

Patrice Olds

From: Danielle Moskowitz [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 11:21 AM
To: City Council (San Mateo)
Cc: Patrice Olds
Subject: Measure P Must Be Put On November Ballot

Dear City Counsel,

I am writing to implore you to put Measure P on the ballot as was promised. Over 7,000 residents spoke and are legally entitled to the right to vote in November.

Using the Covid crisis as an excuse to delay the legal requirement to put the measure on the ballot is completely disgraceful.

The rights of residents matter and the law must be followed.

Danielle Moskowitz & Jennifer Sarver

Patrice Olds

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 5:28 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo)
Cc: Patrice Olds

Dear San Mateo City Council:

I strongly support putting the extension of Measure P on the ballot and so did Joe Goethals at a Council meeting on 8/16/2019. Referring to placing the extensions of Measure P on the ballot: his quote by then-councilman Joe Goethals at a Council reads "I do very much want to honor the signatures on the initiative. People should leave here tonight understanding at a minimum that the initiative as it is written will be placed on the ballot in 2020."

The debate on this subject has already been had! Discussion and community activity for this measure is NOT a City Council function! He's suggesting not putting it on the ballot because the developer-sponsored petition got stalled in their efforts to get needed signatures (by COVID-19).

The citizens have done ALL that was legally required to get the Measure P extension on the ballot. Don't interrupt democracy! Don't deny the wishes of over 7,000 residents! I agree with resident letters recently published in the Daily Journal by Mike Hagmaier and Bill Williams that the Measure P extension should most certainly go on the November 2020 ballot.

LET THE RESIDENTS VOTE!!

Respectfully,
Gary Isoardi

Patrice Olds

From: Walter Schwartz [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 5:03 PM
To: goethals@cityofsanmateo.org; Eric Rodriguez; Rick Bonilla; Amourence Lee; Diane Papan; City Council (San Mateo); Patrice Olds
Subject: Why Measure P should be on the ballot as promised

Dear San Mateo City Councilmembers,
Please look critically at two issues regarding Measure P:

- **Is it fair to hold up Measure P** until a competing measure gathers signatures?
- **Are the interests of San Mateans reflected** in the General Plan process?

Is it fair to hold up Measure P?

Measure P is a true grass roots initiative. An alternative is being proposed by a collaboration of development interests and by advocacy organizations based outside of San Mateo. They have already had a year to gather signatures.

If Measure P was a *different* initiative that you supported (fire safety? union-level wages? better schools?), would you vote to hold it up so that development and outside advocacy interests could continue to gather signatures more than a year later?

This should be a simple ethical decision. Don't hold up the will of the people.

Are the interests of San Mateans reflected in the General Plan process?

Many people feel that the meetings to decide San Mateo's future give an outside role to special interests who promote greater density.

I analyzed every comment on the first page of Strive San Mateo's "Public Comments" (<http://strivesanmateo.org/documents/publiccomments/>).

The results shocked me. Seven out-of-towners and one San Matean pressed for increased density here. Ten San Mateans and zero outsiders sought moderation, changes in the information-gathering process, or non-density issues. To conclude for such a group that San Mateans really want increased heights seems specious.

If you doubt the analysis, I strongly encourage you to look first at the summary (below my signature), and then you can validate it yourself by looking at the source letters in the link.

Respectfully,
Walter Schwartz

Pro Increased Densities

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| Kevin Burke | Technology Consultant | Alamo/Belmont |
| Matthew Taecker | Taecker Planning (Urban Planning) | Berkeley |
| Karyl Eldridge | Coldwell Banker | Burlingame |
| David D Bohannon II | Bohannon Development | Menlo Park |
| Evelyn Stivers | Housing Leadership Council | Oakland |
| Jan Stokley | Ex Dir Housing Choices | San Jose |
| Kenneth E Abreu | Cites Sierra Club | San Mateo |
| Gita Dev | Sierra Club | Woodside |

Pro Moderation

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| Laurence Kinsella | R.E. Developer | San Mateo |
| Maxine Turner | Measure P Organizer | San Mateo |
| Michael Nash | Baywood residents | San Mateo |
| Adam Nugent | Pres. N Central SM Nghbrhd Assn | San Mateo |
| Susan Shankle | Home organization | San Mateo |

Unstated or Critical of the Process

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| Randy Waldeck | CSDA Design Group | San Mateo |
| Lisa M. Maley | California Land Design | San Mateo |
| Laurie Watanuki | Ex-Pres., Central Nghbrhd Assn | San Mateo |
| Nicklas Johnson | Software Engineer | San Mateo |
| Keith Weber | Community activist (self-ID'd) | San Mateo |

Patrice Olds

From: LOUISE BEKINS [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 4:03 PM
To: Joe Goethals; Eric Rodriguez; Rick Bonilla; Diane Papan; Amourence Lee
Cc: Patrice Olds; LOUISE BEKINS
Subject: Please Put Citizens Measure on Nov. Ballot

Hello Mayor and Councilpersons,

This is to request that you follow through with the requests of our citizens (as exemplified by the thousands of petition signatures), and put the Citizens Measure on the Nov. 2020 ballot. Very important!!

Thank you for all you do,

Louise Bekins
[REDACTED]

Patrice Olds

From: Dennis Murphy [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 3:46 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo)
Cc: Patrice Olds
Subject: Height Limit Measure Must Be on the Ballot in November - The People Have Spoken!

Dear City Council, on behalf of the San Mateo/Glendale Village Neighborhood Association I implore you to follow-through with the will of the people and place the Measure P Extension on the ballot this November. Over 7,000 signatures were collected to place it on the ballot and the City Council and Mayor should honor that, not divert attention and postpone it. The Mayor needs to follow-through on his word when he said on 8/16/2019 that the initiative would be placed on the ballot in 2020. Let the voters' voices be heard in November!

Sincerely,

Dennis Murphy
President, San Mateo/Glendale Village Neighborhood Association

Patrice Olds

From: Genel Morgan [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 2:10 PM
To: Patrice Olds
Subject: Fwd: Placing Measure P extension on the November ballot

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From: Genel Morgan [REDACTED]
Date: Mon, Apr 27, 2020 at 10:40 AM
Subject: Placing Measure P extension on the November ballot
To: <CityCouncil@cityofsanmaeo.org>
Cc: <polds@cityofsanmaeo.org>

Dear Mayor Goethals and city council members,

I have lived in San Mateo most of my life and have seen the city grow and change. Growth and change are good and if done thoughtfully, it will benefit all in the community.

I signed the petition for an initiative to extend height and density limits for building in San Mateo many months ago. I am aware of the lengthy debate by many parties involved, but am now frustrated to hear that the initiative may not be on the November ballot. THE PEOPLE of San Mateo who signed the petition are expecting the residents of San Mateo to be able to show their support or opposition to extending the limits BY THEIR VOTE in November.

There have been months of debate over this and now I understand that the developers want more time to place an opposing initiative on the ballot. They have had plenty of time to do this over these many months. Using the excuse of the Coronavirus pandemic to allow them more time for their PAID signature gatherers is outrageous to me.

I believe the height and density limits of Measure P are appropriate and there is nothing stopping developers from building within those limits. They just want higher buildings and increased density to make more money. They are not the ones who will have to live with the effects of revised limits.

