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James Jolly  
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RE: Notice of Intention to Circulate Petition Regarding Initiative Measure Amending City General Plan To Require Voter Approval of the Sale, Lease or Certain Changes in Use of Certain Land Designated as "Parks", "Other Open Space" or "Public and Institutional" in the City's General Plan

Dear Mr. Jolly,

This letter is in response to the letter received by the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Los Altos on March 28, 2018 regarding a notice of intention to circulate a petition for this measure. The letter contained a request for a ballot title and summary to be prepared by the City Attorney as outlined in Elections Code Section 9203. Enclosed is the title and summary prepared by the City Attorney.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jon Maginot  
City Clerk/Elections Official  
City of Los Altos

Attachment: Ballot Title & Summary

c: Honorable Mayor and City Council  
Chris Jordan, City Manager  
Christopher J. Diaz, City Attorney

## Initiative Measure to be Submitted Directly to the Voters

The City Attorney has prepared the following title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure, pursuant to California Elections Code Section 9203. The title and summary must be printed across the top of each page of the petition whereon signatures are to appear as required by California Elections Code Section 9203.

### **BALLOT TITLE:**

Initiative General Plan Amendment Measure Requiring Voter Approval of the Sale, Lease or Certain Changes in Use of Certain Land Designated as “Parks”, “Other Open Space” or “Public and Institutional” in the City’s General Plan.

### **BALLOT SUMMARY**

This measure amends the City of Los Altos General Plan to add a voter approval requirement for significant changes to land with a General Plan land use designation of “Parks”, “Other Open Space”, or “Public and Institutional”. If this measure is approved, majority voter approval would be required for any of the following:

- (1) Any change in the list of uses the General Plan allows on land with a “Parks”, “Other Open Space” or “Public and Institutional” land use designation;
- (2) The sale or transfer of City-owned land with a “Parks”, “Other Open Space” or “Public and Institutional” land use designation;
- (3) The lease or other disposition (including granting of a license or easement) of City-owned land with a “Parks”, “Other Open Space” or “Public and Institutional” land use designation for longer than one hundred eighty (180) calendar days in any one calendar year; or
- (4) Changing City-owned land with a “Parks”, “Other Open Space” or “Public and Institutional” land use designation to another land use designation, except that re-designation of “Public and Institutional” land to a “Parks” designation shall not require voter approval.

The measure exempts the following City-owned parcels from the voter approval requirements above:

- (1) Any City-owned parcel (or group of similar contiguous parcels) that totals 7,500 square feet in size or less with a General Plan land use designation of “Public and Institutional”;
- (2) The lease or other disposition of subsurface real property interests (i.e., easements) for utility or similar purposes that do not interfere with surface use except during construction or maintenance.

The measure authorizes the City Council to grant limited exceptions to the voter approval requirements above where the City’s action is necessary to comply with state or federal housing law.

This measure requires majority voter approval. If approved, this measure may be amended or repealed only by another vote of the people.

/s/ Christopher J. Diaz, City Attorney

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