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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF CITY-INITIATED BALLOT MEASURE (ORDINANCE NO. 1709(24)) FROM THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024, ELECTION

Messrs Albro and Malawy,

On May 21, 2024, the City Council voted to submit a City-Initiated ballot measure to the voters at the November 5, 2024, General Municipal Election, which would discontinue the public park use of the Ken Adam Park site in order to allow other educational and recreational uses or other open space uses, or both, to be considered for establishment on the Site, including a possible sale to Pale Blue Dot for a proposed space-themed educational and recreational development (City Measure 1709(24)).

Starting in early April, proponents were circulating a very similar citizen-initiated ballot measure for signatures within the community. The proponents of the Citizen Measure filed their signatures with the City Clerk on May 31, 2024. The City Clerk's Office coordinated with the County Elections Division to examine the signatures. After the County reached a count of 2,017 valid signatures, the City Clerk certified on June 20, 2024, that the petition for the Citizen Measure is sufficient.

At the July 2, 2024 meeting, the City Council approved the placing the Citizen Measure on the ballot (Resolution #6678(24)).

In view of the fact we now have two very similar proposals for voters to consider, and in order to prevent any voter confusion, we request that the City Measure #1709(24) be withdrawn and the Citizen Initiated measure (Resolution #6678(24) pertains) take precedence.

Many thanks for your consideration.



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Founder & CEO