San Mateo residents deserve to have their city council listen to them and honor a commitment made in 2019 by you, Mr. Goethals. You said at a city council meeting 8/16/19 "I do very much want to honor the signatures on the initiative. People should leave here tonight understanding at a minimum that the initiative as it is written will be placed on the ballot in 2020."

I understand the need for more housing but overgrowth does the city more harm than good. Voter suppression is a very touchy subject with me. Please don't stand in the way of San Mateans who want their voice to be heard on this important issue. We will remember when the council comes up for re-election again.

Sincerely
Genel Morgan
San Mateo

Patrice Olds

From: John Harris, Jr. [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 1:42 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo)
Cc: Patrice Olds
Subject: Measure P on the Ballot in Nov

San Mateo City Council,

I read a recent SM Daily Journal article about how the Mayor proposes keeping Measure P from being put on the ballot this year. ([Daily Journal Link](#))

I am a lifelong resident of San Mateo and I expect to vote on the ballot measures which the "City Council unanimously decided to place [...] on the November 2020 ballot, according to a city press release". ([Sept Daily Journal Link](#))

If a citizens-driven initiative has qualified for being decided by vote, the city has an obligation to respect the thousands of hours invested by the citizens and place that initiative on the ballot. Regardless of Covid-19 or other circumstances, governmental processes must continue.

This initiative is even more important since Measure P is slated to sunset before the 2021 vote would take place.

Please let me know what is being done to safeguard this issue.

Thankyou in advance.

John Harris, Jr. over in Beresford Park
[REDACTED]

Patrice Olds

From: Nancy Eagan [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 12:38 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo)
Cc: Patrice Olds
Subject: HEIGHT LIMITS BALLOT MEASURE

Respectfully, i am enraged that City Council may vote to block Measure P from the ballot in November 2020 election.

City Government and Council are obligated to honor what the voters want. Bowing to the pressure of developers and putting the City budget ahead of voters' is very WRONG. There are enough tall buildings in San Mateo.

It is my hope that City Council will do the right thing -- Measure P rightfully belongs on November 2020 ballot.

Thank you for reading this!

Hopeful constituent,

Nancy Eagan
Proud SM Resident

Patrice Olds

From: Jeffrey Wang [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 12:26 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo); Patrice Olds
Subject: Vote to Put Measure to Extend Prop P on 2020 Ballot

I wish to express our interest in putting the measure to extend Measure P on the November 2020 ballot. The debate on this subject has already been had. Over 7000 valid signatures were obtained to put this measure on the ballot. Don't deny the democratic principle to put this measure to the voters. Let them decide. There is no excuse.

Even in the age of Covid-19, balloting can proceed successfully by Vote By Mail. Many of us do this already. There are also many easy to use platforms on-line to discuss and debate issues.

Then councilman Joe Goethals at a Council meeting on 8/16/2019, referring to placing the extensions of Measure P on the ballot said:

"I do very much want to honor the signatures on the initiative. People should leave here tonight understanding at a minimum that the initiative as it is written will be placed on the ballot in 2020." Let this be so.

Ellen and Jeff Wang

148 29th Ave.

Patrice Olds

From: Katherine Van Beckum [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 10:07 AM
To: City Council (San Mateo)
Cc: Patrice Olds
Subject: Height Limits

I was shocked to hear the Council may vote to not put the height limits measure on the Nov. 2020 ballot as the the Mayor said he would. This idea is unacceptable and particularly galling to try and slip this vote in during a time when the voters are focused on health issues and may not be aware of what Mayor Goethals is up to. Please make sure that the measure is on the Nov. 2020 ballot.

Regards,
Katherine Van Beckum

Patrice Olds

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 9:35 AM
To: Patrice Olds
Subject: Measure p

It is bizarre and regrettable that there is any talk about denying our vote in November for Measure P. I don't even think that City Council has a legal avenues to take this off the ballot but it's disturbing that there's even talk of it.

7,000 signatures vs. 1 developer shouldn't be that hard of a decision.

I believe the council was elected to serve the will of the people and not propose extraordinary measures during unprecedented times to special interest groups.

Tom Lease

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Patrice Olds

From: Connie Schram [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 8:32 AM
To: City Council (San Mateo)
Cc: polds@Cityofsamateo.org
Subject: measure P on Nov. Ballot

Dear Council Members, We urge you to place Height Limits Measure on November Ballot as promised. We were supporters of the original Measure H and want to retain our rights as a long time San Mateo Citizen, to vote on this issue in November. Thank You.

Richard E. Schram and Constance L. Schram, [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

Patrice Olds

From: Mike Germano [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 8:23 AM
To: City Council (San Mateo)
Cc: Clerk
Subject: Respecting the Right to Vote

Dear San Mateo City Council members,

It's important that all citizens are afforded the right to vote. Over two years ago far more than the minimum number of signatures needed were collected throughout San Mateo for a measure to extend the expiring building height limitations.

Unfortunately the measure was not placed on the ballot then. A recent article in the local newspaper read that the mayor is considering not placing it on the ballot this year.

Out of respect for the citizens of this city, the measure needs to be on the ballot this year. To omit or delay it further is disservice to the people of San Mateo and an insult to the fundamentals of democracy.

Please honor the intent and spirit of the thousands of San Mateo voters who signed the petition to be able to vote on this measure and assure it's on this year's ballot.

Thank you,

Mike Germano
[REDACTED]

Patrice Olds

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 8:14 AM
To: Patrice Olds
Subject: Fw: Height Measures

Patrice-
I believe this letter was intended for the City Council not the Paul Council.
Best Regards-
Paul

From: William Williams [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 5:27 PM
To: Paul Council
Cc: polls@cityofsanmateo.org
Subject: FW: Height Measures

Sent from Outlook

From: William Williams
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 2:46 PM
To: letters@smdailyjournal.com
Subject: Height Measures

Editor: Thank you for the report in the Journal on 4/20 regarding height and density measures affecting the City of San Mateo.

The extend Measure P petition signatures were collected by unpaid San Mateo residents concerned about livability. Ballot placement was delayed two years to match the expiration of the original measure. The competing measure sponsors, a union leader, the County Democratic Party Chair, and a developer have had two years to qualify their proposal.

The mayor wants to deny San Mateo residents their right to vote. After a month of social distancing residents may prefer less population density. Are San Mateo city residents not allowed to disagree with a union leader, the Democratic Party, and a developer? Let us vote. Stop the propaganda.
X Bill Williams, San Mateo

Sent from Outlook

Patrice Olds

From: Nancy McKane [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 2:46 AM
To: Patrice Olds
Subject: Fwd: Measure P Extension

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Nancy McKane [REDACTED]
City Clerk of San Mateo:

The process to insure that the Measure P Extension appear on the November ballot was no impulse decision. The legal protocol was followed very conscientiously.

Concerned San Mateo citizens including myself donated time , heavy footwork and money over a considerable period of time to acquire the required number of signatures insuring that Measure P would appear on the November 2020 ballot .

Now I like others who followed the process am both disturbed and outraged that the City Council is attempting to negate or undo this legal process using the pandemic situation as a reason for delay. We are being ignored which is unacceptable.

The 7000 necessary signatures were legally obtained in good faith. Why has the mayor reversed his previous decision to insure the measure would appear on the November ballot??

I find this proposed action inexcusable and a betrayal of honest citizens who expect this measure placed on the November ballot.

Clearly , this attempt at postponement is voter suppression denying voters the opportunity to decide on height limits in San Mateo.

