

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE X

### Vote YES on Measure X to:

- Insure that all our Open Space will be preserved for future generations.
- Guarantee that only the majority of San Juan Capistrano's voters will be able to change the zoning of General Plan-designated Open Space.
- Restrict future City Councils from allowing land designated as Open Space to be developed without a vote of the citizens.
- Avoid future referendums to overturn perceived "give-a-ways" of our General Plan Open Space to development interests.

Open Space represents a defining characteristic of San Juan Capistrano and is the reason many of us chose to live here. A YES vote merely acknowledges that our Open Space is too important to leave to the opinion of three City Council members. Rather, Measure X will reserve to all voters of San Juan Capistrano the right to decide the future of our General Plan designated Open Space.

There is no issue of property rights being changed. Measure X just confirms that the existing property rights of any privately-owned Open Space will always remain the same unless voters allow a change. In this way, there is no question of whether the public supports the trade-offs being offered by a developer in exchange for the loss of Open Space to the community.

Without such a law, there will also be questions of whether Open Space purchased by tax dollars will remain Open. A YES vote will guarantee that any Open Space acquired by tax dollars will stay Open Space in perpetuity, unless the majority of our citizens vote to change the use.

**If you want to provide the greatest protection of our Open Space for generations to come**, and want your children and grandchildren to experience the unique rural, historic and equestrian character that today defines our community, then **you will vote YES on Measure X.**

s/ Mark Nielsen, Mayor pro tem

s/ Dr. Londres Uso, City Councilman

s/ Thomas Hribar, City Councilman

s/ Joe Soto, Mayor

s/ Sam Allevato, City Councilman