



Alternative General Plan Ballot Measure

July 20, 2020

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- Purposes: (1) Select ballot question and adopt resolution to place a ballot measure on the ballot for the General Municipal Election on November 3, 2020 and (2) decide whether to submit council arguments in opposition to either the SMRG measure or the alternative measure
- Overview of Presentation: recap previous council action
- Present options

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- June 15 Study Session
 - Council meets to decide whether to place the alternative ballot measure on the ballot as a council proposition
 - As part of the presentation staff described an alternative ballot question drafted in response to public concern about potential confusion given similarity with SMRG measure ballot question
 - City Council unanimously votes to place the measure on the ballot, but puts off vote on resolution to allow time to consider different ballot questions

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- June 29 council meeting on ballot arguments
 - Staff explained rules and deadlines for submitting ballot arguments
 - Council decides not to submit arguments in favor of either SMRG measure or the alternative measure
 - Council does not make a decision on whether to submit arguments in opposition to either measure

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Requested Council Actions:

- [1] Select ballot question and adopt resolution calling the election on the alternative measure
- [2] Decide whether council will submit argument in opposition to SMRG measure
- [3] Decide whether council will submit argument in opposition to alternative measure
- [4] If opposition arguments will be submitted, decide how will they be prepared and approved
- [5] if opposition arguments will be submitted, decide how will rebuttal argument be prepared and approved

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- Options-Ballot Question

- Shall the proposed ordinance to amend the City of San Mateo General Plan to extend for ten years the expiration date for voter-enacted policies limiting building heights and intensities, to authorize the City Council to approve increases in building heights and intensities in designated areas that are close to major transit, and to make other specified amendments to affordable housing policies in the plan, be adopted? [original version]
- Shall the proposed ordinance to amend the City of San Mateo General Plan to authorize the City Council *to approve increases in building heights and intensities in designated areas that are close to major transit*, to extend for ten years the expiration date for voter-enacted policies limiting building heights and intensities, and to make other specified amendments to affordable housing policies in the plan, be adopted? [modified version]

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- Options- Ballot Arguments
 - Will city council submit an argument in opposition to SMRG measure?
 - If yes, will it be prepared and submitted by committee, or
 - Approved at a special meeting before August 14?
 - Will council submit an argument in opposition to alternative measure?
 - If yes, will it be prepared and submitted by committee, or
 - Approved at a special meeting before August 14?
 - Will council submit rebuttal arguments? Or delegate to someone else?
 - If yes, will it be prepared and submitted by committee, or
 - Submitted for approval by council at 8/17 meeting, or
 - Submitted for approval by council as special meeting before 8/24?