Rebuttal to Argument In Favor of Measure T2022

Dear Fellow Carpinterians,

Vote No on Measure T2022 because it's unnecessary and misleading.

As your elected representatives, we have heard from many of you including homeowners, renters, local small business owners, environmentalists and longtime community leaders urging opposition to Measure T2022.

We have heard outrage at the misinformation being distributed. To set the record straight:

- The only threat to the Community Garden is from Measure T2022 itself.
- The Garden is under no threat from any development and will continue to be enjoyed by the public.
- If Measure T2022 is approved it would make General Plan changes that could lead to the replacement of the Garden by multi-family housing.

Measure T2022 also does not prevent development on Parking Lot No 3 but instead allows for its development with high density, multi-family residential development and therefore does not protect views, conserve water or preserve our small town charm. Any claim that the Measure provides these protections is misleading.

Carpinteria is a charming and valuable place due in part to decades of hard work and good stewardship by community members and City officials working cooperatively. Our City zoning and General Plan were created through exhaustive, thorough public processes taking all viewpoints into consideration and shouldn't be changed without the same thoughtful public processes.

Please don't believe the "Save Our Downtown Open Space" narrative. Not only will Measure T2022 not save anything, it makes changes to our zoning and General Plan that put precious resources at risk.

Vote No on Measure T2022.

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