

## REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE G

Promises, promises. Empty promises, otherwise known as an Advisory Measure.

The law, Section 9603(c) of the California Election Code specifically states “the results of the advisory vote will in no manner be controlling on the sponsoring legislative body.”

Four times in the last 18 years STA has proposed and Solano County has placed a Special Tax to fix roads. Four times the voters have said “NO.” A Special Tax requires a 2/3 majority of votes cast.

Guaranteeing road repairs would make this a special tax needing a 2/3 majority of votes cast. That is the reason for the Measure G’s Advisory “empty promises.”

Road maintenance has historically been a low priority item, even though fixing roads has been a regular promise of tax measures as is helping seniors, the disabled and veterans. Time and again, these measures play on our sympathies but seldom deliver on their promise.

Road maintenance has been a low priority item because there is no legal requirement to fund maintenance. State and local governments have spent their money on items for which funding is legally required. Nothing has changed. In the future, cities and the county will continue to fund their highest priority items. Salaries, pensions, but not roads.

In spite of the Advisory Measure promises, there is little or no chance that the money from this pair of measures will ever be used for roads. There are no penalties in this measure for not spending the money as promised.

Promises, promises. Empty promises Vote NO!