

Saturday, March 01, 2008

Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors

Chairman Mayfield and Supervisors,

As residents of Stanislaus County who sponsored Measure E we look forward to working with the County to ensure its implementation.

Under the terms of the measure, the requirement to hold a public vote to approve General Plan amendments and rezones applies to any proposals approved on or after April 17, 2006. Most notably, that includes the Salida Now Initiative, which the Board adopted in 2007 after the effective date specified in Measure E. Because the Board adopted the Salida Now initiative, no public vote has occurred. Absent voter approval, the Salida Now initiative is not consistent with the County General Plan's land use element, meaning that the County cannot approve subdivision maps or other entitlements for the project.

While Measure E is specifically a county law it is important for cities to recognize the high percentage of voter support and heed the measures purposes that read: "to minimize sprawl, reduce transportation costs, maintain farmland, and secure the fees necessary to provide for the cost of needed services."

The Countys' own Measure L also drew strong support from the public and we encourage the Board to implement its provisions.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Dennis V. Jackman

On behalf of the Stamp Out Sprawl, Yes On E Committee:

George Bairey, Jeani Ferrari, J. Allen Gammon, Denny Jackman,
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