

Editor:

Measure J-the Orinda roads bond-is a vital step toward repairing our worst residential roads. We've made a good first step with the passage of the Measure L sales tax, which is yielding nearly \$1 million annually. But the total cost to fix our roads over several years far exceeds this revenue stream.

100% of the net proceeds of this \$20 million bond will stay in Orinda and are restricted to road and drainage repairs. These funds will be applied to roads and drains that will be selected in a public process with oversight by a citizens committee comprised of Orindans with engineering experience. This selection process will take all appropriate factors into account to make the most effective use of the funds.

As with all Orinda public works projects, standard project management controls such as competitive bidding, project scope and timeline at the start of each construction phase (when the many variables that affect road construction are known) will be in place.

We need to move now to fix our worst residential roads. Vote for Measure J.

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As someone who has devoted many years and considerable volunteer time trying to improve the condition of Orinda's roads, I urge all residents to vote YES ON MEASURE J, which will appear on the June ballot. 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. Doing nothing is not an option.

Orinda has an established process in place to wisely use the new funds that will be generated by Measure J. Substantial progress has been made on arterials and collectors using this process. Measure J will expand on this process to repair the worst residential roads in the city. We cannot afford to ignore the state of our residential roads any longer. We need to act now with new funding to stem the decline of our residential roads.

There are many protections included in this measure such as oversight by an independent citizens' oversight committee and an annual audit. The funds can only be used on road and drain repairs.

Delaying repairs will only increase costs as construction costs increase and further deterioration of the roads continues. We must act now. Please vote Yes on Measure J on June 3, 2014.

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