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## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE E

Forty years ago, before climate change was an issue, City Council dedicated our dump to be added to Byxbee Park upon closure, which happened in July.

Today's need for clean energy and the threats of climate change are the great issues of our era, demanding fiscally responsible action.

In this context, **the current plan for handling our organic waste no longer makes sense.** It includes:

- Hauling yard waste 53 miles away to Gilroy, emitting tons of greenhouse gases and incurring steadily higher fuel and disposal costs.
- Continuing to incinerate our sewage sludge, which uses over \$1 million worth of energy per year while releasing thousands of tons of harmful emissions.

**Measure E offers a financially and environmentally sound alternative.** It will enable the use of 10 acres of the former dump—only 8% of its 126 acres, right next to the sewage treatment plant—for the exclusive purpose of building a facility that converts our organic waste into compost and renewable energy. If City Council determines a new facility is not cost-effective, they may rededicate the land as park after 10 years, or sooner with a public vote.

Disposing of waste costs money: The question is which option would cost the least and be best for the environment. The Feasibility Study commissioned by City Council found that building a composting facility in Palo Alto would likely **save the City at least \$18 million dollars** over 20 years.

Other benefits:

- Reducing our greenhouse gas emissions by as much as 13,000 tons per year compared to the alternatives, the equivalent of taking 1,700 cars off the road or planting 1,000,000 trees.
- Producing enough local renewable energy to power 1,400 homes.

Help create a sustainable future for Palo Alto.

**Vote YES on Measure E!**

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