

## **Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure L**

A vote for Measure L is a vote to save the City money on future election costs and streamline the City's financial processes.

The argument against Measure L completely ignores the savings to Dixon taxpayers if the City Treasurer becomes an appointed position. The City can avoid paying for the election of a position that has limited responsibilities and no authority to establish policies or rules, a duty given only to the City Council and Mayor.

The checks and balances ensuring financial accountability at City Hall are a result of independent audits and transparency, **not** because the City Treasurer is elected. The City Treasurer is only one of four members of the City's Investment Oversight Committee and cannot arbitrarily make decisions impacting the City's public investment funds. The Legislature saw the need for cities to have flexibility in making the City Treasurer an appointed position and the majority of California cities no longer have an elected City Treasurer.

Measure L will allow the City Council to establish criteria for the City Treasurer and appoint candidates with knowledge of municipal finance. Creating training and experience requirements and appointing a City Treasurer is not a "rubber stamp." Appointing a City Treasurer based on that framework maximizes the City's resources.

**VOTE YES ON MEASURE L TO PROTECT CITY INVESTMENT FUNDS AND SAVE TAXPAYER MONEY.**

s/ Jack Bachelor, Mayor

s/ Scott Pederson, Councilmember and former City Treasurer

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