

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE J

Yes on Measure J!

Orinda's overall road condition is ranked as one of the worst in the Bay Area. Without more funds our residential roads will continue to deteriorate and future repairs will cost even more.

Measure J will implement the second funding stage of the publicly approved Orinda Roads and Drainage Repair Plan to fix Orinda's failing roads and storm drains. That plan, which will bring the average Orinda public road to good condition, was developed by Orinda's Citizens' Infrastructure Oversight Commission, Finance Advisory Committee and City Council after numerous public hearings and citizen input. For more information, see www.fixorindaroads.org.

Measure J will:

- Substantially increase repairs to residential roads and drains and can be used only in Orinda.
- **Add \$20 million** to the City's infrastructure investment, **not replace** current funding.
- Protect property values, increase public safety and reduce auto damage.

Taxpayer Protections

Included among the taxpayer protections are requirements that:

- Funds can only be used for street and drain repairs, not for other governmental purposes.
- State and federal agencies are prevented from raiding these funds.
- An independent citizens' oversight committee will report annually on the implementation of this measure.
- An annual audit is required.

Measure J will expand our city's ability to make critically needed infrastructure improvements. It is an important investment in maintaining and improving our overall quality of life today and in the future. Homeowners will pay an average of approximately a one hundred ten dollar tax annually to secure twenty million dollars' worth of infrastructure improvements. Orinda taxpayers will benefit by acting now while construction costs are still low. Importantly, numerous safeguards are in place to ensure the money is spent as promised.

We urge you to vote yes on Measure J!

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