

CITY OF MEDINA VOTERS – Vote NO – May 4, 2021

CITY OF MEDINA, THE DESIRE TO OVERTURN THE PEOPLES' VOTE AND PRIVATE DEVELOPERS

A. City of Medina and the Repeal of the Peoples' Vote

The City of Medina wants to overturn the Citizens' Initiative that passed almost 2 to 1 only a couple months ago. The City has put a ballot measure on the May 4, 2021 Primary Ballot to overturn Issue 7, the November 3, 2020 Citizens' Courthouse Initiative.

In addition, the Mayor recently admitted that he has been meeting in secret with the County Commissioners. The Mayor also has an oral agreement with an architectural firm to relocate the Medina Municipal Court to a Joint City/County Courthouse Project on the Square. This is estimated to cost taxpayers of over \$5 million.

B. Private Developers and Public Property

The motivation of the City for moving the Municipal Court is now clear. The City politicians plan to make the new Parking Garage, that was built for the Municipal Court, available to the developer of the planned Liberty View mixed retail/residential development on West Liberty Street between Sully's and the Federal Building in downtown Medina. The politicians are scheming to have the Liberty View project built on City-owned land. The only way the project can be viable is to also give the developer the use of the new \$3.7 million Parking Garage by moving the Municipal Court. This is a case of taxpayer money and resources being used to provide a windfall to politically connected interests.

What Can You Do?

- 1) Tell the politicians to stop the use of taxpayer money to benefit private interests.
- 2) Both the Courthouse and the Liberty View Project will need to go in front of one or more of the Boards of the City (Historic Preservation, Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals). Citizens may contact members of those Boards to give input. Each Board will be looking at a different aspect of each of the Projects.
- 3) Taxpayers can vote against repealing the Citizens' Courthouse Initiative when the City's ballot measure is on the ballot on May 4, 2021 and again stop the wasteful and unnecessary Joint City/County Courthouse Project.
- 4) Ask your friends, relatives and neighbors who live in the City of Medina to VOTE NO to stop government waste on May 4, 2021.

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