

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE I

Our City is again asking taxpayers for new money for transportation infrastructure repairs that have been deferred for the past decade so employee salaries could be raised to unsustainable levels.

However, our City is now promising that this time they really will use ALL of the new taxes only for transportation infrastructure needs. Additionally, they promise that now these new taxes,

“...shall not be used to supplant existing funding for street and bike path maintenance improvements. The baseline maintenance of effort budget for this purpose shall be \$3,000,000...”

But this promise is hollow. \$3,000,000 is actually the annual amount the City is now budgeting only for road repavement alone. But this new tax measure also proposes to fund a wide variety of additional transportation infrastructure repairs including,

“...sidewalks, bike paths, curbs, gutters, street and bike path drainage, signs, striping, and pavement markings, traffic signals and street lighting.”

The current budget for maintenance of all of these other infrastructure needs is an additional \$4,550,000 annually. So the City is really only promising to continue spending \$3,000,000 annually for road repavement but there is no guarantee they will continue to spend the additional \$4,550,000 annually now budgeted for all of our other transportation infrastructure needs.

One might fairly ask if the City has any other spending plans for this \$4,550,000 if they do not spend it on transportation infrastructure repairs. Well, on December 19, 2017 Davis Mayor Robb Davis stated,

“...over the next 10-years our pension costs alone are going to go up by over \$6,000,000 a year.”

Davis voters have seen years of repeated broken promises by our City about how they will spend our taxes. And now they are using deceptive language in this ballot measure to do it again. Enough is enough!

Please vote “No” on Measure I.

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