

REBUTTAL TO THE ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF A-24

To ensure Morro Bay's economic viability, Vote No on A-24.

A-24 proponents are running a deceptive campaign. Their ballot argument doesn't acknowledge that A-24's purpose was to stop the battery plant. Either they miscalculated or were unaware that the State could override a local vote. Regardless of your opinions about the battery plant, **A-24 is not the answer.**

If A-24 passes, the plant owner (Vistra) will apply for a building permit to the State, which has aggressive renewable energy goals to fight climate change. Then the State, not our local City Council, will negotiate with Vistra. **We will lose local control over the project;** the old power plant and stacks will likely remain a blight on our waterfront.

A-24 proponents also imply that the entire area north of Beach Street will move towards "industrialization." Untrue. It is already zoned visitor-serving or commercial/recreational fishing. The only portion of the property that needs rezoning is the 24 contaminated acres where the old oil tanks stood (and where Vistra wants to build the battery plant). It can't have visitor-serving uses in its current condition anyway.

Freezing zoning rules cannot magically make something happen, but it can make it impossible for the City Council to act when opportunity knocks. For all their talk about empowering the community, the yes campaign would kneecap our City Council's ability to guide development and prevent them from pursuing smart opportunities to clean toxic sites and highlight our natural beauty.

VOTE NO ON A-24 TO PROTECT OUR FUTURE.


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