Argument in Favor of Measure M

This Ballot Measure for essential maintenance of Albany’s parks, playfields, and open space was placed on this ballot by a unanimous vote of the Albany City Council. It is designed as an extension of the annual assessment for parks that Albany voters enacted in 1996 as Measure R, and which is now expiring. On past secured property tax statements that assessment appears as “City Landscape 96-1”.

The amounts assessed on this proposed parcel tax ($69 for a single family residence) remain the same for all residential parcels, and replace and augment the amount of the funding the existing assessment provides for park purposes.

Parks, playfields, and open space are essential to our quality of life in Albany. The city acquired additional open space on Albany Hill following the passage of Measure R and it just recently completed development of the new Peggy Thomsen Pierce Street Park. These are welcome additions to our city but also add to our park maintenance requirements.

Albany’s limited playfields are intensively used by both children and adults. The Albany Hill forest and the Codornices and Cerrito Creeks require additional maintenance to assure healthy fire-resistant vegetative conditions and clean watercourses - and these needs are expected to grow with changing climate conditions.

Please vote yes on Measure M to sustain the maintenance of Albany’s parks, playfields, and open spaces.

Rochelle Nason, Albany Vice Mayor
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