

In 2012, 74% of Atherton voters approved a new civic center, provided 12  
it was paid for by donated funds. The current council now wishes to 25  
divert more than \$14M of unallocated taxpayer dollars. Is this the most 37  
desirable course? 39

- Yes, the building department occupies temporary buildings and 47  
our library is earthquake unsafe, **but they can be replaced** 57  
**utilizing their own special funds which** cannot be used 66  
elsewhere. 67
- Yes, the police department needs improvements, but is the 76  
answer a huge \$24M structure -- more than \$10,000 per 85  
household 9 with a large foyer, gym, copper gutters **and** 94  
**potentially millions more** needed once bids are received, plus 103  
the cost of furnishings, increased upkeep, landscaping and more? 112
- Recent studies concluded Atherton needs \$36M for drainage 20  
deficiencies, \$20M to make bike and pedestrian routes safe for 30  
residents and school children. More than \$16M of health and 140  
pension costs remain unfunded. Obviously, Atherton has 147  
considerable debt and many financial obligations. Without tax 155  
increases, how will these be funded? 61
- Why did the civic center committee raise so little over so many 173  
years? Having been conceived with the idea that it was to be 185  
privately funded, has this proposed complex become too 193  
grandiose for our actual operational requirements? 199
- Atherton residents are successful, hardworking people who invest 207  
and spend money wisely. If potential donors have seen an 217  
extravagant town center as a poor investment for private funds, 227  
why should taxpayer money -- much of which has indirectly 236  
**become available due to parcel taxes levies** -- be used? 245
- **This measure would essentially wipe out ALL uncommitted**  
**funds, anticipates the use of millions in future educational**  
**rebates from the state and assures that more special taxes**  
**will be required.** 275
- Now is the time to consider a much smaller, **combination** 285  
remodeled and new structure. 289

Vote NO! There is a better way! 296

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