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Redlands City Council candidates: All nine are sincere and have the best interests of the city at heart. But three of them stand out: Mick Gallagher, Pat Gilbreath and Jon Harrison. They have the experience and understand the issues.

Measure P, the slow-growth initiative: No.

Land-use planning by the ballot box is a bad idea. The better approach would be to debate these issues in an open forum during the update of the General Plan, which must be done soon.

Redlands already has the growth-control limits established in 1997 by Measure U. According to the Rose Institute of State and Local Government, the restrictions that Measure P would add could cost the city \$2.4 million in lost tax revenue. Measure P is unnecessary and risky.

Measure R, the Covington compromise: Yes.

The agreement worked out by the city to allow a builder to cluster homes on 1-acre lots in exchange for giving the city 110 acres of open space is a good one. The alternative of mansions on lots as large as 5 acres would leave little public access to the property and deny the city its largest park.

Working with landowners is the best way possibly the only way to make the dream of the Emerald Necklace a reality.

Measure Q, returning a cross to the Redlands city logo and making the logo the official city seal: No recommendation.

The Redlands Daily Facts editorial board could not come to an agreement on this issue. Voters are encouraged to follow their conscience.