What has prompted this attempt??

The voters and not City Council must decide on the future.

Using the virus to postpone seems disingenuous to me.

On a bigger scale will other elections in our country be cancelled because of the virus ?? Again the Council's actions to postpone suggest a lack of transparency. Again , this is unacceptable.

Looking ahead to the future I believe once the full damage of the pandemic is revealed the economic, cultural and societal landscape will have changed dramatically throughout the country, especially the Bay Area.

The focus upon more housing in San Mateo may very well become a moot point with numerous job losses and economic depression for many. Secondly , more pandemics may be in our future and dense tall housing structures with many residents have been shown to contribute to the spread of disease.

All of this points to the need for a less dense area with appropriate height limits as set forth in Measure P. The voters must decide.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Nancy McKane



Sent from my iPhone

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Patrice Olds

From: Linda Schaffer [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2020 11:28 PM
To: Patrice Olds
Subject: Measure "P" Extension

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Schaffer would like to have the right to vote on the Measure P extension on the November ballot.

We were upset when we read the newspaper article. We were shocked to hear that the Mayor is thinking that it might not be a good time

to put this on the November ballot. There are a lot of people who worked hard to get this on the ballot.

Thank-you,

Linda & Ken Schaffer

Patrice Olds

From: Jean Dail [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2020 11:08 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo); Amourance Lee; Joe Goethals; Rick Bonilla; Eric Rodriguez; Diane Papan
Cc: Patrice Olds
Subject: Measure P extension for November 2020 Ballot

Dear City Council -

I respectfully request that you support the citizens of the City of San Mateo and complete your legal responsibility by placing the measure to extend Measure P on the November 2020 ballot.

- Is it not enough that this measure has been signed by more than 7,000 City of San Mateo voters?
- Is it not enough that City Council has delayed this vote already from November 2018?
- Is it not enough that Joe Goethals said "I do very much want to honor the signatures on the initiative. People should leave here tonight understanding at a minimum that the initiative as it is written will be placed on the ballot in 2020."?

Maybe being on our City Council and serving a citizenship that is involved, concerned and actively working with local government is more challenging than welcoming. But I would hope that having a citizenship with those qualities actually helps you in serving us. How much worse would it be to be on a City Council that no one shows up for the meetings... no one volunteers... no one gets involved?

Those of us involved in the initiative to extend Measure P have put in the hard work it takes to collect signatures and bring this issue to the ballot box to allow ALL voters in the City of San Mateo to vote. Please find it in your hearts and minds to allow this democratic process to move forward supported by you and not thwarted.

It just cannot be that as our honorable City Council members that you choose to find more and more ways to tear my heart out over this issue. I am not of a political or legal background... I am not even much of an activist. But with the little education I have in our democracy, never in my lifetime would I have expected to live in a city whose elected officials would even consider interfering with a legally completed initiative to be placed on our ballot. Please do not allow such a travesty follow your reputations. ...as Elijah Cummings said "We're better than that..."

I hope you are all well, staying safe and continue your great service to the City of San Mateo.
Sincerely, Jean Dail

Patrice Olds

From: Joyce B [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2020 10:02 PM
To: Patrice Olds
Cc: goethals@cityofsanmateo.org; Eric Rodriguez; Rick Bonilla; Amourence Lee; Diane Papan
Subject: Citizens Height Limit

Dear Mayor and City Council Members, Back in August (8/16/2019) at the Council meeting, Mayor Gothals stated that he wanted to honor the signatures on the initiative as it is written to extend Measure P which is due to expire at the end of this year and that it would be placed on the ballot in 2020. Many citizens worked to fulfill the legal requirements in order to get the Measure P extension on the November 2020 ballot.

Now we are hearing this measure might not be placed on the November 2020 ballot as promised. We do not expect "loopholes" to be found to thwart the wishes of the citizens of our city. PLEASE HONOR THE ALL THAT WAS DONE BY THE CITIZENS AND GET THE MEASURE P EXTENSION INITIATIVE PLACED ON THE NOVEMBER 2020 BALLOT. It is the duty of the Council to place this measure on the November 2020 ballot. We are concerned that the will of the people may be circumvented and do not want this to happen.

Please let us personally know that this measure will be placed on the ballot. Or if there is a delay in doing so, notify us of this disappointing happening and what would be needed to insure placement of this measure on the ballot.

Thank you, Joyce and Leo Burns [REDACTED]

Attn: City Clerk, Please place our letter on the record for the City Council Meeting. Thank you

Patrice Olds

From: Chuck Kabala [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2020 7:47 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo)
Subject: Heights measure on ballot

Dear Council Members, As citizens of San Mateo we would appreciate the opportunity to voice our opinion regarding height limits in the November election. Please ensure that San Mateans retain the privilege of voting about what happens in our city. Thank you, Beth & Chuck Kabala

Sent from my iPhone

Patrice Olds

From: Gretchen Warner [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2020 7:43 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo)
Cc: Patrice Olds
Subject: SMRG Heights and Density Limits Initiative

To the San Mateo City Council:

Reportedly, Mayor Goethals has indicated the possibility of NOT honoring a commitment previously made by the City Council to place the San Mateo citizens' Initiative on the ballot in November, 2020. The Council had previously postponed a legal initiative signed by more than 7000 citizens in 2018.

Deferring the long awaited vote would be an unconscionable and illegal miscarriage of justice. I am shocked that any council member would consider this. I never thought that voter disenfranchisement would be considered in our fine city by our own elected city council members.

San Mateans for Responsive Government have trusted the city council in good faith. Are we now to be betrayed?

Gretchen Warner, long time homeowner
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

Patrice Olds

From: Arnie Rodman [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2020 5:28 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo); Clerk
Cc: Arnold (Arnie) Rodman
Subject: Public Comments for City Council meeting - April 27,2020

Council Members

Joe Goethals, Mayor
Eric Rodriguez, Deputy Mayor
Rick Bonilla
Amourence Lee
Diane Papan

We feel strongly that the height and density limits extension of measure P should be on the November 2020 ballot. Especially since over 7,000 residents signed a petition to extend the these limits as defined in Measure P.

We believe that a lower density environment is definitely safer and healthier for the inhabitants of our City. One only needs to look at the death rate for the COVID-19 Pandemic, for many higher density cities. Today, more than ever, we are crucially aware of the necessity for a healthy and safe living environment. Unfortunately developers do not necessarily care about health and safety issues; they are, we believe, primarily interested in their bottom line return on investment.

Signed:
Arnold Rodman
Deborah Leizgold

Patrice Olds

From: Douglass Warner [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2020 3:44 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo)
Cc: Patrice Olds
Subject: SMRG Height Limit Initiative

The City Council—

There is a report that Mayor Joe Goethals has said that the City Council would NOT place the SNRG Height Limit Initiative on the November 2020 ballot as promised. All the signers of the Initiative—over 7000—expect that their wishes will be honored. The Council has a legal obligation to place the measure on the 2020 ballot. This is the expectation in a free society! To not do so is a blatant example of voter suppression! I strongly urge you to do your duty and place the SMRG Height Limit Initiative on the November 2020 ballot for voter up-or-down approval. I look forward to your actions in this matter.

Douglass Warner, home owner
[REDACTED]

Patrice Olds

From: Lynda L. Brothers [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2020 2:59 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo)
Cc: Patrice Olds
Subject: height limit

You can't arbitrarily use a health pandemic to upset the legislative process... . It seems illegal to me and in any case, it's very BAD government. Please respect the efforts of the dedicated people who've been involved in this issue and hear them out and act on Monday night.

