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

- 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.

- Residents have and continue to raise private funds; however many residents strongly believe that public funds should pay for public buildings. Therefore, it is appropriate to use public funds to partner with our private donors.

- The proposed Town Center is a one-time capital expense that will reduce long-term costs. Professional consultants have advised that retrofitting, renovating and maintaining these 30-90 year-old dilapidated structures to meet current codes would be far more costly.

- Your Atherton City Council unanimously recommends a prudent funding plan for the new Town Center that requires **NO new taxes**, maintains all current reserves and retains all approved pension liability reductions and capital improvement projects in the pipeline, including important drainage, bike lane and park improvements. **NONE** of these important projects are sacrificed by allocating funds to the new Town Center.

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