



## FACT SHEET

### **WHAT THE PROJECT SIERRA MADRE BALLOT INITIATIVE WILL DO AND WHAT MISINFORMATION IS BEING SPREAD IN SUPPORT OF IT**

#### **To become law, the Project Sierra Madre ballot initiative must:**

- Be qualified for the ballot through the petition signatures of 10% of Sierra Madre voters (approximately 860 signatures)
- The signatures must be verified as those of registered Sierra Madre voters.
- Once on the ballot, the initiative must pass by 50% plus 1 of the votes cast.

#### **What the initiative would do if passed:**

- Rezone the entire Mater Dolorosa parcel from Institutional to Hillside Residential.
- Redefine all existing facilities on the property as “Non-Conforming Uses” even though they have legally been on the property for decades.
- Require any change of use on the property, or the development of any parcel of the property, to adhere to the requirements of the City’s Hillside Zoning ordinance.

#### **For example, if Mater Dolorosa wished to expand the Retreat Center into a portion of its parking lot, it could not because it would be a change of use requiring an approval it cannot get because the Hillside Ordinance:**

- Does not allow institutional uses like Mater Dolorosa.
- Allows only one home per lot, and the Mater Dolorosa property is just one lot.
- Limits property expansions to no more than 3,000 square feet.

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**This ballot initiative represents unjust and unfair discrimination against a religious institution and jeopardizes Mater Dolorosa's ability to continue to serve the Sierra Madre community, as it has for nearly a century.**

**Project Sierra Madre is misinforming the residents of Sierra Madre by:**

- **Ignoring the constitutional right of landowners** to develop their property in compliance with existing laws.
- **Saying that people do not trust the City Council**, but the vast majority of residents support both the Council and the concept of representative government.
- **Not mentioning that The Meadows will be like other neighborhoods in Sierra Madre**, with similar architecture and density (number of homes per acre).
- **Not mentioning that The Meadows will be the most sustainable community** in Sierra Madre's history.
- **Saying that The Meadows will impact City water supplies**, but the City is requiring that The Meadows not add any additional water demand.
- **Saying the Meadows will increase fire risk**, but by implementing the City's wildfire protection requirements, the Meadows will reduce the chance that wildfires will spread to nearby homes.
- **Saying the Meadows will increase traffic without saying** the traffic study conducted for the City shows streets will continue to function without greater congestion.

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