

## **REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE I**

Over the past 4-5 years the Davis City Council has transparently and comprehensively laid out our City's infrastructure maintenance needs. We now allocate over \$3 million per year to address these needs. This amount is less than half of what is needed annually to maintain roads, streets and sidewalks.

Measure I revenue must be spent exclusively on streets, sidewalks, and bike paths.

It requires the City to maintain its current "level of effort," meaning that all revenue from the new tax will be added to the \$3 million currently being spent and cannot replace it. It cannot be spent on new construction, only on maintaining what we have.

The vast majority of paving and maintenance projects are outsourced to private firms using competitive bidding processes. This reduces costs and assures high quality work. Having a predictable revenue stream means the City can go out to bid at the most propitious moments, further lowering maintenance costs by allowing us to enter the market at the best times.

Less than a quarter of your property taxes are returned to the City to provide for basic city infrastructure. In contrast 100% of the revenue from Measure I stays in the city, making it the most efficient means to raise money to fund critical needs.

Today, government agencies at all levels recognize the critical need to repair aging infrastructure. For only 27 cents per day we can, collectively, demonstrate our commitment to dealing with this challenge in our City.

Thank you.

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