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“MOSPRO” in Line for Moraga’s June Ballot

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On Tuesday January 29th the Moraga Open Space Parks and Recreation Ordinance (MOSPRO) Initiative group deposited 2,287 signatures at the office of Darlene Colaso, the Clerk of the Town of Moraga.

The County has thirty days to conduct either a random sampling check of the signatures or a full count. If the County chooses to perform a random sampling and does not get enough valid signatures, it can get an additional thirty days to perform a full count. “We submitted 2,287 signatures, substantially over the required amount of signatures,”

says Mary Jo Rossi, spokesperson for MOSPRO, “so we are confident in either count process conducted by the County.”

The Town Council will subsequently review the text and may recommend that staff evaluates its impact. It is not clear yet if the MOSPRO initiative would be in the June or November ballot.

Renata Sos, spokesperson for the proposed competitive measure MOSO 2008, commented that her group would rather not rush to get the MOSO 2008 initiative to the ballot. She hopes that “the voters of Moraga

will recognize that MOSO 2008 is a real open space initiative in contrast with the MOSPRO initiative which is a pro-development initiative.”

Some Moraga residents are hoping that more detailed information will be provided before the elections. Paula Pollock, a Moraga resident active in many social circles comments, “This is the first big issue in a long time in Moraga. The lack of clear information on both sides is of concern because both texts can affect our property rights. We need to know what they are trying to achieve.”