

Argument Against Measure T2022

Dear Fellow Carpentierians.

As your Mayor and Councilmembers, we oppose Measure T2022 because it could prohibit the construction of new parking for our public Parks, and could lead to housing being built on existing land designated for open space in the City of Carpinteria.

The proponents of Measure T2022 oppose the Surfliner Inn hotel project and have written the misguided Measure in order to stop it. The Surfliner Inn, like any other project, is required to go through public review before the Architectural Review Board and the Planning Commission, but this normal public process will not happen if Measure T2022 passes and your voice on the hotel project will not be heard. The proponents have every right to oppose the hotel project, however, hiding that opposition behind a complicated initiative is dishonest and unfair.

The land use and zoning changes proposed in Measure T2022 have not been approved by the California Coastal Commission, nor by the California Department of Housing and Community Development. Even if the Measure is approved by voters, these two bodies could find that it conflicts with State planning laws and require amendments to Carpinteria's land use policies and zoning laws that are inconsistent with the interests of the Carpinteria community.

Additionally, the unclear provisions in Measure T2022 are expected to draw expensive litigation and have unintended consequences. Yet, any changes necessary to fix Measure T2022's flaws would require voter approval and a lengthy and expensive process.

Measure T2022 is troubling due to its unclear provisions, the dubious and shortsighted motives of its authors, and its potential for having significant negative consequences for the Carpinteria community.

On November 8th, Please Vote NO on Measure T2022.



Mayor Wade Nomura



Councilmember Natalia Alarcon



Councilmember Gregg Carty



Councilmember Roy Lee

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