

## REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE T

### **DON'T BE FOOLED INTO BELIEVING DIXON NOW MUST HAVE AN ELECTED CITY CLERK AFTER 70 YEARS OR THAT AN ELECTED CITY CLERK WILL DO A BETTER JOB.**

Electing someone only ensures that the person is at least 18 years old and lives in Dixon. An elected City Clerk will likely have **NO** FORMAL TRAINING AND **NO** EXPERIENCE AS A CITY CLERK. The current APPOINTED City Clerk, who grew up and lives in Dixon, has completed the professional training and has 17 years of experience as a Dixon City Clerk's office employee.

Even if Dixon had an elected City Clerk, the City must still have a full time employee, like our current appointed Clerk, available day-to-day to make sure all of the complex, time sensitive administrative tasks of the City Clerk's Office are completed in a timely manner.

Even if Dixon had an elected City Clerk, there is no way to ensure that the inexperienced, untrained elected Clerk would not make errors. There is also no guarantee they would take 3 years of necessary training to become a Certified Municipal Clerk. If the elected City Clerk is incompetent, there are only two options to remove them: wait up to 4 years until the next election or hold a costly recall election.

Those signing this statement share the concern about the need for continuity in the City Clerk position. We do not believe politicizing the office to elect the City Clerk is the solution.

### **VOTE NO ON MEASURE T**

/s/ Janice Beaman  
Retired Dixon City Clerk  
1998 – 2010

/s/ Don Erickson  
Former Dixon Mayor

/s/ Jim Ernest  
Former Dixon City Clerk Pro Tempore  
2019 – 2020

/s/ Herb Cross  
Former Dixon Council Member and  
Dixon Unified School District Board  
Member

/s/ Warren Salmons  
Retired Dixon City Manager