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NEWS RELEASE

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Court of Appeal Affirms Trial Court's Ruling that the Ballot Question Adopted by City Council is Factually Correct and Complies with the State Elections Code

CUPERTINO, CA – The Committee Supporting Cupertino Citizens' Sensible Growth Initiative's (Committee) appeal to overturn a lower court's ruling regarding the ballot question for Measure C has been denied by the Court of Appeal of the State of California, Sixth Appellate District.

The appeal sought to overturn the Santa Clara County Superior Court's <u>ruling</u> earlier this month that the "ballot question (<u>adopted by City Council</u>) accurately states the nature of the CCSGI (Cupertino Citizens' Sensible Growth Initiative)." At trial, the Committee objected to the language in the <u>Measure C</u> ballot question that stated it would: (1) increase the maximum building height in neighborhoods to 45 feet, and (2) limit redevelopment in the Vallco Shopping District.

The Superior Court also found that "the challenged language is factually correct, and was not false, misleading, partial or otherwise failed to comply with the State Elections Code."

In so ruling, the Superior Court considered the context of the City's General Plan and zoning designations, and indicated that the CCSGI effectively raises the maximum height limit of buildings within Cupertino neighborhoods to 45 feet—whether or not that was the intent of the drafters and its proponents. Neighborhoods make up approximately 75% of the City of Cupertino.

The City of Cupertino is on the western edge of Silicon Valley against the foothills of the Santa Cruz Mountains. With a population of 62,000 within 13 square miles, Cupertino is 42 miles south of San Francisco and home to many high-tech companies, most notably Apple, Inc.

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IN THE COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA SIXTH APPELLATE DISTRICT

COMMITTEE SUPPORTING CUPERTINO CITIZENS' SENSIBLE GROWTH INITIATIVE et al.,

Petitioners.

v.

SUPERIOR COURT OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY,

Respondent;

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CUPERTINO et al.,

Real Parties in Interest.

H043840

Santa Clara County No. CV296322

Court of Appeal, Sixth Appellate District

AUG 2 3 2016

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BY THE COURT:

The request for judicial notice is denied. The petition for writ of mandate or other appropriate relief and the request for stay are denied.

(Premo, Acting P.J.; Bamattre-Manoukian, J.; and Mihara, J. participated in this decision.)

AUG 2 3 2016

Date:

Acting P.J.

AFFIDAVIT OF TRANSMITTAL

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