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Subject: Urban Renewal Authority

Dear Mayor:

On behalf of a group of concerned Littleton citizens and business owners working together as “Littleton Strong,” I respectfully request that the City Council consider an additional item for the March 3rd special election. We are deeply concerned about the impacts of the ballot measure that has been certified for the ballot. We believe there is broad support for urban renewal efforts in Littleton and finding ways to redevelop challenging properties – in fact, previous City surveys of Littleton residents have shown that our community is supportive of economic development, and very open to projects and developments that transform and bring good things to our community. However, the ballot measure that has placed on the March 3 ballot through the petitioning process will cause severe harm to our community’s ability to implement urban renewal redevelopment in Littleton. Also, it could very well deter development from happening in Littleton, and impose costs on the City in the short-term and the long-term. Our group agrees that the use of eminent domain and condemnation powers should be limited. So, we are submitting the following ballot language for City Council consideration because we believe it addresses the potential for mis-use of eminent domain and condemnation powers, without weakening our community’s ability to use urban renewal strategies to the point where it is eliminated as a potential tool altogether—which is what we think will be the consequence if the petitioned ballot measure is approved.

Please consider this option with your colleagues on City Council, and refer it to the March 3rd ballot so that Littleton voters have a choice on the ballot on how we want to move forward smartly with urban renewal.

Sincerely,

Littleton Strong
Submitted by Norman Stucker

SHALL THE LITTLETON CITY CHARTER BE AMENDED SO THAT THE USE OF EMINENT DOMAIN AND CONDEMNATION IN AN URBAN RENEWAL PLAN BY LITTLETON CITY COUNCIL AND THE LITTLETON URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY (LIFT) BE PROHIBITED?

YES

NO