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Honorable Mayor and City Council

We appreciate the need to adjust the expenditure limits for the cost of projects that must be submitted to a public vote.

But we ask you to consider a number of additional changes to this measure;

- Why does it end with a "?"

Is this just a typo as the measure will be a yes or no vote so how can a question be included within it? Furthermore it is not clear if the ? just applies to exempting public safety facilities .

- Why should public safety facilities be exempted?

Public safety, typical of most cities, receives the largest share of the city budget. It is not in the public interest to exempt what could be the largest area of expenditure from the oversight that occurs with requiring a vote of the people. It is reasonable for these facilities to also be subject to a vote of the people.

- Require a separate vote for each item of expenditure

The 2002 Proposition C included approval for 4 items, the swim center, open space and trails, safety training center and extension of Cannon Rd. There were many people who believed it was disingenuous to lump these four items together and that it was done to use the overwhelming support for the swim center and open space to pass funding for the other two items that the public may not have supported if they had a choice.

- Require the ballot statement for future funding votes to establish a limit on the **maximum** amount of such expenditures that are authorized- not just the minimum.

We note the argument that the public voted to approve the Municipal golf course was used to continue work on this project- even when costs ended up far, far beyond the original estimates. The people should

know how much they are approving for a project- not just that it meets the minimum to require a public vote.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Diane Nygaard

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