

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE H

Twenty years ago, Davis voters first passed a \$49 parks tax. The city is now asking for a simple renewal of this tax at the same rate.

Over the years, our parks and recreation services have expanded and become more inclusive, our park acreage has increased by one-third, all the while the funding we receive from the state has significantly diminished.

For that reason, some have argued that the parks tax should be increased. But the city is taking the conservative approach and asking for the same \$49 per year.

We believe 13 cents per day is a small price to pay to help maintain our neighborhood parks and playgrounds, our greenbelts and walking paths, and our recreational facilities and programs.

These essential city services, and the positive impact they have on our community, and our home values, cannot be overstated.

In 1998, the original parks tax was described as “vital if the city is to continue to provide the quality of life Davis residents expect” by former Mayors Vigfus Asmundson and Julie Partansky, who signed the ballot statement in favor. Two decades later, this essential truth has not changed.

Our parks and recreation services remain vital to our community - and deserve our continued support.

On June 5, please join us in supporting our parks, and voting Yes on Measure H.

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