

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE I

Davis is a nice place to live. We have good schools, nice parks, low crime rates and a friendly community.

Measure I will raise funds specifically to repair and maintain our roads, sidewalks and bike paths.

Independent experts have determined that we need to spend approximately \$6 million to \$8 million per year on an ongoing basis to properly maintain our roads, sidewalks and bike paths.

Historically, the State of California and the Federal Government have provided local communities with substantial funding for road maintenance and repairs. Over the past 15 years, State and Federal funding for local road repairs have diminished substantially.

15 years ago, Davis received nearly 4 million dollars a year from State and Federal sources to assist with road maintenance and repairs. Today we receive less than a ¼ of that.

The City of Davis understands that it is responsible for providing good, well maintained roads and bike paths. As such, the City has begun using general fund money to help accomplish this. From just under \$500,000 a few years ago to now over \$3 million per year, the City has ramped up its own spending on roads.

However, to close the gap between what we are spending and what we need to spend we need the community's help. The additional funding that we receive due to the passage of Measure I will be spent in addition to the \$3 million per year we are currently spending.

Due to the long term cuts in Federal and State funding, we are asking the residents to approve a \$99/year parcel tax. This will allow us to do a better job of fixing and repairing two of our most essential parts of our infrastructure – our roads and bike paths.

Thank you

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