ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE L

Yolo County has 35,000 Baby Boomers at or nearing retirement age. Approximately 25% of Davis's homes are owned by this generation, many of whom, like us, live in houses larger than necessary or desired. Providing our seniors with housing options specifically designed for a changing lifestyle will allow Davis to retain its baby boomers and all of the value that they contribute to our community. It will also make available existing, larger homes located near schools for a new generation of Davis families. This is the benefit West Davis Active Adult Community offers: keeping our base, while growing our future.

If voter approved, West Davis Active Adult Community will offer Davis seniors homes that are a better fit for them at an ideal location: west of Sutter Davis Hospital, near medical facilities along West Covell Boulevard, and close to Marketplace shopping and Highway 113. West Davis Active Adult Community includes 150 badly needed affordable senior apartments and 410 homes ranging in size from 800 to 1,800 square feet, including a mix of cottages, bungalows, condominiums, single-story homes, fifty small builder lots and specialized senior care.

This new community is addressing Davis's housing needs. Measure R calls for “an adequate housing supply to meet internal City needs.” Following this mandate, 90% of the home sales will be limited to Davis-connected buyers.

Finally, this proposal reflects extensive community input provided in 60 public meetings. Early feedback resulted in sustainability features such as 350 native oaks, planting of pollinators, all-electric homes, an energy retrofit program, bicycle connectivity, wildlife passages, a transit hub, and $1,000,000 towards a community aquatics center, just to name a few. As such, this project reflects our community's values and priorities.

The City Council carefully studied the West Davis Active Adult Community and unanimously voted to recommend its approval by Davis voters. Please vote YES on Measure L to help meet the critical housing needs of Davis seniors and families.

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