

A current city council should not assert their will on future elected officials. It is bad policy, yet that is exactly what Measure 1 is designed to accomplish. Its purpose is to bind the hands of any person that we, the voters, choose to represent us in the future. That is the single mission driving our current Council's support of Measure 1.

The Council has already adopted Ordinance No. 1099, which is a ban on neighborhood electric vehicles (NEVs) on major roadways throughout Rancho Mirage. The Council imposed this ban as part of their opposition to CV Link. They did it after the Coachella Valley Association of Governments, the planning agency for the project, made two different offers to eliminate NEVs on the Rancho Mirage portion of CV Link.

It is ironic that the current council now strongly opposes NEVs, which are similar to golf carts in both their appearance and daily use, when past councils have embraced them. Rancho Mirage has a golf cart plan dating back to 1989, and includes many of the streets identified in Measure 1. The plan also authorized golf carts along the Whitewater River channel and on the Butler-Abrams Trail. NEVs are simply part of the evolution of the golf cart, and our city should continue to embrace them and make sure they can travel safely through the community-not ban them for all time.

Voting **NO** on this measure won't stop the city's ban on NEVs. But it will make sure that future elected leaders will have the flexibility to make their own decisions and embrace progress and technology. Don't lock us into the past. For more information go to www.FriendsofCVLink.org.

This is simply **BAD** public policy. VOTE NO on Measure 1.