

## INITIATIVE MEASURE TO BE DIRECTLY SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS

The Menlo Park City Attorney has prepared the following title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed initiative measure:

### Title

A Citizen Initiative Prohibiting the City of Menlo Park from Selling, Leasing, Donating, Disposing, or Conveying City-Owned Downtown Parking Lots Without Voter Approval.

### Summary

This initiative, if adopted, would prohibit the City of Menlo Park (the “**City**”) from selling, trading, leasing, donating, disposing, or otherwise conveying all or a portion of City-owned downtown Menlo Park parking lots for any reason that would affect or diminish the availability or convenience of parking, without voter approval, with certain exceptions.

The initiative would add Title 17, Chapter 17.01 to the Menlo Park Municipal Code entitled “**Downtown Parking Plazas**” (the “**Ordinance**”). The Ordinance includes the following provisions:

1. “**Parking Plazas**” is defined as eight separate parking lots located in downtown Menlo Park, described as “publicly owned” and “owned by the City.”
2. The City is prohibited from taking any of the following actions, without first obtaining voter approval, if such action would diminish the availability, access, or convenience of public parking for Downtown customers, workers, and visitors:
  - a. Disposing, selling, trading, leasing, donating, or otherwise conveying all or any portion of a Parking Plaza;
  - b. Designating a Parking Plaza as “surplus” or “exempt surplus” land pursuant to the Surplus Lands Act;
  - c. Modifying, altering, or constructing any improvements on the Parking Plazas;
  - d. Changing the use of a Parking Plaza.
3. If the City wishes to take any action listed in Section 2, above, the City must take all legally required steps to approve the action and then place such action on the next regularly scheduled election ballot, and such action will only become effective if approved by a majority of the voters.
4. If the City takes any action listed in Section 2, above, between May 15, 2025 and the effective date of the Ordinance, such actions shall be deemed null and void, unless the action is reenacted in compliance with the Ordinance.
5. Voter approval is not required for the following actions:
  - a. Maintaining, repairing, renovating, or improving the Parking Plazas as long as those actions are intended to preserve, improve, or expand availability, access, or convenience of public parking.
  - b. Allowing for community activities on the Parking Plazas, such as farmers’ markets or other similar events, as long as such activities are temporary and last no more than three consecutive days.