

STOP THE JENTZ POWER-GRAB!

Help defeat the irresponsible Jentz Initiative

- Real estate speculator Earl Jentz, who owns at least 35 properties in the City of Chula Vista, has spent more than \$370,000 over the past two years promoting ballot measures designed to give him control over planning and development in our city.
- His latest scheme on the June ballot would wipe out years of planning by citizen volunteers, threaten the future of downtown re-vitalization, and could undermine our local economy, jobs and city services.
- The Jentz Initiative would block modernization of local healthcare and court facilities, threatening their continued operation in our city, torpedo hopes for bringing a four-year university to our community, and limit churches in future development.
- The Jentz Initiative would impose a one-size-fits-all approach to architectural design in our downtown, producing block-style buildings, discouraging investment and renewal in blighted areas, and promoting a proliferation of low-end retailers.
- By blocking revitalization of our downtown, the Jentz Initiative would shut down new tax revenues from the restaurants, shops, theaters and other businesses produced by successful redevelopment, making our city's financial condition even worse, and leaving existing taxpayers holding the bag.
- Drafted behind closed-doors, with no public input or review, the numerous drafting errors and unintended consequences contained in the Jentz Initiative can only be remedied by expensive city-wide votes, even for the most minor problems.
- Developers proposing large projects would be encouraged by the Jentz Initiative to side-step regular planning and environmental safeguards, instead going straight to the ballot where developers like Jentz can use slick, expensive political campaigns to buy approval of their projects.