

Greenbelt discussion postponed

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✓ **SANTA CRUZ** — The 246-acre Bombay property sought for the city's greenbelt on the Westside will not be the subject of any talk about development until after the Nov. 3 election.

As expected, the City Council Tuesday night voted unanimously to postpone the scheduled public hearing on proposed development of the property.

The council said the property will never be developed if voters approve a \$7 million bond measure on Nov. 3, which would allow the city to buy the entire greenbelt.

Property owner Lance-Kashian and Co.'s proposal for 25 luxury homes surrounded by 200 acres of open space would therefore become a "moot point," said Councilwoman Katherine Beiers.

The council set two public hearings on the matter for Nov. 5 and Nov. 12, in case the city's voters don't approve the Measure G bond. And although developers have proceeded with their development plans, they are still talking with the city on a final property price, which had previously been set at \$3.8 million or \$3.9 million.

Other uses of Measure G funds would go to improving the city's three fire stations, developing a community park south of Laurel Street and building a new fire administration building.

No one from the public opposed the council's postponement of the public hearing.