

Rebuttal to the Argument in Favor of Measure Q

The Davis City Council is insisting “*Measure Q is critical for the health, safety, and financial stability of Davis*”. But Measure Q is just a band-aid placed over a massive, self-inflicted financial wound caused by uncontrolled spending on additional programs, a complete failure to implement an economic development plan, and giving senior management huge raises.

For the Davis City Council to now claim the city has “*worked diligently to manage existing resources, trimming expenses*” is downright laughable when they have actually given away the store! The recent salary increases for employees were well beyond the inflation rate. **It now costs the City more than \$11 million/year for excessive raises given over the past decade**.

While the Davis City Council contends Measure Q will support upgrades to the city’s aging infrastructure, such as “*filling potholes and repaving streets and bike paths*”, they just did the exact opposite by **reducing funding for street maintenance by \$1.5 million/year**. So how can we believe them?

The Davis City Council also claims “*Measure Q helps address homelessness and affordable housing*”.

- First, Measure Q is a general tax, so there are no guarantees how it will be spent.
- Second, duplication of County social services for homelessness would result, at a time when the city is desperately hurting for funding.
- Third, shoveling \$1 million/year into the City of Davis Affordable Housing Program does virtually nothing to solve the homelessness problem because low income housing can cost up to \$650,000/unit.

Stop the massive, unsustainable bleeding in our city’s finances.

Send a Strong Message to the Davis City Council - Vote NO on Measure Q!

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