ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE Q

VOTE NO ON “Q” - OUR PARKLAND IS NOT FOR SALE!

Public parks are invaluable to ALL Uplanders. Abandoning and selling 4.63 acres (12%) of our BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL PARK means losing our only junior/senior baseball field, shade trees, and natural areas. Open park space provides a needed HEALTHY environment for our children, seniors, and all who wish to enjoy it. With Upland’s increasing population, parkland should be expanded, not destroyed!

Loss of parkland will disproportionately impact Upland’s lower income communities. Memorial Park is the ONLY green space accessible to hundreds of families living in apartments in the area and is a lifeline for families seeking relief from stress.

Our parkland will NEVER be replaced. Nearby land replacement would cost twice as much as this land’s $4.3 million sale price. The sale agreement does NOT guarantee a new ball field.

The City of Upland filed a lawsuit to avoid complying with state law (Government Code Sections 38440-38462). The city asked the court to approve the original March 2018 sale agreement to abandon parkland WITHOUT a required election. The judge dismissed the case.

This measure was NOT put on the ballot by petition. San Antonio Regional Hospital did NOT gather voter signatures to place this measure on the ballot, but instead got the city council to approve it. It is incredibly difficult for average residents to fight this sale during the pandemic, whereas the hospital has extensive resources to campaign for this sale.

The hospital has other options for expansion; they own over NINE ACRES of undeveloped land within a mile of their campus; they could purchase private land or build upward on their property.

Voters should NOT be asked to sacrifice public parkland to subsidize the private business interests of the hospital. Save Our Precious Parkland. VOTE NO!

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STATEMENT BY PROONENTS/AUTHORS OF ARGUMENTS

Elections Code section 9600 requires that all arguments concerning measures shall be accompanied by the following statement, to be signed by each proponent and by each author, if different, of the argument.

The undersigned proponent(s) or author(s) of the:

☐ Argument In Favor of (Proponents)
☐ Rebuttal to the Argument In Favor of (Opponents)
☒ Argument Against (Opponents)
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Measure Letter

General Municipal

Title of Election

City of Upland

Jurisdiction

to be held on __________________, hereby state that this

Date of Election

Nov. 3, 2020

argument is true and correct to the best of __________________ knowledge and belief.

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