## **COSTA MESA**



## COSTA MESA FIRST ANNOUNCES REQUEST FOR TITLE AND SUMMARY FOR AN INITIATIVE FOR AN ORDINANCE TO GIVE THE PEOPLE OF COSTA MESA CONTROL OF THEIR FUTURE

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(Costa Mesa, California) - June 29, 2015 - Costa Mesa First announced today it has requested the title and summary from the City Attorney in connection with an initiative for the purpose of amending Title 13 of the Municipal Code of the City of Costa Mesa.

The initiative will give the voters of Costa Mesa the power to decide whether major changes in allowable land use is worth the impact on their quality of life. Excessive development is anticipated to further affect the environmental quality of the city by causing severe traffic congestion and gridlock, degradation of the city's infrastructure, as well as air, noise and water pollution. Increased population density and overall population growth have stressed Costa Mesa's parks, police, fire and other public facilities and services, resulting in adverse effects on public well-being. Voter approval of major land use changes ensures maximum public participation and avoids decisions made by short-lived council majorities. This initiative will provide checks and balances to the city planning process.

"We're excited to be supporting this first step in the ballot initiative process" said Rick Huffman of Costa Mesa First.

Jay Humphrey stated "I am pleased the voters of Costa Mesa will finally get to participate in the process of deciding what projects get built in the city. This initiative is an idea whose time has long passed and I am excited to see it begin to become a reality for the residents."

Costa Mesa First (FPPC 1332564) is a group of concerned Costa Mesa residents and encourages the adoption and implementation of smart growth policies. Please contact Costa Mesa First at P.O. Box 2282, Costa Mesa, CA 92628 (714) 549-5884, costamesalst@gmail.com. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter.