

Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure R

The two Measure R opponents don't even live in Benicia.

They have no credibility when it comes to the need for repairing our local streets and roads.

Here are the FACTS about Benicia and Measure R:

FACT: Benicia has a recognized history of good governance and fiscal responsibility. In fact, our City is one of only five local governments in the nation to receive the 2021 Crown Communities Award, recognizing effective programs serving residents and supporting local businesses.

FACT: State and County governments overlook Benicia, and don't provide enough funding to fix or maintain our roads. We simply need a locally-controlled source of funding to fix our roads.

FACT: Measure R funds can only be used in Benicia and can't be taken by the State or County.

FACT: Nearly half of our city streets are rated "poor" or "failed" by transportation experts.

FACT: The City has been fully transparent about the need for additional funding, placing Measure R on the ballot after gathering input from the community about resident priorities.

FACT: Measure R will continue the City's tradition of fiscal responsibility with annual public reporting of all expenditures.

FACT: Waiting longer to make necessary repairs will only be more costly.

FACT: Every neighborhood will benefit from Measure R with safer streets.

That's why neighbors, local taxpayers, transportation experts, business and community leaders all SUPPORT Measure R.

Please join us in voting YES.

s/Penny Stell, Measure R Oversight Committee Chair
s/Mark Hughes, Former Benicia City Council Member