

Initiative Update – December 27, 2017

Supporters of the Strategic Growth Initiative and all Lakewood voters now will have their say on the future of their city and its character after Judge Hunt dismissed each and every allegation raised in this unfounded challenge that has caused 15 months of unnecessary delay in placing this grass-roots issue on the ballot.

In his dismissal, Judge Hunt rejected the concerted efforts of special interest groups who put their profits above our community's values and the character of our beloved neighborhoods.

Despite the resources mustered by developers and other outside influences, as well as foot dragging by city hall, the plaintiff and his lawyer, who is a frequent mouthpiece for those who care only about the profits they can reap from the over densification of our home town, the community's voice now will be heard. Documents provided by the city clerk prove the mayor recruited both the plaintiff, Steve Dorman and his lawyer, Dennis Polk, to join him in blocking the citizens Constitutional right to direct democracy. We can only hope that Judge Hunt's thorough rejection of this challenge will chill future efforts to keep iron clad control of our city out of the hands of its residents.

We now look forward to Lakewood City Council placing the issue on the ballot and allowing community members to have their voices heard.