

We All Agree – Measure R Is Urgent and Essential for a Safer Orinda

Dear Orinda Neighbors,

As current and former Orinda mayors and city councilmembers, we urge you to vote Yes on R for a Safer Orinda.

Recent fire seasons have been the hottest, driest and most destructive on record. Orinda's ample vegetation could fuel a wildfire with conditions similar to those in Santa Rosa, Paradise and other communities. Proactive wildfire prevention is needed urgently to keep Orinda safe.

With another deadly and destructive fire season upon us, wildfire prevention work CANNOT WAIT. Voting Yes on R will let Orinda get to work before it's too late reducing flammable vegetation, creating fire breaks, ensuring defensible space and safe evacuation routes as recommended by our local fire professionals.

Measure R renews Orinda's expiring voter-approved sales tax and increases the rate by ½¢ (50¢ on a \$100 purchase). For the past eight years, these locally-controlled funds have been used to repair Orinda's roads, which just a few years ago were rated among the worst in the Bay Area. All scheduled road improvements were completed on budget and ahead of schedule, as documented by the Citizens' Infrastructure Oversight Commission.

Voting Yes on R will continue this important local funding source for local needs. In addition to reducing wildfire risk, Measure R will maintain our improved roads to protect the investment we've made and ensure they do not deteriorate to their prior condition, requiring costly repairs. Measure R will upgrade Orinda's aging and deteriorating storm drains to prevent flooding and sinkholes; it also will help to maintain safe emergency evacuation routes.

Measure R continues strict fiscal accountability protections, including an independent citizens' oversight committee and mandatory annual audits. By law, all funds must stay in Orinda and cannot be taken away by Sacramento. Essential purchases like groceries and prescription medicines are exempt from Measure R so it is not a burden to those on fixed or limited incomes.

Preventing wildfires and maintaining Orinda's infrastructure will protect our safety, our quality of life and our property values.

Please join us in voting Yes on R.

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