



Argument in Favor of Measure T

Vote YES on Measure T to keep Albany safe, green, welcoming, and well cared for.

Every day, we rely on streetlights and street trees. Streetlights help people walking, rolling, biking, and driving see one another at night for safe travel, especially at busy intersections. Trees shade our sidewalks, clean our air, cool our streets, absorb stormwater, and make Albany's neighborhoods more beautiful.

But Albany's streetlighting and street trees need dedicated, reliable funding. The lamps installed decades ago are failing and the City's Streetlighting Evaluation identified many intersections that need more lighting. Reliable funding would also help close the lighting gaps residents see every day on neighborhood streets.

For street trees, their maintenance is the responsibility of the adjacent property owner. To the extent the City provides maintenance, it only has funding to react once a tree has developed a substantial problem. Many parts of the City have too few street trees at all. The City's Street Tree Management Plan recommends the City provide proactive maintenance to improve the health and plant more trees to increase the extent of our urban forest..

The City does not have funding to meet these needs. Measure T creates a fair property tax whose revenue is dedicated to street lighting and street tree maintenance and improvements. The average cost per house is \$12/month and per condominium \$3/month. Households with very low-income get full relief from the tax and those with low income get 50% relief.

A **YES** vote means safer streets and sidewalks through better lighting and a more resilient, sustainable, and beautiful Albany through healthier and more trees.

Protect what makes Albany livable, walkable, and welcoming. Vote YES on Measure T.

/s/Peggy McQuaid, Mayor

/s/Jennifer Hansen-Romero, Vice Mayor

/s/John Miki, Councilmember

/s/Preston Jordan, Councilmember

/s/Robin López, Councilmember