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Argument in Favor of Measure R

Vote YES on Measure R: it's time to repair our worn-out, deteriorating neighborhood streets.

Benicia is a great place to live, but our neighborhood streets are in bad shape. In fact, independent engineering studies show our roads are nearly as bad as Vallejo's; among the very worst in the area. Notwithstanding the fact that in recent years Benicia has invested nearly \$15,000,000 from proceeds from Measure C to repair our roads. But Measure C was passed to support a variety of City services, which includes road work but it's not enough to fix all our roads.

Measure R provides stable, locally controlled and SUFFICIENT funding needed to fix all our roads. Waiting to address these repairs only makes them worse and more expensive to repair in the future.

Many streets have cracked or buckled sidewalks, or no sidewalks at all. Damaged roads impact safety for drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists and result in costly pothole-related car repairs. Measure R will repair deteriorating streets and improve road safety for everyone in Benicia.

Measure R will also fund urgent repairs to prevent trash, pollution and toxins from running into our creeks, streams and the Bay.

Vote YES on R to:

- Repair deteriorating roads THEN maintain Benicia's 195 miles of City streets
- Fix potholes
- Protect the Bay, local creeks and streams from toxins and pollution
- Improve safe routes for children to walk or bike to school

Measure R Includes Strict Taxpayer Accountability

- 100% of Measure R funds will remain here in Benicia and cannot be touched by the County or State
- Public disclosure of spending
- Mandatory annual audits
- Independent Citizens Oversight Committee
- Groceries, prescription medication and other essential items are exempt from sales tax

Please join us: vote YES on Measure R to fix our deteriorating streets and keep Benicia safe.

s/Mark Hughes, Former Benicia City Council Member

s/Rod Sherry, Civil Engineer

s/Lara Ruark, Benicia Teacher

s/Andre Stewart, Benicia Resident

s/Penny Stell, Benicia Economic Development Board, Chair