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YES to MEASURE Y:

OUR MEMBERS HAVE SPOKEN

All the proxy votes have been counted, along with those votes cast during our online poll, and the voice of BHNA Members rang loud and clear – ENDORSE MEASURE Y!

At the top of our Zoom meeting, members listened to reasons why the BHNA Board was recommending endorsement of Measure Y. We informed members that the opposition Measure R was sponsored by developers, and that it is important to keep our residents' seat at the table when development decisions are being made in San Mateo – and that can only be done with Measure Y.

Members also learned that Measure R has over \$1 million to spend to try to beat the grassroots Measure Y. You've likely seen the results of that money – a barrage of information via mailers, phone surveys, Facebook ads, even primetime TV commercials.

But Measure R backers can't buy their way out of the facts. And the facts are that BHNA folks have long supported all the principles of Measure Y through its parent measures (Measure H & expiring Measure P) to achieve balanced growth.

Interestingly, in mid-September, an active group of Redwood City residents shared a picture of four more large developments slated for their city, with the question, "How did that get approved?" The answer is simple. They don't have the balanced growth that San Mateo residents demanded of their city in 1991, and can continue with Measure Y.

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Businesses Get a Boost

Downtown street closures for outdoor dining will be extended at least through March of 2021, and will be studied to possibly stay in place beyond that date. The “Parklet Program” will also continue, with 55 citywide restaurants and other businesses utilizing parklets to serve their customers. Businesses have benefitted from the street closures and have been able to hire back employees. As we progress with safety precautions in place, remember that small business owners rely on us now more than ever for survival.

Candidates' Night

Our Zoom Candidates' Night went very well, and thanks to the many residents of BHNA and beyond for providing questions. Those questions asked for stances on single family home protections, positions on Measure Y & R, Council transparency and use of cell phones during Council meetings, if non-resident input on our General Plan should receive the same weight as resident input, and more...

If you missed the meeting, you can view it at:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wQY2Bm-POm0XC4xYq6nF1wgpaGrEPsol/view>

(Note: Video begins with our poll vote, then intermission, so the candidate portion begins at minute 29:00.)

We had a few leftover questions provided by residents, and gave those to the three candidates to answer. Their answers were too long to print here, but you can find them on our website at www.beresfordhillisdale.org.

Grade Separation News! Night Work/Intersection Closure: Beginning September 30, 2020

Starting as early as September 30, 2020 for three weeks, the intersection at S. Delaware Street and E. 28th Avenue will be closed at nighttime only from 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., Mondays through Fridays. A detour will be available with clear signage. Crews will install a storm drain line and tie in at the intersection.

The nighttime work at this location is intended so as not to interfere with the community's continued daytime use of the City's Safe Streets initiative in the neighborhood. For more info visit www.caltrain.com/25thgs.

Grassroots Measure Y Facts

With Measure R's enormous war chest, the media blitz is on – and there is no way resident-funded Measure Y can blast out their information in such an extravagant way. But by now, you've likely seen Measure Y's simple informative flier show up on your porch step, and soon their single mailer will be in your mailbox. But when one mailer arrives alongside the opposition's onslaught of campaign materials, just know the source residents can always turn to for factual information is the Measure Y website:

www.SmarterGrowthSM.com

The Ballots are Coming! The Ballots are Coming!

Starting October 5th, the November 3, 2020 Presidential General Election Ballots will be mailed to all registered voters. You can check your voter registrations status as <https://www.smcacre.org/am-i-registered-vote>.

Eventbrite.com Events in San Mateo (Virtual & In-Person)

For all events, go to Eventbrite.com and search title or date for the below events:

Oct. 4th – Current CSM Students and 2020 Grads: Disaster Response Training

“An excellent opportunity for those interested in business, computer science, construction, animal care, education, environmental mgmt., emergency services, forestry, public administration, homeland security, journalism and more...” No experience necessary. Virtual Info Session at <https://ncccfema.videoshowcase.net>.

Oct. 4th & 11th – Cat & Kitten Adoption Fair at Pet Club in San Mateo, 12 – 3 p.m.

Par 3's Dine-Out & Drive-In Movie at Poplar Creek - Ongoing

Oct. 17th – Beetlejuice, Oct. 24th – The Lost Boys, Oct. 31st – Goosebumps & Halloween

Gift Certificate Winners!

Congrats to the following members whose names were drawn for a gift certificate to Velocity Pizza, Chico's Taqueria, Romolo's Cannoli, or La Lanterna! We'll be contacting you for certificate delivery or pick-up! Our winners are: *Kathleen W., Don H., Doug V., Douglass W., Marcia M., Bill W., Peter K., Linda C., Robert S., Jeff W., Justin A., Frank F., William C., Mark W., Ann H., Irene B., Jan L., Marlene T., Jane C., Ellen W., Frances F., Beth K., Kathryn W., Valerie E., and Mike M!*