

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE Y

Your YES vote will help preserve Open Space that makes San Juan Capistrano's character and quality of life so unique. VOTE YES to:

- **Preserve additional Open Space for current and future generations to enjoy**
- **Retain the historic, rural and equestrian character of San Juan Capistrano**
- **Control growth and traffic in a manner that helps protect our air quality and ridgeline views**
- **Protect San Juan Capistrano's creeks that flow into the ocean and nearby beaches.**
- **Improve water quality**
- **Enhance public access of our Open Space, including recreational use**
- **Leverage our ability to get millions of dollars in funds from the County and others to preserve open space and protect wildlife habitats.**

The City has successfully pursued many avenues to acquire and preserve Open Space. To achieve the above goals, a bond is the next step. Is it not worth a few extra dollars per month from each landowner to ensure that something as special as our Open Space remains forever undeveloped?

If growth and development continues at the current rate, San Juan Capistrano will lose the historic quality and charm that makes us unique. Unless we act now, our parks and recreation areas will become overcrowded, and our remaining natural areas, farmland and wildlife will be lost forever as our City grows. Once development occurs, there is no turning back the clock.

A YES vote allows the City to negotiate and close with landowners to preserve Open Space that otherwise could be developed. All monies from this bond must be spent on Open Space with oversight by an independent citizens' committee, and no bond will be issued until there are Open Space acquisitions or enhancements agreed to.

Many of us moved to San Juan Capistrano for its unique character and open space. That could soon be lost unless we take action today to preserve it. **VOTE YES to protect our heritage.**

s/ Mark Nielsen, Mayor pro tem

s/ Thomas Hribar, City Councilman

s/ Dr. Londres Uso, City Councilman

s/ Sam Allevato, City Councilman

s/ Joe Soto, Mayor

No argument against this measure was submitted.