I'm really tired of my elected officials, in my adopted home of San Mateo, I grew up in Palo Alto, pandering to commercial and industrial needs. That's just not why we elect you!! this is basically a residential community and you need to be mindful of that and keep it that way. You must support the height limitation... it's a very modest request considering all the circumstances.

Regards, Lynda

Lynda L. Brothers

LBrothers@LBrothersLaw.com

[REDACTED]

Patrice Olds

From: Deborah Kohn [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2020 2:55 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo)
Cc: Patrice Olds
Subject: Retaining San Mateo Citizens' Right to Vote

I sincerely believe that a Town Hall discussion, as proposed by the current Mayor of San Mateo, or any further discussion regarding San Mateo's height and density limits are not only unnecessary but are NOT a City Council function.

The citizens of San Mateo did all that was legally required to get the Measure P extension on the ballot. In addition, the debate on this subject already has been had.

Do not interrupt democracy! Do not deny the wishes of over 7,000 San Mateo residents.

Patrice Olds

From: Deborah Kohn [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2020 2:44 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo)
Cc: Patrice Olds
Subject: Retaining San Mateo Citizens Their Right to Vote

I am astonished by Mayor Joe Goethals' recent comments that this is not the time for the voters to decide about the important issues of height and density.

In early 2018, over 7000 San Mateo voters submitted signatures which the County verified and the City certified. The next step should have been the ballot. Yet at every turn, the Council, often with the Mayor the most vocal, found a reason to put this measure off & delay it until the November 2020 ballot.

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Deborah Kohn
[REDACTED]

Patrice Olds

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2020 2:20 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo)
Subject: Please put height limit on ballot--it's been long enough

Dear Council members.....The height limit issue ballot initiative was signed by the required number of voters over 2 years ago.

We understand the concern for the general plan and possible state issues, but this has dragged on long enough. Please put it on the November ballot for voters to decide. It is your responsibility to do it.

Thanks.

T and C Gillett
[REDACTED]

Patrice Olds

From: Ivana Sebastian [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2020 1:58 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo)
Cc: Patrice Olds
Subject: Mayor, not cool what you're doing about height measures

Expressing my opinion here that I can't believe how Mayor Goethal is trying to not put the height and density measure issue on the ballot in November after San Mateo voters spent countless hours and effort, submitted county and city certified signatures that exceeded 7000 signatures in total.

What disappointment it was when we were refused to have the initiative put on the 2018 ballot and told to delay until 2020. Shame on the you all that gave us false hopes in 2018 – when the residents who care about this city worked so hard to obtain more signatures than what was required, then told us 2020 and now trying to tell us 2022. How are we to have faith in our city council and mayor when they keep messing around with us like this? The community is happy to be engaged in the matters that affect us and now is a time to continue with the efforts that we've worked so hard for.

I am an active individual in my community, lived here for over 30 years, home owner, promotes and supports local business owners. I am requesting this Measure P / height and density issue continue with the planned November 2020 ballot; requesting for Mayor Goethal and city council to cease condoning voters suppression.

Looking forward to you passing this along to respective individuals,

Ivana Sebastian

Patrice Olds

From: Stephen Weller [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2020 1:53 PM
To: Joe Goethals; Eric Rodriguez; Amourence Lee; Diane Papan; Patrice Olds
Subject: Fwd: Building Height Limits

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From: Stephen Weller [REDACTED]
Date: Sun, Apr 26, 2020 at 1:49 PM
Subject: Building Height Limits
To: <rbonilla@cityofsanmateo.org>

Mr. Bonilla

I am disturbed by the published suggestion, and decidedly opposed, to removing Proposition P from the November 2020 ballot, as proposed by a member of the San Mateo City Council.

Measure P met all standards for inclusion on the upcoming election ballot, and subverting the will of the electorate and the process by which we make decisions in San Mateo should not be allowed.

The suggestion by special interests who wish to increase population density in San Mateo should be tested by the will of the residents; this issue has been discussed for years, and now must reach the ballot in November.

Invoking the Covid 19 pandemic as an excuse to delay this vote is a transparent exercise; City Council does not require more time and deliberation for this Ballot Measure, deliberation which should no longer be an issue for the Council.

Please do not waste City Council time on debating the delay of voting on proposition P; stay focused on the issues of greater import, and do not allow the current process of determining the life style of San Mateo to be subverted.

Stephen A. Weller, MD

Patrice Olds

From: weller323 [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2020 1:43 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo); Patrice Olds; Joe Goethals; Eric Rodriguez; Rick Bonilla; Amourence Lee; Diane Papan
Cc: San Mateans for Responsive Government
Subject: San Mateo Height Measures

Dear City of San Mateo Council members,
I was deeply disappointed and dismayed to read in the Daily Journal Mayor Goethals is attempting to again postpone the vote to renew Measure P.

All that is legally required to put the Measure P extension on the ballot has been done. The competing Measure has not met the required number of signatures despite the effort using paid aggressive signature gatherers for weeks before the Shelter in Place orders were enacted. To keep the extension vote off the ballot is willfully and dangerously ignoring the democratic process by which San Mateans expect our city government to be governed.

And, the "smoke and mirrors" argument offered by Mayor Goethals, that the City Council should not deal with important issues other than COVID-19 is insulting to the capabilities of other council members and paid staff.

I am wondering to whom Mr. Goethals is beholding if not to the voters of our city.

Debate on this issue has been ongoing for many months/years. November 2020 is the time we citizens expect to be able to vote on the Measure P extension.

Sincerely,
Nancy Weller
[REDACTED]

Patrice Olds

From: Margaret Radyk [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2020 12:59 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo); Patrice Olds
Subject: Put Measure P on the ballot

Dear City Council,

As a lifelong resident of San Mateo, I respectfully request that the citizens be recognized by placing the Height Limit measure on the 2020 ballot for all to vote on. Let all voices be heard via the vote, the meek and the bold, and let fairness prevail.

Sincerely,
Margaret Radyk

Patrice Olds

From: Mary Bates [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2020 12:26 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo)
Cc: Patrice Olds
Subject: Measure P Extension

Members of the City Council:

I strongly support the Measure P extension and cannot believe that some members of the council are considering once again delaying putting the measure on the November ballot. Two years is long enough to review the measure and using the corona virus as an excuse for further delay is not valid. San Mateo citizens were told the measure would go on the November 2020 ballot and I see no justification for not honoring that promise.

Sincerely,

Mary M. Bates

Patrice Olds

From: Kathy Hutt [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2020 10:27 AM
To: City Council (San Mateo); Patrice Olds
Subject: Measure P Extension - ballot

Citizens have done all that was legally required to get the Measure P extension on the ballot.

The council has a legal duty to place the measure on the ballot.

Don't interrupt democracy! Don't deny the wishes of over 7,000 residents!

Patrice Olds

From: JANE JAMES [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2020 8:12 AM
To: Citycouncil@cityofsanmateo.org
Cc: Patrice Olds
Subject: Height Measures

Dear City Council,

It is wrong to not put the Measure P extension on the ballot this November. I signed a petition, and the Council delayed it for 2 years, and now is trying to do the same thing again.

It is absurd, and condescending, for politicians to claim the voters cannot focus on more than one important issue at a time.

