

## Argument Against Measure Q

The Davis City Council conveniently blames our fiscal problems on recent inflation and unspecified “*additional services*”, but is pushing to increase taxes **FOREVER**.

The real problem is our *Davis City Council has irresponsibly granted excessive salary increases to Senior Management and Firefighters* while the city is in dire fiscal straits. The latest salary increases, granted by the current Davis City Council, *will cost taxpayers millions of dollars over the coming years.*

Together with past salary increases far in excess of inflation, every bit of the new taxes is consumed going forward. Regrettably, *the Davis City Council has **NOT** been honest and transparent about this.*

Further, just in the past year:

- The Davis City Council reduced the annual budget to repair our crumbling streets by \$1.5 million.
- The Davis City Council suspended paying down \$42 million in unfunded employee healthcare benefits, leaving our children to pay.
- Our General Fund reserve has shrunk to 7.5%, which is half the desired 15%.
- The Davis City Council is 3 years behind in providing audited financials.
- The Davis City Council refused to appoint Commissioners to our independent oversight Finance and Budget Commission so it could not legally meet for over a year, and *it never once discussed the need for nor the anticipated uses of this new tax.*

Our Davis City Council is out of control with no plan to rein in costs. Instead they referred to new programs and services, while continuing to spend our tax dollars on exorbitant salaries. *We simply cannot trust them with more of our money until appropriate oversight and controls are implemented.*

Say **NO** to irresponsible spending that has gone off the rails. Tell our Davis City Council that there will be **NO** more money until they 1) create a plan to use our tax dollars wisely, 2) stop the runaway escalation of employee compensation, and 3) implement independent financial oversight controls.

**Vote No on Measure Q** – Quit Wasting our Taxes.

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