Populists later pushed for initiative and referenda at the state level. Do we go with Thomas Jefferson and James Madison or Mann and Eggleston?

Last argument: Have you read the actual ordinance? Vote No.

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