Debate on Measure P extension already occurred. It's time for politicians to get out of the way of the voters and let the voters decide.

How do we know that local politicians even know what is really the most important issue? In Jan of this year no one knew the virus issue would become a priority item. Who knows it will still be a high priority by the end of the year?

I agree with the letters published in the Daily Journal -- P Extension should go on the ballot!

I own property in the city of San Mateo and I vote regularly.

Jane James

Patrice Olds

From: sasaro Asaro [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 10:15 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo)
Subject: Measure P

Mayor Goethals,

At the 8-16-20 meeting you said "I do very much want to honor the signatures on the initiative" (Measure P).

Now you are saying that the measure should be delayed because of the ongoing health crisis.

We have seen this kind of politics since the government told the Indians (Don't worry we'll take care of you).

It sounds like the white man still speaks with fork tongue.

I'm sure the general public can deal with the virus and still be able to vote.

If you would see to it that measure P is on the November ballot I would appreciate it.

If not we could try again in 2020, with our new mayor.

Respectfully Sam Asaro, some one who was helpful in getting you elected.

Patrice Olds

From: Jill McHale [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 9:53 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo)
Cc: Patrice Olds
Subject: Height Limits- my voter rights

In early 2018, I joined more than 7000 San Mateo voters and submitted my signature regarding height limits which the County verified and the City certified. The next step should have been the ballot. But it appears that the Council keeps coming up with reasons to put this measure off.

I'm tired of it. The Council has a legal duty to place this measure on the Nov 2020 ballot. Very disappointed in the runaround from the Mayor. I'm against the developers' interests and will vote that way.

Sincerely,

Jill McHale
[REDACTED]

Patrice Olds

From: landucci [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 9:29 PM
To: goethals@cityofsanmateo.org; Eric Rodriguez; Rick Bonilla; Amourence Lee; Diane Papan; City Council (San Mateo); Patrice Olds
Subject: Please place citizen height limits measure on the Nov 2020 ballot

4/25/2020

Dear City Councilmembers,

We want to retain our right to vote on Height Limits Measure this

November. *Mayor Goethals promised at a Council meeting, "I do very much want to honor the signatures on the initiative. People should leave here tonight understanding at a minimum that the initiative as it is written will be placed on the ballot in 2020." San Mateo citizens and voters did all that was legally required to get the Measure P extension on the ballot. The Council has a legal duty to place this measure on the November 2020 ballot."*

If we get more high-rise buildings with a densifying plan it will lead to noisier areas. Research has proven and in Science magazine a study from the Barcelona Institute for Global Health found that residential-surrounding greenspace is related with less severe strokes. Living in high noise areas can lead to many more severe strokes and other cardiovascular episodes." Since most the City of San Mateo, San Mateo County and Bay Area transit systems don't cover their cities nearly as completely as those in Europe, China, Japan and some eastern and midwestern U.S. cities, new residents even in high rises cannot avoid using cars, whether their own or via ride-sharing companies like Uber and Lyft. This will cause even more congestion, noise, illness and pollution.

Many epidemiologists have said dense populations act like petri dishes allowing micro-organisms to survive and thrive. Skyscraper office and residential buildings have had an increase in COVID-19 cases. Do we want this for San Mateo's future? There are going to be future pandemics.

*Please do your obligation: **The Council has a legal duty to place citizen height limits measure on the Nov 2020 ballot.***

Dr. Al Landucci, voter and resident of San Mateo since 1948, volunteer faculty University of California, San Francisco Medical Center, post-doctorate program for first-, second- and third-year residents

Steven Liu, MD, DDS, Clinical Instructor, University of Pacific

Patrice Olds

From: Karen S [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 9:19 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo)
Cc: Patrice Olds
Subject: Mon, April 27, 2020 City Council Meeting - Height Limits

Dear City Councilmembers:

I respectfully call on you as the city council to allow the vote for Measure P to go forward in November 2020 as scheduled and as promised. It has been questionably pushed off already, and it would be a grave injustice to our democratic system to push it off again.

Please honor the following statement previously made when the original vote was deferred:

"I do very much want to honor the signatures on the initiative. People should leave here tonight understanding at a minimum that the initiative as it is written will be placed on the ballot in 2020." (spoken by Joe Goethals)

The citizens have done ALL that was legally required to get the Measure P extension on the ballot. Therefore, it is incumbent that democracy prevail. It is WRONG to deny the wishes of over 7,000 San Mateo residents!

The Measure P extension should most certainly go on the November 2020 ballot. It is more than ready to go forward, and there is NO reason it should be delayed.

Respectfully,

Karen Sid
San Mateo resident

Patrice Olds

From: Devra Harris [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 8:52 PM
To: Joe Goethals; Eric Rodriguez; Rick Bonilla; Diane Papan; Amourence Lee
Cc: Patrice Olds
Subject: Pls Put Measure P on Ballot

Dear Council Member,

I would hope that you, as a city council member, would have the residents of San Mateo in mind when you are considering long term growth within our city. What better way to find what residents would want than to afford them the opportunity to have their voice heard by voting. Measure P is democracy in action, please give your constituents, who make San Mateo their home, the right to vote! I'd like my voice heard and I urge you to place Measure P on the November 2020 ballot.

Respectfully,

Devra Harris
42 year resident of San Mateo
Former SMGVNA Board Member
Citizen's Advisory Committee Member (2001 - 2005)

Patrice Olds

From: Aimee WCrollerskate [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 7:54 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo)
Cc: Patrice Olds
Subject: Measure P extension MUST appear on the 2020 ballot

Dear San Mateo City Council Members,

If there is anything that the recent COVID-19 situation has taught us, it's that PEOPLE make this world go 'round, not corporations or developers.

In a climate where Mr. Goethals expressed his wish to remain focused on the protecting residents in a health crisis, he cannot ALSO dismiss the will of those same residents in the very next breath.

The residents of this community have delivered the legal requirements to put the measure up for a proper vote. As a matter of fact, on 8/6/19, Mr. Goethals is councilman on record stating the following:
"People should leave here tonight understanding at a minimum that the initiative as it is written will be placed on the ballot in 2020."

For the city to deliver less than this is utterly dishonest and hands an unfair advantage straight to the developers.

Once again, if there is anything that the recent COVID-19 situation has taught us, it's that PEOPLE make this world go 'round, not corporations or developers.

Measure P extension MUST appear on the 2020 ballot.

Thank you for your consideration,
Aimee Bruckner
[REDACTED]

Patrice Olds

From: John Radyk [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 7:43 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo)
Cc: Patrice Olds
Subject: Height Limits Measure

I am sending this email to express my wish that the height limits measure be included on the November 2020 ballot. Enough signatures were collected on a petition to get the height limits measure on the ballot, and it was agreed that the measure would be on the November 2020 ballot. The citizens of San Mateo have a right to decide for themselves how much development and density is appropriate for their city, especially now, when areas with higher population densities have been hit the hardest by Covid-19.

Thank you,
John Radyk

Sent from my iPhone

Patrice Olds

From: Dorothy Radyk [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 7:23 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo)
Cc: Patrice Olds
Subject: Height Limits Measure

Concerned citizens of San Mateo gathered enough signatures to put the height limits measure on the ballot. You have previously agreed that the height limits measure would be on the November 2020 ballot. Make good on your promise. Now more than ever, the citizens of San Mateo deserve a say on how much development and density they are willing to live with.

