

## **REBUTTAL TO THE ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE A Chico Area Recreation and Park District**

Don't be deceived by our sole opponent's inaccurate and misleading statements. **Vote YES on Measure A to protect the quality of our local Chico parks, recreational facilities, and green spaces.**

### **Here are the facts:**

**FACT:** Safe, clean park/recreation facilities reduce crime, attract businesses, create jobs, protect property values, and maintain our community as a desirable place to live, work, and raise a family.

**FACT:** Measure A will improve public safety by enhancing security to reduce crime/homelessness in parks, finish partially completed parks, expand new facilities as necessary, and more.

**FACT:** Measure A is needed to bring our parks/recreation centers up to current health/safety standards, repair recreational facilities, playground equipment, restrooms, fields, and improve access for people with disabilities.

**FACT:** With unfunded State mandates and the current limited funding CARD receives, it is not feasible to keep up with capital improvements without additional revenue sources.

**FACT:** CARD makes every effort to use resources wisely and has proven its fiscal responsibility over the years. Since 1948, there have been no district-wide parcel taxes to support CARD.

**FACT:** CARD as part of the Cal PERS retirement system has established an aggressive payment schedule for the unfunded liability, will continue to work with employee groups to share in the cost of retirement, adjust payments to minimize interest charges and reduce the payment schedule.

**FACT:** Measure A requires annual audits and independent oversight to ensure that funds are spent ONLY on Chico parks maintenance and improvements.

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