

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE FF

Vote No to support recreational open space in the City of Orange for future generations.

Vote No and support the local volunteers who collected more valid signatures than required to put this measure on the ballot.

Vote No on the City Council's decision to replace the long-time "Open Space" label on the General Plan land use map for the Ridgeline property with a designation that allows for expensive residential "estates."

The City of Orange has fewer acres of parkland per resident than New York City. Not only are we short on parkland according to the City's official park plans, but also we are severely short on land for active recreation, whether publicly or privately held.

The 51-acre Ridgeline property operated for decades as a swim, tennis, and golf club, with a basic, inexpensive 9-hole golf course perfect for beginners and seniors. Now developers, who purchased the property in 2006, want to use that same open space land for an expensive "estates" development.

The same developers also purchased the Sully Miller site, 96 acres of which have historically been considered permanent open space by several local plans for decades. Ridgeline and Sully Miller are the last major open space parcels in the City of Orange that are threatened by development.

Orange cannot afford to lose valuable land for recreational open space without an adequate replacement plan.

Vote No to losing critical recreational open space land in Orange.

A No vote will say no to this developer and tell our next City Council to come up with a better plan, which truly serves the best interests of the whole City of Orange. Our citizens deserve better.

Vote No.

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