

Argument "Against" City of Morgan Hill Ballot Measure ____

March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Primary/Special election

Signers in Opposition of the Ballot Measure:

Asit Panwala on behalf of "A Committee Against Ordinance 2295 sponsored by the Morgan Hill Hotel Coalition"

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"Arguments in support or opposition of the proposed laws are the opinions of the authors"



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The undersigned author(s) of the argument in favor of/against ballot measure at the Special Municipal election for the City of Morgan Hill

to be held on 3/3/2020 hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

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* VIG = Voter Information Guide

The City of Morgan Hill is catering to developers, making them rich at our expense. This ordinance would permit the construction of two 4-story hotels at Madrone Village Shopping Center instead of a high-end grocery store. It will create more traffic during commute hours, while failing to bring high paying jobs. This ordinance will give an out-of-town developer a windfall of more than million dollars while failing to improve our quality of life.

The City will tell you this ordinance will increase the amount of transient occupancy tax (TOT). However, there are no studies to support, “If we build them, they will come.” We already have two other hotels under construction; the Granada Inn downtown, and a 120-room hotel on Cochrane. How many more hotels does Morgan Hill need?

The City’s promise that these hotels will increase tax revenue is misleading. In reality, the number of hotel guests will just be spread among more hotels, harming family owned businesses that already agreed to a 1% increase in occupancy tax last year.

The City will tell you that we need the additional tax to pay for *city services we need*. But the ordinance doesn’t dictate how any taxes collected from these hotels will be spent. Ask yourself – can you trust a city that is permitting distribution center warehouses to be built that will increase pollution and traffic, while ignoring its residents? You can’t, and you shouldn’t.

The Hotel Coalition is not opposed to responsible growth. However, this shortsighted ordinance will remove land designated for a high-end grocery store and replace it with hotels that we don’t need. We don’t need City Hall making another deal!

We urge you to vote No on Proposition ____.

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