

Against Measure R2024

Lompoc residents currently own Ken Adam Park. Voting NO on Measure R2024 will keep the property publicly owned. This measure allows anyone who has negotiated with the city to purchase the property now or in the future. I believe residents should always be able to vote on park ownership whether it is now or in thirty years. Voting NO on this Measure R2024 prevents future proposals from skipping this important public input.

The state has a specific process for granting public park land to private ownership, and the city followed each of those steps in placing its measure on the ballot. Unfortunately, this Measure R2024 does not name a potential owner if it passes. The city measure chose to limit the sale to Pale Blue Dot. Pale Bue Dot is a for profit company. Voting NO means public land will not be sold to private owners whose goal is to make money with its planned space-themed entertainment facility. There is no guarantee that it will benefit our community. Land that is currently free to all, whether you want to watch a launch, hike, or picnic, will become private property if this passes. New owners will be able to charge any fee or ticket price they need to allow access even if a park area is retained. Again, no matter who offers to buy it now or in the future. Voting NO on Measure R2024 keeps the park open to all.

While a space museum, educational programs, and entertainment center would be great additions to our community, selling public lands that we will never be able to afford again to a for profit business, goes against my public responsibilities to create, protect, and steward equitable, resilient places that are vital to Lompoc's well-being. Vote NO on Measure R2024.

Jenelle Osborne

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jenelle Osborne". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.