

Argument in Favor of Measure T

Yes on MEASURE T: Millions in Annual City Revenues, Thousands of Jobs and a State-of-the-Art Business District East of 101

Menlo Park has a proud heritage of environmental stewardship, business innovation and economic vitality. Today, new economic uncertainties require our city to tap into that spirit and secure our future.

Menlo Gateway is a new office and hotel project East of U.S. Route 101 in Menlo Park that promises to bring millions of dollars in annual revenue and thousands of local jobs, revitalizing our business district and creating vast opportunities for new, local innovative companies.

Menlo Gateway will:

- Hire local residents first.
- Direct almost \$2 million for improvements in the neighboring Belle Haven community, along with Bedwell Bayfront Park and the waterfront area at Bayfront Expressway and Marsh Road.
- Provide a new four-star hotel and regional sports and fitness club projected to net the city more than \$1.4 million annually.
- Locate far from residential neighborhoods, East of Interstate 101.
- Reduce its traffic by more than 17% and achieve environmental leadership with Gold and Silver LEED status.
- Provide more than \$600,000 annually for our local high school district.

The location, revenue and job creation, funding for local neighborhood, high school and park improvements, and the environmental standards of the project, make this worthy of Menlo Park's approval.

Menlo Gateway has been through three years of public scrutiny including six community meetings, seven Planning Commission meetings, and more than 15 City Council meetings. Each of these groups comprised of residents and neighbors determined the project offered acceptable benefits and mitigations that outweighed the impacts.

We encourage you to join neighbors and residents and vote YES on MEASURE T to approve the Menlo Gateway and help secure new revenues and jobs for Menlo Park.

/s/ **Richard Cline**
Mayor, Menlo Park

July 29, 2010

/s/ **Fran Dehn**

July 28, 2010

President/CEO Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce

/s/ **Matt Henry**
Resident

July 21, 2010

/s/ **Kristen Kuntz-Duriseti**
Chair, Environmental Quality Commission

July 29, 2010

/s/ **Chris Thomsen**
Trustee, Sequoia Union High School District

July 28, 2010