Sincerely,
Dorothy Radyk

Sent from my iPhone

Patrice Olds

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 6:23 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo)
Subject: Measure P

Council Members,

San Mateo citizens have done all that was legally required to get the Measure P extension on the ballot. Do not deny the rights of the residents.

Thank you,

Elaine Thompson, San Mateo resident

Patrice Olds

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 6:10 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo)
Cc: Patrice Olds
Subject: The Height Limit Extension

Ladies and Gentlemen

I am sending this email to you to let you know of my support to put The Height Limit Extension on the November Ballot, 2020. The citizens have done ALL that was legally required to get the Measure P extension on the ballot. Please don't deny the wishes of over 7,000 residents.

I have been a resident of the City of San Mateo since 1952, have voted in every election, and take my vote very seriously. Please allow the voters to express their opinion on this matter at the upcoming election.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth McGee Cookson
[REDACTED]

Patrice Olds

From: I watanuki [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 5:44 PM
To: Joe Goethals; Eric Rodriguez; Diane Papan; Amourence Lee; Rick Bonilla
Cc: Patrice Olds
Subject: Measure P Extension

Dear Honorable Mayor Goethals and Members of the City Council,

The citizens have done ALL that was legally required to get the Measure P extension on the ballot. Don't deny the wishes of over 7,000 residents!

Please honor the efforts of the citizens of San Mateo and place this Measure P Extension on the ballot for November 2020.

It is not right to deny the citizens twice.

Sincerely,

Laurie Watanuki

Patrice Olds

From: William Williams [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 5:39 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo)
Subject: FW: Height Measures

Sent from Outlook

From: William Williams
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 2:46 PM
To: letters@smdailyjournal.com
Subject: Height Measures

Editor: Thank you for the report in the Journal on 4/20 regarding height and density measures affecting the City of San Mateo.

The extend Measure P petition signatures were collected by unpaid San Mateo residents concerned about livability. Ballot placement was delayed two years to match the expiration of the original measure. The competing measure sponsors, a union leader, the County Democratic Party Chair, and a developer have had two years to qualify their proposal.

The mayor wants to deny San Mateo residents their right to vote. After a month of social distancing residents may prefer less population density.

Are San Mateo city residents not allowed to disagree with a union leader, the Democratic Party, and a developer? Let us vote. Stop the propaganda.

X Bill Williams, San Mateo

Sent from Outlook

Patrice Olds

From: Steph Thompson [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 5:37 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo)
Cc: Patrice Olds
Subject: Height limits

We are writing in favor of placing the citizen sponsored height limits initiative on the ballot this fall, which was the agreement made with us a couple years back. The argument about not wanting to split focus is disingenuous. If we can support a presidential election we can certainly find time for such an important local issue as well.

Sincerely,
Phil and Steph Thompson

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Lisa Taner [REDACTED]
Date: April 25, 2020 at 3:09:44 PM PDT
To: undisclosed-recipients;
Subject: THIS WEEKEND - Emails to Save Your Vote!

Hello BHNA Members!
HEIGHT LIMITS NEWS

There is a LOT going on with the citizen height limits measure. On April 20th, the Daily Journal noted that Mayor Joe Goethals was recently making noise about NOT placing the measure on the November 2020 ballot as promised. (See link below.)

Concerned residents should send the Council an email this weekend if they want to retain their right to vote on this matter this November! Email to: CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org and copy the City Clerk to have it on the record at polds@cityofsanmateo.org.

It's noteworthy that Mayor Goethals promised at a Council meeting on 8/16/201, "I do very much want to honor the signatures on the initiative. People should leave here tonight understanding at a minimum that the initiative as it is written will be placed on the ballot in 2020." It's also noteworthy that a Town Hall discussion and more 'community activity' called for by Goethals in the article regarding this measure is *not* a function of the City Council. Finally, the citizens did all that was legally required to get the Measure P extension on the ballot. The current measure expires at the end of this year.

Here is the Daily Journal story: https://www.smdailyjournal.com/news/local/mayor-pause-san-mateo-height-measures/article_b4e2c0c8-82ac-11ea-83f6-6ff888671988.html?fbclid=IwAR1cg4mrUY8bmOFL36Ez1yaye_qm9H1xfsQ2ZG2WXsLj_2sF6OdMU0nA0A.

The DJ did not print in full the response by the citizen's group, which reads:

San Mateans for Responsive Government is astonished by Joe Goethals' comments that this is not the time for the voters to decide about the important issues of height and density. As SMRG spokesman Michael Weinbauer said, "The Council has a legal duty to place this measure on the Nov 2020 ballot." At what point are we to witness the city condoning voter suppression?

In early 2018, over 7000 San Mateo voters submitted signatures which the County verified and the City certified. The next step should have been the ballot. Yet at every turn, the Council, often with Joe the most vocal, found a reason to put this measure off & delay it until the November 2020 ballot. Now Joe has another reason this should not happen?

The grapevine says that the developer proponents of the new initiative want the CC to place their measure on the ballot, despite not doing what SMRG accomplished with untold hours of volunteer effort. This would be unjust, since the CC refused to put the citizens' initiative on the 2018 ballot and delayed it until 2020. If their measure is to be voted on this November, let the developers do what's legally required. Otherwise, we await their attempt for the November 2022 election.

To stay up to date on the citizen's measure, check out www.smartergrowthsm.com.

Your BHNA Board

Patrice Olds

From: Barb Niss [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 4:19 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo)
Cc: Patrice Olds
Subject: Let the citizens vote on extension of Measure P

Dear City Council,

After a long week at work, I'm catching up on local news and am very concerned about Mayor Goethals comments in the SMDJ re: his desire to delay the vote of the Measure P extension, and equally concerned, although not surprised, to read that Rick Bonilla aligns with this thought.

Both of you successfully delayed the vote from 2018 to 2020, but you have no right to continue to delay this vote, or even voice such an opinion. As Mr. Goethals implied in his 2018 statements, City Council should honor the signatures of 7,000 voting residents and stand by this Measure being on the 2020 ballot.

The fact that there is a new "alternative measure" put on by people who are known supporters of yours and are in favor of over development throughout our city were unable to obtain signatures should not negate what many of us worked so hard to achieve 2 years ago. Also, City Council was not in favor of putting SMRG's initiative on the ballot without the hard work of the citizenry gathering signatures, so this new initiative should be treated similarly. I expect you to be fair and impartial representatives of ALL of the citizens and not just those that are like-minded to you.

Mayor Goethals poorly veiled attempt to show concern for the residents by proposing to delay the measure approved for the 2020 ballot in 2018 is nothing less than an atrocity. I am offended at your implication that the voting public is unable to deal with the many issues during this health crisis and properly vote 6 months from now. I look forward to voting on the citizens extension of Measure P along with voting for new city council members, a new state senator and a new president in November. Our citizens are capable and resilient and we certainly don't need representatives insinuating otherwise.

It's time to stop arguing or suggesting the citizens Measure should not be voted on this year. The time for discussion has passed. Just please do your job and make sure the citizens measure that properly qualified on its own is placed on the November ballot.

Sincerely,

Barbara Niss
Sunnybrae

Patrice Olds

From: Stephen Saks [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 3:43 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo)
Subject: Height Limit Issue

I have lived in SM since 1983. Height limit is an important issue that must be on the ballot. If it isn't, the matter should face litigation.

