

Letter: Vote yes on measures E and G

To the community,

Why have so many organizations aligned with Parker Development in wanting to stop the Yes Campaign for Measures E and G?

In 2004 El Dorado County adopted a General Plan which was challenged with a referendum giving the voters in the county the opportunity decide whether or not to adopt the plan. Promises were made that this plan would protect our agricultural, recreational, natural, historic and cultural resources that make up our county's rural character. The Measure passed by a mere 50.9 percent.

Since that time our Board of Supervisors, under heavy developer influence, has amended, weakened, eliminated and refused to implement many of those protective policies.

Save Our County (SOC) realized that the only way to stop the Board of Supervisors from opening the flood gates for massive growth and debt, was to bind the Board to implement those protective polices by law. Other organizations joined SOC as they watched the Board of Supervisors abuse their discretionary powers.

Measure E relates to Measure Y, which has been in place since 1998 and expires in 2018. In 2008 it was rewritten which weakened the requirement for Developers to fully fund their own road infrastructure and gave the Board of Supervisors the four-fifth vote to allow a development to cause gridlock. Measure E restores those policies and adds that the board cannot allow a change in land use which would create gridlock. That's where the discretionary wording comes in. *No land use change (discretionary) unless the road is there that prevents gridlock from happening.* It does not stop any other projects

or actions that the opposition is claiming.

Measure G restores and implements the protective policies promised in the 2004 General Plan. Having these policies in place would have prevented the massive billboards from being placed in Shingle Springs, retained the Camino Mill from being demolished and stopped the Dollar General Store from being placed on Georgetown's Historic Main Street. These policies have been partly implemented, but stopped by board direction. To incentivize our board, no discretionary actions (actions requiring permission by a jurisdiction) can take place until they finally adopt the policies. These policies should not take that much time or money to implement but will go a long way in protecting the rural character of El Dorado County. The character that has sustained El Dorado County's economy for generations.

It's very discerning how many people have allowed their good names to be used in order to promote lies by Parker Development's marketing agent. Why? Only those that have signed the propaganda can answer that, but they do know they are promoting the lies. A no vote on these measures will give our Board of Supervisors the excuse to sell out what's left of our resources to mega development.

A "yes" vote will hold their feet to the fire and legally bind them to protecting the rural character of El Dorado County.

Here is the **link** to the verbiage for the Measures and background information.

If you have any questions regarding these measures, feel free to call me.

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