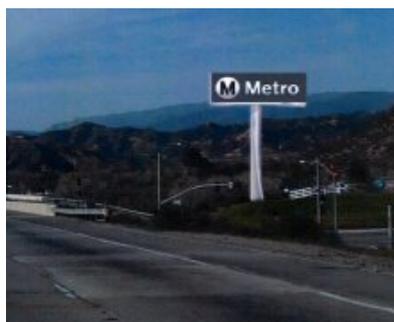




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SCOPE Board members voted to
Oppose City Measure S because it
would approve huge digital billboards
in Open Space

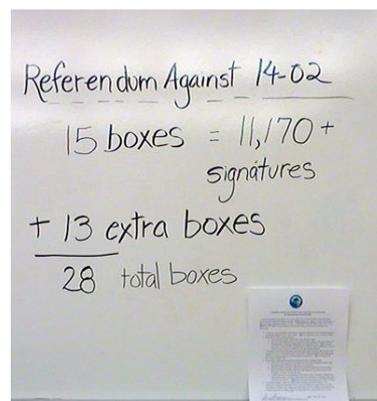
We vote NO on Measure S

and hope **TODAY you will, too.**

Before a packed council chambers in opposition, the Santa Clarita City Council earlier this year approved three huge two-sided digital billboards. The community took to the streets to exercise their right of referendum. With the help of volunteers and paid signature gatherers (hired by an advertising competitor), over 18,000 signatures were collected in the 30 days allowed by law, far more than the 11,170 signatures needed.

The City's unpopular April vote would have granted a 50 year lease for three 14 x 48 foot, two sided digital billboards placed in open space areas next to the I-5 and Hwy 14 freeways.

Although the proposal also called for the removal of some 40 billboards along San Fernando Road, many citizen's felt that replacing one kind of blight with more blight in the form of electronic boards that would remain for 50 years, was not acceptable. Questions also arose as to the legality of siting the new electronic boards in open space and how their constant light would affect wildlife and wildlife corridors in these areas. Others worried that our City open spaces would look like Las Vegas.



Instead of rescinding the deal, the Council voted to place the issue on the ballot, claiming that people didn't really know what they were signing.

We knew exactly what we were signing. There has to be a better way of getting rid of billboard blight in our City than a 50 year lease for huge digital boards in the Newhall Pass open



space and along the Santa Clara River. We urge you to vote No on S and tell the City not to get rid of blight by adding more blight.

If you live within the City of Santa Clarita city limits, this is your chance to make a difference in our community. Please vote. Do you know others in Santa Clarita? Please forward this email to your friends. Need to find your polling place? [Click here.](#)



The City of Santa Clarita is offering complimentary California native oak trees to residents in honor of the community's annual "Oaktober" celebration. Interested

residents can contact the City through November 7, 2014 to order the free trees. Residents must pre-order their tree and schedule a pick-up time by calling the City at (661) 294-2567. Residents can

choose from two varieties of trees, the evergreen Coast Live Oak tree and the deciduous Valley Oak tree. The 15-gallon, drought-tolerant trees will be available in single or multiple trunk forms. The trees require ample room to grow and develop properly, so residents are encouraged to select a spot in their yard with plenty of space for planting.

For additional information about oak tree preservation and maintenance in Santa Clarita, please contact the City's Oak Tree Specialist, Robert Sartain, at (661) 286-4078.

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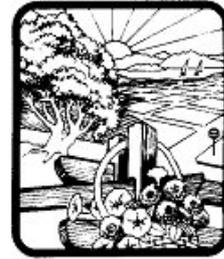
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