

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE I

Davis objectively has the worst road conditions in Yolo County. But instead of maintaining our streets over the past decade, the City has chosen to provide unsustainable compensation increases to its employees.

But now there is a large new source of state funds for road maintenance. Last year California passed Senate Bill SB1 – the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 which raises the gasoline tax from \$0.24/gallon to \$0.417/gallon.

It is estimated this will raise \$1.5 billion/year statewide for local street repairs. Davis' fair share of this money will be about \$3,000,000/year - about the same amount as would be raised by this new tax.

The City has not disclosed this new funding source to voters and is instead pleading poverty. Given the City's profligate past behavior in excessively compensating employees while deferring critical roads maintenance, it has no right to ask voters for \$3 million per year while keeping silent on the expected receipt of these millions of new dollars from the state.

The City must at least wait until they more accurately determine exactly how much money will be received from the State before asking for our tax money for the next 10 years!

If state monies are subsequently found to be insufficient to repair our streets, then the City can honestly disclose this and come back to voters with a realistic assessment of our needs.

Until then, this knowing misrepresentation by omission on the part of our City should not be rewarded.

Please Vote "NO" on Measure I

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