

Yes on Measure F
Ballot Argument in Favor
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If you are frustrated with the condition of Benicia's streets, and once and for all want to ensure resources are dedicated and allocated to repair them, please join us in voting yes on Measure F.

Measure F is a citizens-driven initiative, not a City initiative. A citizens group in Benicia spent a tremendous amount of time and effort collecting over 2,000 signatures to get Measure F on the ballot. We're now counting on all registered voters to pass this important Measure.

Benicia faces a significant road repair backlog, totaling over \$60,000,000. Without Measure F passing, our streets will remain in disrepair and continue to deteriorate. Measure F, proposed by Benicia residents, seeks to implement a 0.5% (1/2 cent) sales tax on retail sales within the City of Benicia, with exceptions for most food items purchased from grocery stores. This modest tax is projected to raise approximately \$4,000,000 annually, and will be dedicated to repairing, maintaining, and enhancing Benicia's streets, potholes, and related sidewalks and storm drains. The revenue from this tax will improve safety and the overall condition of our infrastructure for vehicles, cyclists, pedestrians, and children.

Measure F is very different from other measures proposed over the years. Funds collected from Measure F will be separated from the City's General Fund, and by law, will be dedicated 100% to repairing our streets. City staff and the City Council cannot use these funds for anything else. The Measure also establishes a Citizen Advisory Oversight Committee, and requires annual audits to ensure transparency. Voters retain the power to repeal this tax at any time.

Measure F is your opportunity to ensure that the condition of our streets is finally addressed. Please join us in Voting Yes on Measure F.