In 2012, 74% of Atherton voters approved a new civic center, provided it was paid for by donated funds. The current council now wishes to divert more than $14M of unallocated taxpayer dollars. Is this the most desirable course?

- Yes, the building department occupies temporary buildings and our library is earthquake unsafe, but they can be replaced utilizing their own special funds which cannot be used elsewhere.
- Yes, the police department needs improvements, but is the answer a huge $24M structure more than $10,000 per household with a large foyer, gym, copper gutters and possibly millions more needed once bids are received, plus the cost of furnishings, increased upkeep, landscaping and more?
- Recent studies concluded Atherton needs $36M for drainage deficiencies, $20M to make bike and pedestrian routes safe for residents and school children. More than $16M of health and pension costs remain unfunded. Obviously, Atherton has considerable debt and many financial obligations. Without tax increases, how will these be funded?
- Why did the civic center committee raise so little over so many years? Having been conceived with the idea that it was to be privately funded, has this proposed complex become too grandiose for our actual operational requirements?
- Atherton residents are successful, hardworking people who invest and spend money wisely. If potential donors have seen an extravagant town center as a poor investment for private funds, why should taxpayer money, much of which has indirectly become available due to parcel taxes levies be used?
- This measure would essentially wipe out ALL uncommitted funds, anticipates the use of millions in future educational rebates from the state and assures that more special taxes will be required.
- Now is the time to consider a much smaller, combination remodeled and new structure.

Vote NO! There is a better way!