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Steve Saks
Stephen Saks Photography
[REDACTED]

Patrice Olds

From: Wade White [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 1:23 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo)
Cc: Patrice Olds
Subject: Measure P on Ballot

City Council:

As it has come to my attention that the mayor, Joe Goethals is proposing to delay two competing measures on building heights and density that are supposed to be on the November Ballot because of COVID-19.

As Mr. Goethals has stated in the past that he wants to honor the signatures on the initiative. "People should leave here tonight understanding at a minimum that the initiative as it is written will be placed on the ballot in 2020!"

I personally spent hours and hours helping to obtain the 7,000 signatures required to get this measure on the ballot. As a voting citizen of San Mateo, **I expect this measure to be on the ballot.** There has been plenty of debate on this subject and the lines have been drawn. It is time to vote!! Discussion and community activity for the measure is not a City Council function!

As we try to survive this global pandemic using social distancing and sheltering in place I believe it is very counterintuitive to think going higher and denser is a reasonable alternative to helping us to survive not only this pandemic but ones which may be even worse in the future.

The developer sponsored petition will just have to wait its turn to attempt to get on a ballot whenever they are able to proceed. Our measure also had to wait (signatures gathered in 2018) but delayed by the City Council and now is it's time to be on the ballot in November.

It is time for the Voter's not the City Council to decide if this is how we are to proceed in the future. Please do not stand in the way of Democracy or deny the wishes of over 7,000 voters and probably many others who are tired of developers directing the future of our City.

If our City Council wants to focus on public health as Mr. Goethals and Mr. Bonilla have stated maybe the City should be looking at halting progress on any proposed development projects until this crisis is past us and the ramifications of our new normal can be assessed. This would allow additional City personnel to be used in helping to alleviate our current situation.

Yours truly

James W. White

Patrice Olds

From: ROB GIBSON [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 1:02 PM
To: Eric Rodriguez; Rick Bonilla; Diane Papan; Amourence Lee
Cc: Patrice Olds
Subject: voting

Dear Council member, as a lifelong San Mateo resident I was shocked and dismayed to read in the April 20th edition of The Daily Journal that our mayor had taken it upon himself to consider removing the height initiative measure from our ballot. If this is legal it shouldn't be. He stated that he did not want "to divide the community". Voting is the 'sine qua non' of any democracy. The vote will settle the issue and bring the community back together. To suppress voting continues the divide.

The Mayor went on to state that we need to, "...keep our focus on the most important issue right now and that's public health." The mayor doesn't seem to realize that it's not an 'either or' situation, we can chew gum and walk at the same time. Voting on one issue does not necessarily take our focus off of other issues. All these issues are important and the people of SM realize this. Please don't presume that we don't.

The signatures were collected legally and at great effort. To refuse to put it on the ballot strikes at the very heart of the democratic process. Additionally, have you given any thought to the precedent this will set?

Please don't let the mayor get away with this.

Rob Gibson
[REDACTED]

Patrice Olds

From: Jennifer Uhl [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 12:52 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo)
Cc: Patrice Olds
Subject: Height Limit Extension

Honorable Members of the City Council,

I am writing concerning your idea to not place Measure P on the November, 2020 ballot. 7000 residents of San Mateo willingly signed to have this Initiative placed on that ballot.

On 8/16/18 you, Mr. Goethals made the following statement at a meeting, "I do very much want to honor the signatures on the initiative.

People should leave here tonight understanding at a minimum that the initiative as it is written will be placed on the ballot in 2020".

Mr. Goethals, I expect and request that you honor your statement. Please don't use the Covid-19 virus as your latest excuse not to honor the will of the people.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Uhl
[REDACTED]

Patrice Olds

From: Christie Ricci [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 12:43 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo)
Cc: Patrice Olds
Subject: Please Place Measure P Height Limit Extension on the Ballot

Hello San Mateo City Council Members,

I am a current San Mateo resident. My family and I have lived here for 24 years. We ask that you please put the Measure P height limit extension measure on the ballot, which is what the San Mateo citizens desire.

I agree with the letter recently published in the San Mateo Daily Journal by Bill Williams that Measure P most certainly go on the ballot. The citizens of San Mateo have done everything that was legally required to get the Measure P extension placed on the ballot.

I thank you for your service to San Mateo and hope that you will take action that supports what the citizens have rightfully requested.

Sincerely,
Christie Ricci

Patrice Olds

From: Kurt Ricci [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 12:39 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo)
Cc: Patrice Olds
Subject: Please Place Measure P Height Limit Extension on the Ballot

Hello San Mateo City Council Members,

I am a current San Mateo resident. My family and I have lived here for 24 years. We ask that you please put the Measure P height limit extension measure on the ballot, which is what the San Mateo citizens desire.

I agree with the letters recently published in the San Mateo Daily Journal by Bill Williams that Measure P most certainly go on the ballot. The citizens of San Mateo have done everything that was legally required to get the Measure P extension placed on the ballot.

I thank you for your service to San Mateo and hope that you will take action that supports what the citizens have rightfully requested.

Sincerely,
Kurt Ricci

Patrice Olds

From: M B [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 11:05 AM
To: City Council (San Mateo)
Cc: Patrice Olds
Subject: Joe Goethals, Rick Bonilla and Members of the City Council: Measure P MUST be Placed on November 2020 Ballot

To Joe Goethals, Rick Bonilla and Members of the City Council:

I am writing to express my outrage that Joe Goethals and the City Council are even considering denying my right to vote on Measure P in November 2020.

Over 7000 San Mateans signed the petition to put Measure P on the November 2020 ballot. *The proposal by Joe Goethals' to suppress the legal right to vote on a measure is something that I thought only happened in other parts of the country, certainly not here in San Mateo.*

I took Joe Goethals at his word when he said, "I do very much want to honor the signatures on the initiative. People should leave here tonight understanding at a minimum that the initiative as it is written will be placed on the ballot in 2020." It is nothing short of outrageous that Joe Goethals would dishonor San Mateans and go against his own word.

I am a home owner in San Mateo who greatly values the democratic spirit of our community. This proposal by Joe Goethals' and agreed to by Rick Bonilla goes against everything that San Mateo stands for. We San Mateans have a right to vote on a Measure P in November 2020.

It is unacceptable and unthinkable that Joe Goethals' would even entertain the idea of denying San Mateans the right to vote on a measure that the City Council LEGALLY must place on the November ballot.

There is no excuse to delay the vote on Measure P. Delaying the vote on Measure P is illegal and an affront to all San Mateans.

I look forward to voting in November. I will not let anything stop me from exercising my right to vote and I fully expect to exercise my right to vote on Measure P which LEGALLY MUST BE PLACED ON THE NOVEMBER 2020 BALLOT.

Sincerely,

Mary Beavins
[REDACTED]

Patrice Olds

From: Naomi Ture [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 9:21 AM
To: City Council (San Mateo); Patrice Olds
Subject: Put Measure P on the ballot - We have a right to vote on our own city's height limit

Dear Council,

I write because the residents of San Mateo have gathered all the needed signatures on Measure P and we have the right to vote on the height limits of our own town.

The Mayor's suggestion that the Measure P extension NOT go on this November's ballot interrupts our democratic process. He promised it would be on the ballot. Please do what is right, and put Measure P on the November 2020 ballot.

