

Dear Resident,

On Tuesday, June 12th, you will be asked to vote on an amendment to the Village Charter, that if passed, would require voter approval for any “amendments to land development regulations.”

The intent of this Charter amendment is to stop the Council from changing the code in ways that may increase our density. However, to date, the council has never approved a zoning code that has resulted in increased density. In fact, many times the opposite has occurred.

The problem is that the proposed amendment is so broad—and therefore flawed— so that even minor code changes would trigger an election. This is an expensive and time-consuming proposition that would limit the power of our elected officials, virtually stripping them of their authority to deal with day-to-day zoning issues. In other words, such an amendment would do more harm than good.

Currently, a Zoning Ordinance Review Committee (ZORC) is painstakingly analyzing the current code to make sure that it meets our needs. Like previous ZORC’s, their recommendations are likely to address concerns we all share and will not include any changes that will increase our density. If the proposed amendment passes, any and all recommendations made by the ZORC will trigger an election. Is that really necessary?

Our code already protects us by requiring at least three public hearings before any changes to the code can be made, allowing ample opportunity for public input. With this in place, such a proposed amendment is not needed.

Keep day-to-day zoning issues in the hands of qualified government officials. Vote “No” to the Charter amendment and keep the zoning process running smoothly.

**Let’s continue improving our world-class community.
Vote “No” to the Charter amendment on June 12th.**

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