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Argument in Favor of Measure C

Measure C will continue necessary funding for the City's sidewalk repair program. This program was started eight years ago when voters passed Measure P1. Over this time, the program has repaired hundreds of locations, many with steps over two inches high due to damage and warping of the pavement. Upon completion of the next phase by the end of this year, sidewalks adjacent to more than 400 properties will have been repaired, with one or more on almost every block. In making these repairs, the City has realigned many sidewalks to provide more room for street trees. The City accomplished all of this at about half of what it would cost for each property owner to repair the portion of the sidewalk for which they are responsible, collectively saving us around a million dollars. Unfortunately, the backlog of damaged sidewalks was so substantial that there remain hundreds of uplifts between one and two inches as well as other types of damage risking injury and impeding travel. Measure C would fund the City to repair most of these remaining sites. In addition, the proposed measure provides funding for repairing multiuse paths and their shoulders, like those on the Ohlone Greenway that are substantially degraded in many locations. While the existing tax is based on property size brackets, making it the fairest at the time it was adopted, Measure C changes this to a tax per square foot of property, ensuring that residents are taxed equitably. It also halves the total tax for households with low incomes and exempts households with very low incomes. Please join us and Albany Strollers & Rollers in support by voting for Measure C to maintain progress restoring our sidewalks through 2035.

- /s/ John Miki, Mayor
- /s/ Robin López, Vice Mayor
- /s/ Jennifer Hansen-Romero, City Councilmember
- /s/ Preston Jordan, City Councilmember
- /s/ Aaron Tiedemann, City Councilmember