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# ***CITY PLACES PARK IMPROVEMENT AND SAFETY MEASURE ON NOVEMBER BALLOT***

## ***If Enacted, Measure Would Authorize Park Improvements and Safety Upgrades Without Raising Taxes***

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The Sausalito City Council voted Tuesday night to place the “City of Sausalito No-Tax-Increase Park Improvement/Safety Measure” on the November 3, 2015 ballot for voters’ consideration.

Approval of the Measure authorizes the City to proceed with a previously-approved financing plan for essential improvements and upgrades to the City’s deteriorating parks. Critical improvements would be made to Robin Sweeny, Southview, and Dunphy parks and the MLK site through a common public financing mechanism used by scores of cities and other public agencies throughout California. The Measure will not raise any taxes residents currently pay.

“We’ve heard loud and clear from our community that our parks are in need of significant repairs and safety upgrades,” said Sausalito Mayor Tom Theodores. “With the community’s support, this measure will allow the City to make these repairs requested by park users now, before they become more expensive to address in the future – without having to raise taxes.”

Park repair and upgrade needs include:

- Bringing local parks to current safety standards
- Replacing unsafe playground equipment
- Upgrading safety lighting
- Adding needed restrooms
- Repairing leaky roofs, deteriorating buildings, and hillside retaining walls
- Improving play courts and sports fields
- Restoring wetlands and natural areas

“Our parks are well-used community spaces that impact the quality of life for all generations of Sausalito residents, including giving local children safe places to play, and providing seniors with spaces for exercise and recreation,” said Parks and Recreation Director Mike Langford. “This measure ensures we are expeditiously and transparently moving forward to improve these deteriorating parks, which residents have said is a top priority for them.”

For more information about park needs and the measure, visit [www.ci.sausalito.ca.us/index.aspx?page=2136](http://www.ci.sausalito.ca.us/index.aspx?page=2136).

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