

Argument Against Parking Initiative - Measure P

This initiative was placed on the ballot through the efforts of the Westfield Group who, by their own admission, spent over \$600,000 on their signature gathering campaign (and \$600,000 more on measure N, a total of \$1,200,000!).

Measure P has been carefully drafted to apply to any future retail development in Arcadia, but not to prevent Westfield's own \$6.00 valet parking.

Have you visited the mall and experienced the parking fiasco Westfield has created? These are the people who want to tell other Arcadia businesses how their parking should be handled!?!

We live in an ever-changing world. Law enforcement, businesses and your local government need flexibility to address problems of crime, loitering, gangs, terrorism, and other public safety issues. If measure P passes it will forever close off one avenue of innovative public safety techniques for safe and controlled parking.

But the larger issue is whether we are going to allow a free-spending foreign corporation to decide how the City of Arcadia is run. Or are we going to run our own city through our elected officials, as we have done very successfully for the last 100+ years?

Westfield's Australia-based owners view Arcadia as a battleground. And they see our citizens as pawns to be manipulated to circumvent the normal political process. Why are they doing this? To further their own corporate interests and stop competition . . . nothing else!

If you want Arcadia run by the City Council you elected, vote "No" on Measure P.

The undersigned members of your City Council urge a "NO" vote. Tell Westfield "The people of Arcadia will run their own city; thank you very much!"

Roger Chandler, Mayor of Arcadia
Mickey Segal, Mayor Pro Tem
Peter Amundson, Council Member
Bob Harbicht, Council Member
John Wuo, Council Member