Thank you,

Naomi Ture
San Mateo resident

Patrice Olds

From: Kathleen Ross [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 8:35 AM
To: City Council (San Mateo)
Cc: Patrice Olds
Subject: Put the issue of building heights for San Mateo on the Ballot!!!!

Council Members

I do not understand why you are are against (unwilling) placing this issue on the ballot. The discussions have been going on for what feels like far too long. There have been significant issues in the past that have been brought to the voting process in less time than this has taken.

There is much discussion about the possible pressure being applied to Council members by the development interests to delay this process. However, I believe that it is possible to turn your supporters in the community against you come re-election if you continue to fail to take action and allow us to be heard.

Please. Just do your duty as our elected representatives and place the issue of height limits on the ballot. Bring this controversy to an end and let us exercise our democratic rights.

Kathleen Ross
[REDACTED]

Patrice Olds

From: Susan Dirksen [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 9:24 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo)
Subject: Mayor

Council members,

Please put the height limit on the ballot. The citizens have a right to decide.

Keep in mind that it just might be possible to remove members who want to sneak one past the voters. Not a threat, an observation.

Sincerely,
Susan Dirksen

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Patrice Olds

From: Diane [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 8:13 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo)
Cc: Patrice Olds
Subject: Height limit

Dear Counsel Members,

Please do not let our Mayor ignore the will of his constituents, put the height limit on the ballot. San Mateo is changing and not for the better. Please listen.

Thank you,
Diane Smith

Sent from my iPad

Patrice Olds

From: D Shum [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 7:57 PM
To: Patrice Olds
Subject: Measure P Extension

Dear Council Members

Please honor the 7000 signatures on the initiative and put the proposed extension of Measure P on the November 2020 ballot.

The current health situation is not a factor in this case.

All the discussion regarding this issue was concluded in 2018 when the measure should have gone on the ballot. More public meeting are not needed. This should be a simple administrative action by the Council.

In 2018, Mayor Goethals stated at a Council meeting concerning the extension of Measure P, "People should leave here tonight understanding at a minimum, that the initiative as it is written will be place on the ballot in 2020".

Help Mayor Goethals honor my and other San Mateans' signatures on the initiative. We followed and completed the procedures for placing the initiative on the ballot. Now it is time for the City Council to do its part and put it on the ballot and let the voters of San Mateo decide the issue.

Respectfully,

David Shum
San Mateo Village Resident and Board member of San Mateo/Glendale Village Neighborhood Association

Patrice Olds

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 7:32 PM
To: Patrice Olds
Subject: San Mateo city height limits

Dear Sir

I have been a resident and homeowner in San Mateo in a homeowner ifor the last 25 years.

I signed, along with 7,000 other San Mateo residents to maintain height limits in our city. We deserve and have the right to vote on this initiative in November.

I am extremely dismayed at any suggestion that this would not be put on the ballot in November. Please do the right thing and back the citizens of San Mateo to ensure this is on the ballot!!!

Christine Heckford
[REDACTED]

Patrice Olds

From: Cheryl Zuffi [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 6:43 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo); Patrice Olds
Subject: Measure P- Mon Apr 27 meeting

4-24-20

Re: Measure P

Dear Council Members,

I am long time homeowner in San Mateo, since 1988. I have also served on the Beautification Committee for the home association, and served 8 years on the Community Improvement Commission.

Homeowners and residents like myself love this city for the charm and small town feel it offers by way of reasonable height limits, especially in the downtown and residential areas where we live and shop.

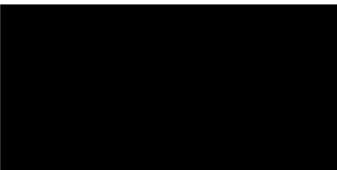
Measure P is set to be placed on the ballot in November for all residents to cast their Vote regarding whether we protect these height limits, or allow our small town feel to be destroyed forever, turning San Mateo into just another mess of tall buildings that no one will want to live in or visit.

The citizens have done all that was legally required to place Measure P on this November ballot, over 7000 residents in all! I am impressed!

The reason for this letter is to confirm that no one pressures you, our Council members, to in any way disrupt this measure from being placed on the November ballot so all of us can have the opportunity to vote on this very important matter.

Thank you,

Cheryl Zuffi



Patrice Olds

From: Dorothy O'Callahan [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 6:39 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo)
Cc: Patrice Olds
Subject: Height Limits

Keep current height\ limits in effect to preserve the suburban nature of our community! You were elected to preserve that Thank you. Dorothy O'Callahan

Patrice Olds

From: Dorothy O'Callahan [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 6:30 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo)
Subject: Height Limits

Please make sure the height limits proposal is one the ballot. I join SMRG in opposition to Goethals proposal. Dorothy O'Callahan

Patrice Olds

From: Holly Hewitt [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 4:46 PM
To: Patrice Olds
Subject: November Ballot measure

Dear Mayor Goethals;

After a 2 year delay, using the "reason" as 2018 was not a general election, To suggest it not be placed on the 2020 ballot is more than unfair.

Those of us who gathered the more than 7,000 signatures deserve to let the citizens of San Mateo have their say on measure P.

The general plan update had previously been used as a reason to hold off.

The only developer who will benefit the most is Bohannon, especially if he believes he can pay inlieu fees and not have any below market units.

The measure should be on the November ballot. We have been patient.

Holly H. Hewitt

Sent from my iPad

Patrice Olds

From: San Mateo United Homeowners Association <sanmateounitedhoa@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 11:18 AM
To: City Council (San Mateo); Drew Corbett
Subject: Clarification of SMUHA Letter

Dear City Council:

In response to recent Council statements tying SMUHA's April 14th email letter to the City with any suggestion of delay for a ballot measure, let us be clear that SMUHA's letter had nothing to do with the ballot measure. SMUHA supports voters' rights. SMRG successfully accomplished all requirements, including surpassing the required number of signatures, for representation on the 2020 ballot. Any denial of this democratic process will be viewed as voter suppression by our community.

Regards,
Mike Nash
President



William J. Cendak



Mayor Goethals
330 West 20th Ave
San Mateo, CA 94403

April 27, 2020

Re: Measure P extension

Dear Mayor Goethals,

We implore you to place the Measure P extension on the November 2020 ballot as you promised in the August 6, 2018 City Council meeting.

You were elected you to represent and administer the will of the citizens of San Mateo, not to be a handmaid to special interest groups.

We were born and raised in San Francisco and eventually became annoyed at the influx of so many people, the construction of the many tall buildings, the traffic, and the lack of parking.

So we moved to San Mateo. The last thing we want is for you to turn this beautiful city in to a congested, tall building metropolis.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'WJ Cendak'.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Barbara J. Cendak'.

William and Barbara Cendak

William J. Cendak



San Mateo City Council
330 West 20th Ave.
San Mateo, CA 94403

April 27, 2020

Re: Measure P extension

Dear Council Members,

We ask that you, as a body, place the Measure P extension on the November 2020 ballot as it is your legal duty.

The City Council as well as the Mayor were elected to represent and follow the will of the citizens of the city of San Mateo not to be a “rubberstamp” for the Mayor and or special interest groups who have no obligations to us.

The citizens of San Mateo passed Measure P to keep the city of San Mateo from becoming another San Francisco.

We moved here from San Francisco due to the the increased population, unchecked growth, excessive building, traffic and parking woes.

Please perform your duties as mandated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara J. Cendak". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "B".

William and Barbara Cendak