

The argument against Measure A misses the critical issue: **Atherton desperately needs a new Town Center and has needed one for 20+ years.** Current facilities²⁵ are deplorable and have reached the end of their useful life. These include a³⁹ condemned structure and non-compliant police/emergency facilities. A new Town⁴⁸ Center is necessary to deliver essential services and enable us to hire and retain top-quality staff.⁶⁴

- The new Town Center is designed responsibly. Alternatives were seriously evaluated. The new Administration and Police facilities are approximately the same size as they are today. Designed as one building, it is better organized, more efficient, modern and code-compliant. ¹⁰³
- Residents have and continue to raise private funds; however many residents strongly believe that public funds should pay for public buildings. Therefore,¹²⁵ it is appropriate to use public funds to partner with our private donors. ¹³⁸
- The proposed Town Center is a one-time capital expense that will reduce¹⁵⁰ long-term costs. Professional consultants have advised that retrofitting,¹⁵⁸ renovating and maintaining these 30-90 year-old dilapidated structures to¹⁶⁷ meet current codes would be far more costly. ¹⁷⁵
- Your Atherton City Council unanimously recommends a prudent funding ¹⁸⁴ plan for the new Town Center that requires **NO new taxes**, maintains all¹⁹⁷ current reserves and retains all approved pension liability reductions and²⁰⁷ capital improvement projects in the pipeline, including important drainage,²¹⁶ bike lane and park improvements. **NONE** of these important projects are ²²⁷ sacrificed by allocating funds to the new Town Center.²³⁶

We recommend a YES vote on Measure A. THIS is the better way. ²⁴⁹