

Argument in Favor of Measure ____

A “Yes” vote means that you support supplementing private donations with non-dedicated General Funds to build the new Town Center. Atherton’s main facilities have needed replacement for years. Over the past twenty years, Town staff, several City Councils and four different resident committees have recommended replacing these facilities, which include seven “temporary” trailers in deplorable condition. These facilities are essential for the daily operation of the Town, including Administration, Police, Public Works, Building and Planning, and a separately-funded Library. These facilities were built decades ago when our needs and requirements were very different from today. The Council believes it is imperative these facilities be replaced to improve the Town’s ability to deliver essential services to our residents and hire and retain top quality staff.

The new Town Center has involved thousands of volunteer and professional hours in the design, including input from Council members, staff, committee volunteers, hundreds of residents, and hired professionals. Now that the design is complete and a construction cost estimate has been obtained, the Council has developed a realistic funding plan without creating any new tax burden on its residents. Previously, Measure L supported paying for these facilities “primarily using private funds.” Today, with the design complete, the Council has determined that it is necessary to supplement private donations with non-dedicated general funds. Furthermore, the Town is in a more stable financial position and the Council believes it would be prudent to use non-dedicated General Funds to meet any funding shortfall for the construction of the Town Center.

Additional information concerning the Town’s forecasted financial outlook, and proposed design plans are available at www.ci.atherton.ca.us/civiccenter. To tour the existing facilities call (650.752.0500).