

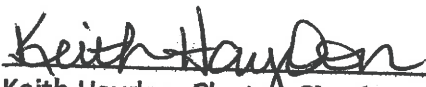
ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE H

In 1997, Clayton, recognizing the importance of public landscaping and how it defines our community, established a Community Facility District, known as the Trails and Landscape Maintenance District (District) to provide for maintenance costs for trails, open space, weed abatement, fire breaks and roadside landscaping. A 10-year parcel tax was adopted insuring funding for Clayton's landscaping.

In 2007, as the parcel tax neared its end, Clayton residents, led by a citizen Blue Ribbon Committee, reviewed the District's successes and challenges during the initial 10-year period. The importance of Clayton's "Front Yard" was reaffirmed, and a new plan built upon lessons learned was recommended. It included establishing a Trails and Landscape Committee (TLC), comprised of Clayton volunteers appointed by the City Council to insure continued community input. The 10-year parcel tax was overwhelming extended. Today, though we have experienced significant economic uncertainty these past 10 years, Clayton continues to enjoy safe, efficient and tasteful public landscaping that enhances our community, thanks to the efforts of its citizens and the dedicated resources provided through the District.

Now, the time has come again to continue the District. Measure H extends the current tax's rate and methodology (presently \$234.84/year per parcel) for an additional 10 years, through 2027, and provides the necessary funding for the District, with the TLC continuing to provide District oversight and management.

Currently, this tax generates approximately \$1M/yr and is used exclusively for the District. As it was in 1997, and again in 2007, the Clayton's modest General Fund budget is unable to adequately provide for our public landscaping. Without this funding, Clayton's landscaping would rapidly decline and the beauty and character of Clayton would be forever changed. Please join us in supporting Measure H for the continued beautification of Clayton.



Keith Haydon, Clayton City Councilmember



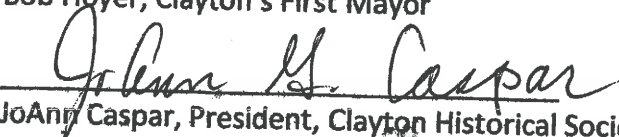
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