Argument Against the "Main Street Bridge Safety and Accessibility Act"

A year and a half ago, the City of Half Moon Bay signed a $1.17 million contract with URS, an engineering and construction firm. The contract specified that the Main Street Bridge be demolished and a new wider bridge be designed and built. Total costs would exceed $8 million, it would take two years, and Main Street would be blocked for construction.

When the citizens of HMB found out, they were stunned. If downtown were cut off from 92, visitors and customers for Main Street businesses would disappear. The Chamber of Commerce estimates that losses could mount to $5 million. Businesses would close and people would lose their jobs. The Main Street merchants were livid.

But the merchants were not alone. 100 percent of speakers at Council meetings were aghast at the destruction of a trailblazing structure, and the willful disregard for the 2700 citizens who signed petitions. And everyone is worried that a wide thoroughfare into the historic downtown will destroy our town’s charming character and tourist economy.

Because the City has refused to listen we citizens pooled our money, hired our own engineering firm, and created an alternative bridge repair plan. Our plan will not strangle the local economy and is eligible for federal funding. Our plan:

* addresses all potential safety concerns
* brings the bridge up to modern disability requirements
* keeps the bridge open during construction
* takes less time and costs less money

Make no mistake: Measure E is an attempt to defeat our efforts and to confuse you, the voter, in the hope that you’ll allow them to continue to rake in grant money to spend as they wish.

Please visit www.hmbbridge.com for details, including pictures, on how the bridge should be repaired. Then vote NO on Measure E.

We have a better plan.

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A ballot argument shall not be accepted unless accompanied by this completed form, which shall contain the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the person(s) submitted it or, if submitted on behalf of a bona fide association or citizens/organization, the name of the association or organization and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers.

Word count limit for Primary Arguments = 300 words

Primary Argument in **FAVOR** of:

**Primary Argument AGAINST: the Main Street Bridge Safety and Accessibility Act**
The undersigned proponent(s) or author(s) of the (primary/rebuttal) argument (in favor of/against) ballot proposition (name or number) at the (title of election) election for the (jurisdiction) to be held on June 3rd, 2014 hereby state that the argument is true and correct to the best of (his/her/their) knowledge and belief.

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- Names and titles listed will be printed in the order that they are listed.

- If the signers are part of a bonafide association/organization, there is no requirement that they be eligible to vote on the measure. However, for each such signing individual(s), the title under the signer’s name shall list the name of that bonafide association/organization and may include their position within that association/organization.

- With their signature, signers state that they have read the argument and believe it not to be false or misleading.

- **PLEASE ATTACH A HARD COPY OF THE ARGUMENT TO THIS FORM.**

- **AN ELECTRONIC COPY OF THE ARGUMENT IN WORD FORMAT IS ALSO REQUIRED. THIS MUST BE SENT TO THE CITY CLERK PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE, OR YOU MAY SUBMIT A FLASH DRIVE OR DISK WITH THE WORD DOCUMENT.**