

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE L 2016

The arguments made against Measure L are factually wrong. The opposition agrees Orinda has serious road problems, but presents no plan to solve them.

Measure L is the third of a five-phase financing plan to repair all Orinda's public roads to "good" to "excellent" condition and maintain them. Currently, 90% of the funds available from all sources, including the first \$10 million of Measure J bonds, have been spent or committed to road construction contracts, in accordance with the Plan. Twenty-nine miles of Orinda's 93 miles of public roads have either been repaired, are under construction, or have been targeted for repair with current funding.

With approval of Measure L bonds, Orinda can DOUBLE annual road repair expenditures and hire a full time Project Manager to supplement City staff. Failure to approve Measure L will stall road repair progress, since new contracts cannot be awarded until new bond proceeds become available.

The City Council has engaged in substantial public dialogue regarding funding, repair standards, and street selection since 2009. The Council reviewed a recent survey of Orinda citizens and concluded the best chance of success in financing the road and drain repair program is to continue the incremental approach voters overwhelmingly approved in 2012 and 2014.

Let's continue the momentum and progress to repair and maintain our roads. For decades, Orinda has struggled for a roads solution – to better enhance a safe, livable community and to protect our property values. Let's keep moving forward!

Vote YES on Measure L!

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